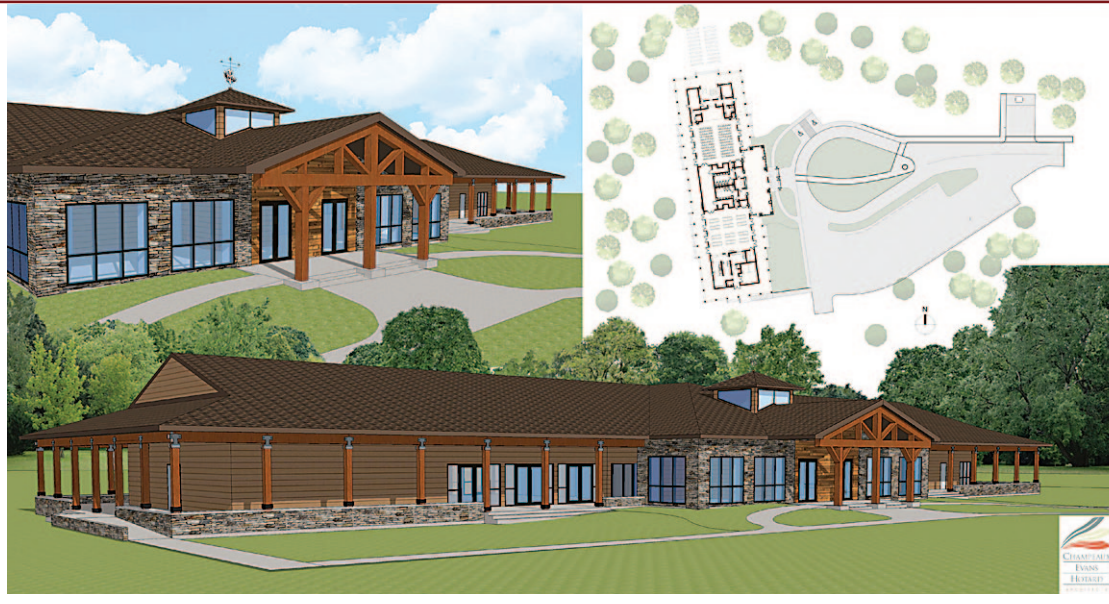
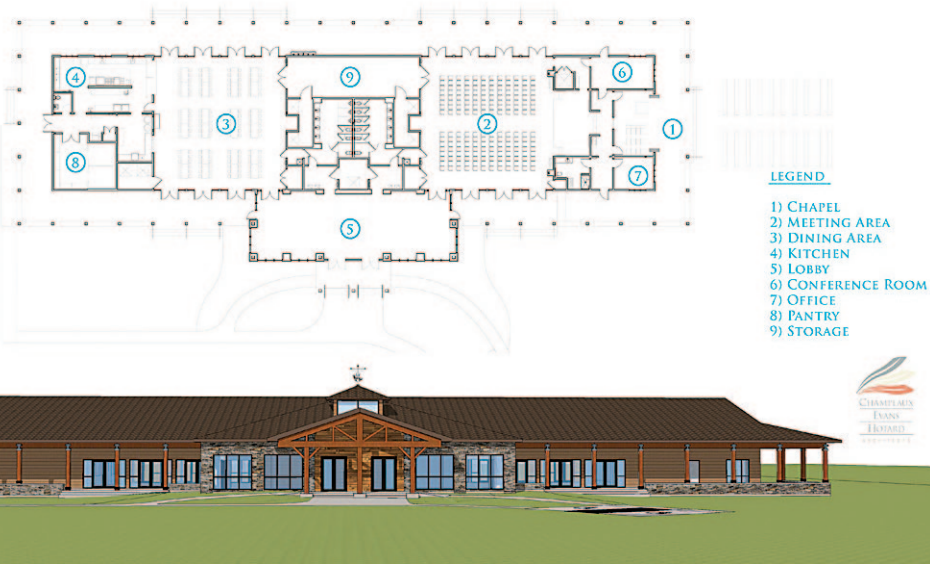




