



## Bishop's Services Appeal now underway in Diocese

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Bishop's Services Appeal, the fundraising campaign that aids with annual operating funds for various ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles, has begun in the 39 church parishes of the Diocese.

The 2018-2019 Bishop's Services Appeal goal is \$824,000.00 and the campaign continues through the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2019.

The theme for this year's Appeal "For I received from the Lord what I handed on to you" can be found I Corinthians 11:23a.

Contributions made to the campaign aid in the operations of Catholic Education, Youth Ministry, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Charities, Family Life, Annulment and Other Tribunal Fees, Seafarers' Center, Diocesan Counseling, Evangelization, Communications, and Saint Charles Center. These ministries are additionally supported through various grants and the parochial tithe.

All donations to the Bishop's Services Appeal are credited to the donor's church parish to help meet its individual quota.

"What is at the core of all our activities in the Diocese of Lake Charles is centered on these three commands - take, receive, preach - and you, assist through the Bishop's Services Appeal in continuing the Tradition, handing on the message of Christ to the world today," Bishop Glen John Provost said in his message to the People of God of the Diocese.

"Religious Education and Formation is one of the core elements," the Bishop continued. "Among the areas under this category are Parochial Religious Instruction, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools,

the Vianney House, and Seminarian Education. I look around when I attend our Diocesan Youth Conference, and this year I was moved with the attendance of over 400 young people. For many of them, they told me that it was a time when they personally began to live their faith seriously. They accepted the Tradition from Jesus Christ, and you, my friends, have helped to hand it on."

Continuing, he noted that Catholic Schools offer an opportunity for learning about the faith, but give a context to

Catholic Education. We are handing on what we have received," Bishop Provost said. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for assisting with the handing on of this Tradition through your generous giving.

"Your generosity is greatly appreciated," the Bishop concluded.

Contributions may be made through your parish or directly to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Donors have the ability to use a credit card or e-check safely and

### BISHOP'S GUILD

The Bishop's Guild offers a special way to join Bishop Provost by supporting him as he guides you and others throughout the diocese on the journey of faith. Your willingness and readiness to become a special partner in the annual Bishop's Services Appeal make a profound statement for others to follow.

Any individual and/or family who responds with a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Bishop's Services Appeal in a given year will be a member of the Bishop's Guild.

Those in the Bishop's Guild form faithful partnerships to provide valuable resources for the services of the diocese. Your participation in the Bishop's Guild demonstrates your willingness to be a leader in your parish and our diocese.

learn about the natural world as well.

"I am heartened when I visit our Catholic Schools and the students and teachers tell me of the heroic men and women who because of the Catholic Faith helped to be on the cutting edge of our knowledge today. Marie Curie, George Mendel, and George LeMaitre are not strange names for the students of our Catholic Schools. "They see no contradiction between Faith and Science. One percent of our overall diocesan revenue goes toward Catholic Schools, and in particular scholarships that help students who would not otherwise be able to attend.

