



Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28-Feb 3; CSW Mass Jan. 31

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31. Eighth graders from Catholic schools in the diocese will join St. Louis Catholic High School senior students for the liturgy.

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

Week is the annual celebration, since 1974, of Catholic education in the United States. It starts Sunday, January 28, and continues through Saturday, February 3. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students and families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides

to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Daily themes for the week are: Sunday - Celebrating Your Parish; Monday - Celebrating Your Community; Tuesday - Celebrating Your Students; Wednesday - Celebrating This Nation; Thursday - Celebrating Vocations; Friday - Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers; and Saturday; Celebrating Families.

Individual activities are scheduled at all of the schools and can be found by searching the various websites during the week.

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12-13 for Mardi Gras, reopening on Ash Wednesday. The next *Catholic Calendar* will be published Feb. 16.



Entering the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, above, are members of the 2017 Senior Class of St. Louis Catholic High School. They were preparing to attend last year's Catholic School Week Mass. This year the CSW Mass is to be celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost on Wednesday, January 31.



Two Quiz Bowl teams, participating in the previous competition, await a question from the proctors before pushing the button to provide an answer. The next Quiz Bowl will be held Saturday, March 3, in St. Louis Catholic High School. Registration must be done through Church parishes of the Diocese or one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Quiz Bowl set March 3

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Diocese of Lake Charles Quiz Bowl competition for students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education, will be held Saturday, March 3, beginning at 9 a.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Team registrations from Catholic schools in the Diocese and individual church parishes will be accepted through Friday, February 2, at the Office of Religious Education, 411 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or at marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org. Students must register through their parish or Catholic school. Registration forms will be provided to each school and church parish.

Up to three four-person teams can register from each parish or school.

There is a \$20 charge per team and the top three teams will each receive a cash prize. Teams must be accompanied by a

chaperone.

A study guide of the quiz questions, from the *Faith and Life Series* by Ignatius Press, can be found at https://quizlet.com/_1nngfj. The password is *dole*.

In the last Quiz Bowl, teams representing Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings took three of the top four places – first, second, and fourth. The place went to a team from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church. It was the second year in a row that a squad from Our Lady Help of Christians captured the top prize.

A total of 14 teams participated, including squads from Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley, and St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School.

Apostleship of the Sea Board of Directors met in Lake Charles

LAKE CHARLES -- The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA), is the professional association of Catholic Maritime Ministers, Catholic Mariners, and all those who support Catholic Maritime Ministry.

The mission of AOS-USA is to teach and witness to the Word of God: especially to seafarers, maritime personnel and people of the sea by fostering their growth and renewal through prayer, study and Christian service. In addition AOS-USA offers

men and women training and formation to prepare for Catholic Maritime Ministry. AOS-USA operates the Cruise Ship Priest Program for the pastoral care of cruise ship passengers and crew.

An AOS-USA Board meeting had been set in Port Arthur for the week Hurricane Harvey made landfall last year. With the devastation that hit the area, the board chose to move the meeting to Lake Charles and the Stella Maris Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles. Deacon Patrick Lapoint, the Seafar-

ers Center director and the National Treasurer for AOS-USA, hosted the group.

All who attended enjoyed true Louisiana hospitality and great Cajun seafood while in town. The Board expressed appreciation for the great work that Deacon Lapoint and his team do for mariners in Lake Charles and the surrounding communities, and expressed sincere appreciation for the importance that the Diocese of Lake Charles places on the ministry to seafarers.



Members of the Board of Directors of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States met in Lake Charles due to the damage caused in Texas by the passage of Hurricane Harvey. The original site of the board meeting had been Port Arthur. Pictured above, from left, are Fr. Dennis Donovan (Cruise Ship Priest Board Rep.), Doreen M. Badeaux (Secretary General), Fr. Tom Boyer (Board Secretary), Capt. William Watson (Recreational Boater/Yachtsman Board Rep.), Capt. George P. McShea, Jr. (President), Fr. John A. Jamnicky (Port Chaplain Board Rep.), and Deacon Patrick Lapoint (Treasurer). Not pictured are Capt. Jerry Pannell (Merchant Mariner Board Rep.) and Capt. Pietro Parravano (Fishers Board Rep.).

Diocesan Briefs.....

Masses for individuals with special needs

LAKE CHARLES – Reverend Brian King will celebrate a Mass for individuals with special needs and their families on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, April 29, by the Very Reverend Ruben Buller; on Sunday, July 8, by Reverend Whitney Miller; and on Sunday, Oct. 7, by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost.

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

Scout Sunday slated Feb. 4

LAKE CHARLES - The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Lake Charles will observe Scout Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m. with the celebration of Mass Bishop Glen John Provost in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

All scouts are required to attend in full Class A uniform. A reception will immediately follow the liturgy at the Calcasieu Area Scout Office, 304 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Scouts will receive the 2018 Scout Sunday patch by attending this special mass. A rosary table will be set up for those who would like to earn the first rosary patch.

Please RSVP for the 2018 patch by contacting Amanda Cahilog at acahilog@gmail.com or message the scout's name and pack/ troop number on the Facebook page at "Calcasieu Catholic Committee on Scouting."

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 \$2,150.00, covers all ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat, and mission shirts. A \$300.00 non-refundable deposit, prior to the Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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 February is that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Bishop Provost's monthly intention is for our elderly, especially the homebound and those with nursing care, that we may offer them comfort and hope as we extend our prayers, visits and accompaniment to the lonely and helpless.

Two new ministries offered in Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – Two new ministries are open to people in Southwestern Louisiana - Fully Alive and Catholic Singles United.