CAMP KAROL OF SAINT CHARLES CENTER



Preparatory plans continue for the construction of The Lodge at Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center in Moss Bluff. Located at the end of Bozo Road, the facility will be a center for programs for the youth of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Champeaux, Evans and Hotard, the project architect, prepared several drawings representing various views of The Lodge. At left, you will see some of the rooms in The Lodge. According to Father Whitney Miller, those will include 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. Father Miller has also said that the "hopeful" date of completion for "The Lodge" is the winter of 2019. Once "The Lodge" is complete and in use, work will continue on the remainder of Camp Karol with construction of cabins for the retreatants, facilities for such things as a ropes' course. 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"). For information on making contributions to the project, part of the Diocese of Lake Charles Capital Campaign - Return to the Lord, contact the Office of Development at 337-439-7400, Extension 217.

Pontifical Knights and Dames donate to Catholic Charities

LAKE CHARLES - During its 2017 Christmas luncheon the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames presented checks totaling \$2,000 to Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana for its good works.

In addition, the group named a new slate of officers for the next two years, 2018-2019.

Outgoing Chapter President Gayle Zembower, a Knight of St. Sylvester, spoke about the wonderful job Catholic Charities, its staff and volunteers along with the many individual and corporate donations that aided those devastated by flooding associated with the passage of Hurricane Harvey and its north easterly course over Beaumont, up the Sabine River, and skirting western parts of Calcasieu Parish.

Flooding, caused by drainage complications, inundated areas throughout Southwest Louisiana, including numerous spots in Lake Charles, along with many low lying areas in the five parishes, that make up the Diocese of Lake Charles. Many people living in those areas where flood insurance was not a mandate and, thus, suffered tremendous losses.

Catholic Charities worked feverishly to help in whatever way it could. In addition, part of the contribution will be used for the summer "Beat the Heat" program that provides window unit air conditioners to elderly and disabled individuals.

Accepting the checks for Catholic Charities was Gloria Hypolite, a long time staffer for the agency. The chapter provided \$750.00 for "Beat the Heat," \$750.00 for the food pantry, and \$500.00 for flood relief.

"In the past summer, Catholic Charities assisted 66 households with air conditioners and installation," Ms. Hypolite said. "A total of 526 households were issued food boxes and turkeys in the November food distribution. Buckets of cleaning supplies and food were provided to victims of Hurricane Harvey. Food, water, clothes, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. were also given out."

"We are now partnering with other agencies helping the flood victims (homeowners) of Hurricane Harvey in the Diocese of Lake Charles to get back into their homes," she said.

New officers for the Chapter include Willie Moreno, a



Mrs. Gloria Hypolite, representing Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana accepted donations totaling \$2,000.00 to the organization, from the Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames at the group's recent Christmas Luncheon. Pictured in Photo 1, from left is outgoing president Gayle Zembower; a Knight of St. Gregory the Great; Bishop Glen John Provost, Mrs. Hypolite; and Chester Jones Chapter Treasurer. In photo 2, officers for the next two years are pictured along with Bishop Provost. From left, Willie Moreno, a Knight of St. Gregory the Great, president; Janet Stoma, a Dame of St. Sylvester, vice president/president-elect; Chester Jones, a Knight of St. Gregory the Great, treasurer, and Gayle Marshall, a Knight of St. Sylvester, secretary.

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A Christmas Message from Bishop Provost

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy." The angel proclaimed that message to the poor shepherds over 2,000 years ago. The "good news of great joy" lives on. We see it in the faces of children beneath the Christmas tree, in acts of charity to the victims of natural disasters, in visits to the homebound, and in welcoming the stranger and the immigrant. The "good news of great joy" is alive and well in hearts open to truth and goodness. May that "good news of great joy" be yours in abundance. The Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles join me in offering you our heartfelt greetings for a Merry Christmas!

Pro-Life Cook-off fundraiser Jan. 20

LAKE CHARLES - The Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles will present a Clergy Cook-off on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, in the Arcade Amphitheater on the grounds of Lake Charles Civic Center.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and for \$400.00 you can purchase the Trinity Package, which includes eight tickets, a beautiful handmade gift basket and a signed thank you card from Bishop Provost. Children under the age of 12 admitted free. Tickets can also be purchased securely online at lcdioocese.org and clicking on Event Registration button.

The fundraiser supports pro-life ministries in the diocese, including Rachel's Vineyard, which helps people heal from the wounds of abortion. Grief to Grace - for anyone who has suffered from different form of abuse - is in its preparatory stages and efforts are increasing to teach Natural Family Planning, in order to help married couples grow in love and generosity.

The Clergy Cook-off will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amphitheater on the Civic Center grounds and will include a Carnival Fair. Those attending will serve as judges and determine the winning dish and team, with the winner receiving a \$500 donation to their parish.

Enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere with carnival foods, including Pops and Rocket ice cream along with artist Sterling West, to do caricature drawings.

For more information or buy tickets, contact Marjorie Long at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or marjorie.long@lcdioocese.org.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Abrazando Cristo Mission July 6-15, 2018

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Abrazando Cristo Mission trip to Nicaragua in 2018 will take place July 6-15, according to Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, V.G., Mission Director.

Cost of the trip, which is \$2,150, covers all ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts. A \$300.00 non-refundable deposit, prior to the Jan. 11 registration deadline, is required with the completed form.

Only 25 spots are available for the mission on a first-come, first-served basis.

For an information packet/registration form contact Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 or by e-mail at felicia.borel@lcdioocese.org.

Pope Francis, Bishop Provost Prayer Intentions

The prayer intention of Pope Francis for the month of January is that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Bishop John Provost's monthly intention is an end to abortion, that children in the womb will be given the chance to live the life God gave them and that their parents will lovingly accept the responsibility of being co-creators.

Two new ministries offered

LAKE CHARLES - Two new ministries have opened to people in Southwest Louisiana in the last few months in the Diocese of Lake Charles - Fully Alive and Catholic Singles United.

Fully Alive is a Catholic community of non-student young adults, 18 to 39 years old, according to Rev. Trey Ange, parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. "Join the Facebook group: 'FULLY ALIVE! Lake Charles': www.facebook.com/groups/107344226572108 or email fullyalive@lakecharles@gmail.com with name, age, e-mail, phone and contact information, families are welcome," Father Ange said.

Catholic Singles United (CSU) is a group of single adults, ages 40 to 65, who meet monthly for spiritual, social and service activities. Contact Becky at 936-3538 or beckysee51@gmail.com for more information on how to join other Catholic singles in the Lake Charles area.

SMDP religious education office seeks secretary

LAKE CHARLES - The Religious Education Department of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is seeking a full-time secretary.

Send resume and cover letter to SMDP Religious Education Dept., Attn: Denise Donahoe, 5383 Elliott Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605 or ddonahoe@smdpcatholic.com. Office number: 337-478-3845.

Duties include: communicating effectively with staff, volunteers and parents, handling emails, mailings and Flocknote communications, ordering, tracking and maintaining inventory of resources, maintaining Religious Education database and sacramental records, creating flyers, brochures, worship aids, etc., maintaining fiscal information, assisting with religious education staff and parish staff.

The successful candidate should have a professional approach and be computer literate, including proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher. The religious education secretary needs to be hospitable, organized, an effective communicator and collaborator, and be knowledgeable of basic Catholic vocabulary and teachings.

Perry Ministries Building office hours revised

LAKE CHARLES - Offices located in the Bishop Harold Perry Ministries Building of the Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street, now closes for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Offices located in the Perry Ministries Building include Religious Education, Adult Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Family Life and Pro Life (including Rachel's Vineyard, The Gabriel Project and Grief to Grace), Child and Youth Protection, and Communications.

Saint Charles Center accepting applications

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

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.

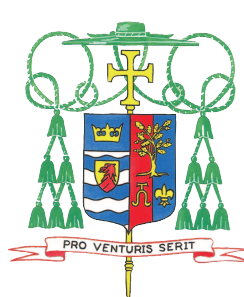
Breakfast, luncheon recommence in Feb.