Fully Alive is a Catholic community of non-student young adults, 18 to 39 years old. Join the Facebook group: "FULLY ALIVE! Lake Charles": www.facebook.com/groups/107344226572108 or email fullyalivelakecharles@gmail.com with name, age, e-mail, phone and contact information.

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.

Popcorn balls and barbecue at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – The St. Henry Altar Society will sell popcorn balls on Friday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. until sold out and the Knights of Columbus Council #5022 will host a barbecue from 8 a.m. until sold out on Saturday, Feb. 3 in the St. Henry Community Center.

Popcorn balls are \$3 each and half chicken or pork steak dinners are \$9 per plate.

Center for Catholic Studies class set

LAKE CHARLES -- Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse will teach a four-session course on "Familiaris Consortio," the apostolic exhortation written by St. John Paul II in 1981 on the role of the Christian Family in the modern world at the Center for

Catholic Studies in the Catholic Student Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

The classes are set for the Tuesdays of February 6, 20, 27 and March 6, from 5-7 p.m.

The cost is \$50, with registration through the Office of Adult Education at 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 or at marlie.mudd@lcdioocese.org.

Justin Fatica to speak at St. Theodore

MOSS BLUFF -- St. Theodore Catholic Church presents "You're Amazing," a family/community event featuring Justin Fatica, on Tuesday, January 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join the parishioners of St. Theodore and the You're Amazing Team.

St. Pius X, St. Theodore Mission Feb. 5-8

MOSS BLUFF – St. Pius X Catholic Church and St. Theodore Catholic Church will join together to host the 2018 Parish Mission – "The Reason for Our Hope" – from 7 to 9 p.m. each night Monday to Thursday, Feb. 5-8, at St. Theodore.

Father Larry Richards, a popular and passionate conference, television and radio host, will present each night's Mission.

Topics for each evening will be – Monday: God's Love and Prayer; Tuesday: Love of Others (with Mass); Wednesday: Passion of Christ (& confessions); and Thursday: Adoration (& Healing Service).

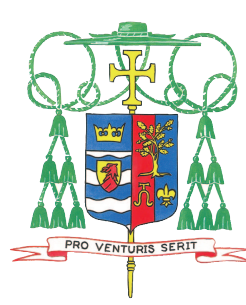
OLQH Lenten Mission Feb 26-28

LAKE CHARLES -- Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will be the featured speaker at the 2018 Lenten Mission of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Monday, Feb. 26, to Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. each day.

Topics will include on Monday - The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith; Tuesday: Apologetics 101: Seven Truths of the Church You Must Know To Defend Your Faith; and Wednesday: Living a Eucharistic Faith: The Big Deal About Mass and Why It Matters.

He will preach at all Masses on Sunday, Feb. 25. For more information, call Felicia at 477-1236.

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

January 19, 2017

Diocese of Lake Charles Events During 2017



Many events took place in the Diocese of Lake Charles during the final months of 2017. A few images include, in Photo 1, Bishop Glen John Provost celebrating the Feast of St. Peter Claver, the diocesan patron, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. The Bishop is pictured with attorneys and judges in Photo 2 following the celebration of the Red Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In Photo 3, Bishop Provost stands with those who received the sacrament of Confirmation along with their sponsors after the October Mass for Special Needs individuals and their families held in St. Louis Catholic High School. Young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, attended an Afternoon of Reflection in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Photo 4. Members of the diocesan chapter of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre (EOHS) attended the annual meeting of the Southeast Lieutenancy in Mobile, Alabama. Sir Paul Reed was promoted to Knight Commander (KCHS). Pictured, in Photo 5, are Dr. Keith Ainsley and Dale DeSonier, Edward Mason, Nila Halloran, Kitty Prudhomme, Clarence Prudhomme, Paul Reed, Paula Reed and Col. John Halloran. On the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, in Photo 6, members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven processed with the Blessed Sacrament from the Arcade Amphitheater at the Civic Center. Singing songs and praying the Rosary, they walked, as shown in Photo 7, to the Cathedral where they concluded with Benediction. Father Rommel Tolentino blessed graves on Nov. 1 at the Old Catholic Cemetery, located on the corner of Iris and Common streets, in Photo 8. Bishop Provost celebrated the Feast of All Saints at Consolata Cemetery in Photo 9 and, along with priests who concelebrated, blessed graves there. The Bishop was the celebrant of a Mass honoring special jubilees for clergy and religious at St. Henry and is shown with a number of the jubilarians in Photo 10. The annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch Run made its annual journey through the diocese enroute from Mexico City to New York. In Photo 11, Deacon Josue Canelo, the Director of Hispanic Ministry, visits with the Louisiana State Police escorts, before the relay began its journey from Vinton to St. Henry Church. In Photo 12, Deacon Canelo blesses the large images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego that accompany the torch and those present at the church. In Photo 13, Father Carlos Garcia oversees the transfer of the Silver Rose from the Knights of Columbus of Louisiana to Knights of Columbus from Texas. Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, members of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School and the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School walk from their respective campuses to the Cathedral on pilgrimage. St. Margaret students, in Photo 14, walk east on Kirby Street before turning the corner at Bilbo Street and entering the Cathedral. Accompanying the Cathedral School students on their journey was a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Shown in Photo 15, the procession moves up Shell Beach. In Photo 16, children present roses honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe during the feast day, including the couples who took part in the "Orange Dance," shown in Photo 17. Snow, a rare sight in Southwest Louisiana, is shown in Photo 18, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception covering the grounds of the Chancery Office of Administration.