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The Catholic Calendar will next be published on January 19, 2018



Saint Charles Center schedule of events

(Read more at www.lcdioocese.org)

MOSS BLUFF – “Profession of Faith,” an evening of reflection, set from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, will be the first of several teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, presented by Sr. Diane at Saint Charles Center during the Spring. A \$20.00 per person suggested donation is due by Friday, Jan. 12.

Other events in the spring by various presenters will also focus on the themes, content, and impact of the Catechism right here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to the Rev. Whitney G. Miller, Director of the Center. The Catechism celebrated the 25 years since its publication in October of 2017.

Registration for most of the events slated can be achieved on the website of Saint Charles Center – scharlescenter.com - or by calling the Center at 337-855-1232. Use of the diocesan website with the button on the front page – Event Registration – is also possible.

Father Miller will present “Prayer in the Christian Life: 25 Years of Revelation and Practice in the Catholic Catechism” on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. The entire fourth section of the Catholic Catechism is dedicated to beliefs and practices of prayer in the Church. This evening of reflection will be focused on the universal call to holiness and prayer as expressed through adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. Attendees are asked to register by Friday, Jan. 19, and there is a suggested donation of \$20.00 per person.

February’s programming begins with A Theology of the Body Conference Retreat for Women - “On Being a Woman: Icon of Love” – from Thursday, Feb. 1 – 4 with retreat leaders, Paula Hunter and Becky Clements. Theology of the Body is a philosophical work written by St. Pope John Paul II, and is an in-depth study of the human person. The retreat begins on Thursday at 5 p.m., and ends by noon on Sunday and is open to all women 18 years and older. There will be Mass and Adoration, as well as presentations, discussions, music, prayer and silence. The Sacrament of Penance will also be available.

A limited number of single rooms are available for \$250.00 with a double room is \$225.00 per person. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required with registration. Register at www.icsulphur.org or call 337 625-9719 if you have any questions. Please ask for Jamie Drummond.

“St. Valentine’s Date Night at the Saint Charles Center” will be presented by Fr. Miller and Center Staff on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Couples are invited to join for Mass at 6 p.m. in the Assumption Chapel, followed by a gourmet dinner

in Brulet Dining Hall, and topped off with festive desserts and enjoyable fellowship. Reservation space will be limited, so early registration is urged. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 2, and the suggested donation is \$75.00 per couple.

A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion presented by Fr. Nathan Long, Margie Long and the diocesan team will be Friday, Feb. 9 to Sunday, Feb. 11. A Rachel’s Vineyard weekend, which combines discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a memorial service and a Mass of Entrustment, is strictly confidential. The cost is \$215.00 for meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. For more information or registration contact: Rachel’s Vineyard of SWLA 337-439-7400. Ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

Bishop Glen John Provost and Father Miller will present “Our Call to Lenten Grace” Ash Wednesday Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, Feb 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. The program will consist of Holy Mass and the Distribution of Ashes, a simple supper, and a presentation by Bishop Provost. There will be no cost for the evening. but a free will offering will be accept-

ed. Funds procured will benefit the Maintenance Account for the Center. Deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 9.

“The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the Catholic Catechism” Winter Silent Preached Retreat is to be presented by Msgr. Ronald Groth from Friday, Feb 16 to Sunday, Feb. 18. The retreat, though sponsored by St. Pius X Parish in Ragley, is open to any who wish to participate. Msgr. Groth will reflect upon the basic themes of growth in the spiritual life as presented by St. Ignatius in his writings as well as apply these insights to the prayers, beliefs and practices as found in the Catholic Catechism. The weekend begins with supper on Friday at 6 p.m. and concludes with lunch at noon on Sunday. The suggested donation is \$180.00 for a private room and \$160.00 for a shared room. Scholarship information is available for those needing assistance.

The “Come Alive” High School Retreat will take place in the St. Katharine Drexel Conference Center from Friday, Feb. 16, to Sunday, Feb. 18. Youth are asked to call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Lake Charles at 337-439-7400. Ext. 201 to register.



SAINT CHARLES CENTER

Christmas Mass Schedule for the churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles

Bell City

St. John Vianney
(7120 Highway 14 E.)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Day)

Big Lake

St. Mary of the Lake
(11054 Highway 384)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8 a.m. (Day)

Cameron

Our Lady Star of the Sea
(135 Our Lady Road)
4:00 p.m. (Eve)

Carlyss

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
(4822 Carlyss Drive)
4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Creole

Sacred Heart of Jesus
(5250 West Creole Highway)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

DeQuincy

Our Lady of LaSalette
(203 S. Grand Avenue)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

DeRidder

St. Joseph
(1125 Blankenship Drive)
5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Elizabeth

St. Frances of Rome Mission
(204 Poplar Street)
8:00 a.m. (Day)

Elton

St. Joseph
(209 Al Woods Street)
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)
St. Paul
(1100 St. Mary Street)
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Fenton

St. Charles Borromeo
(804 Third Avenue)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Grand Chenier

St. Eugene
(5035 Grand Chenier Highway)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)

Hackberry

St. Peter the Apostle
(1210 Main Street)
5:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)

Iowa

St. Raphael
(211 S. Thomson Avenue)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:15 a.m. (Day)

Jennings

Immaculate Conception
(705 S. Lake Arthur Avenue)
4:00 p.m., (Eve); 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Day)

Our Lady Help of Christians

(710 N. State Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 12:00 Midnight, 8:30 a.m. (Day)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(920 S. Broadway)
8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Johnson Bayou

Our Lady of the Assumption Mission
(5556 Highway 82)
11:00 a.m. (Day)

Kinder

St. Philip Neri
(607 Fourth Avenue)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Lacassine

St. John the Evangelist Mission
(306 Ann Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)

Lake Arthur

Our Lady of the Lake
(203 Commercial Avenue)
4:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. (Day)

Lake Charles

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
(Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets)
4:00 p.m. (Eve);
12:00 Midnight, 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m. (Extraordinary Form) (Day)
Christ the King
(7680 Gulf Highway)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)
Immaculate Heart of Mary
(2031 Opelousas Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 12:00 Midnight, 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)
Our Lady of Good Counsel
(221 Aqua Drive)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve);
9:00 a.m., (Day)
Our Lady Queen of Heaven
(3939 Lake Street)
6:00 p.m. (Main Church),
6:15 p.m. (Family Life Center gym) (Eve);
12:00 Midnight, 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Day)
Sacred Heart of Jesus
(610 Louisiana Avenue)
4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)

St. Henry

(1021 Eighth Avenue)
4:00 p.m. (Eve);
8:00 a.m. (Bilingual, English/Spanish), 10:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. (Day)
St. Margaret of Scotland
(2500 Enterprise Blvd.)
(NW Corner of Enterprise Blvd & 17th Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 12:00 Midnight
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)
St. Martin de Porres
(5495 Elliott Road)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)
CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital Chapel
(524 Dr. Michael DeBaeyer Drive)
9:00 a.m. (Day)

LeBleu Settlement

St. Joseph Mission
(2110 Claude Hebert Road)
8:30 a.m. (Day)

Moss Bluff

St. Theodore
(785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway)
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:30 a.m., (Day)

Oakdale

Sacred Heart of Jesus
(1208 E. 7th Avenue)
7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Oberlin

St. Joan of Arc
(110 W. 5th Avenue)
12:00 Midnight, 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)

Ragley

St. Pius X
(16816 Highway 171)
6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)

Raymond

St. Lawrence
(5505 Pine Island Highway)
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Day)

Sulphur

Immaculate Conception
(2700 Maplewood Drive)
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)
Our Lady of LaSalette
(602 N. Claiborne Street)
4:00 p.m. (Children’s Mass), 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)
Our Lady of Prompt Succor
(1109 Cypress Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., (Eve); 12:00 Midnight,
7:00 a.m. (Extraordinary Form), 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Day)

Sweetlake

St. Patrick Mission
(469 Highway 27)
4:00 p.m. (Eve)

Vinton

St. Joseph
(1502 Industrial Street)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)

Welsh

Our Lady of Seven Dolours
(209 N. Adams Street)
5:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)
St. Joseph
(310 N. Sarah Street)
5:00 p.m. (Eve)

Westlake

St. John Bosco
(1301 Sampson Street)
4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)