"Your giving assists in continuing the noble tradition of

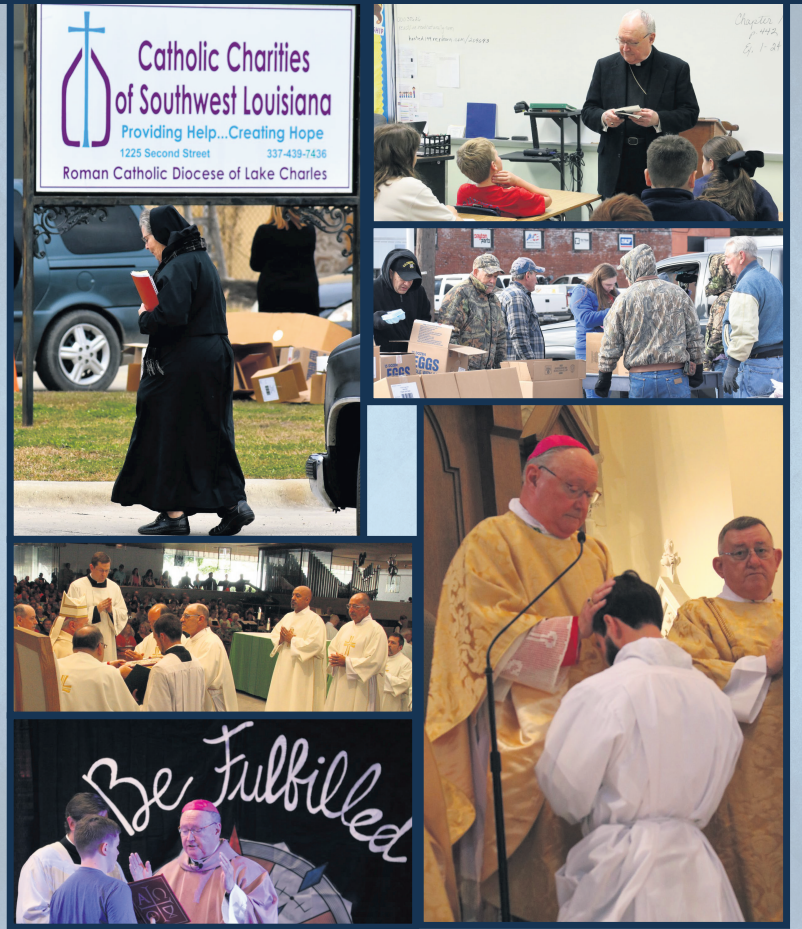
securely on the website of the Diocese - lodiocese.org - and clicking support the diocese.

Payments on a pledge or a one-time gift made after June 30, 2019, the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, will be credited to the 2019-2020 Appeal goal. If you make a pledge directly to the Diocese, you should send any payments on that pledge to the Diocese in order to properly credit you and your parish.

For further information on the Bishop's Services Appeal contact the Office of Development, Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop's Services Appeal, P. O. Box 3223, Lake Charles, LA 70602-3223 or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 217.

*For I received from the Lord what I handed on to you.*

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## Catholic Charismatic Conference Nov. 2-3

MOSS BLUFF -- The 47th Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held November 2-3 at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway featuring keynote speaker Rev. Bill Halbing, known for his gift of Bible teaching, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

The theme of this year's conference comes from Romans 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith. . ."

Onsite registration begins on Friday, Nov. 2, with Prayer and Praise starting at 6 p.m. and the opening Mass celebrated by Father Halbing followed by the first general session with Father Halbing - "For I am NOT ashamed of the Gospel."

General sessions on Saturday, Nov. 3, are at 10 a.m. (It is the Power of God for Salvation to everyone who has faith) and at 2 p.m. ("God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid") both by Fr. Halbing. He will also present the 3:30 p.m. session - ("My proclamation (preaching) was not with persuasive words (of human wisdom) but with a demonstration of spirit and power- 1 Cor 2:4) and the 6:30 p.m.

general session "I am not ashamed or afraid to be open to all of the charisms," which will be open to all of the charisms," which will be followed by Mass and a Prayer for Healing Service conducted by Father Matthew Cormier and Father Halbing. All times may change. Prayer teams will be available throughout the conference to minister to participants' needs. Mike Nelson and Sounds of Praise will provide the music ministry.

Fr. Halbing attended Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah, New Jersey, and was ordained a priest in 1982, for the Archdiocese of Newark. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and received both his Master of Fine Arts degree in Jewish-Christian studies and his Master of Divinity degree from Seton Hall University.

He has been active in Charismatic Renewal since 1975 and been a guest speaker at national charismatic conferences in Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New Jersey, Denver, Florida, New Hampshire and Idaho and has traveled as far as Canada, Guyana, Eastern Europe and the Philippines to preach God's Word. His talks are riddled with humor, making his presentations both enlightening and enjoyable.

## 2018 Catholic Charities awards



The 2018 Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch was highlighted by the presentation of two special awards. First, the Saint Peter Claver Award, which is given to an individual who demonstrates particular concern for those in need. This year's recipient was Senator Ronnie Johnns, for his instrumental work in helping those caught up in human trafficking. Sen. Johnns, according to Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, leads the nation in authored bills to stop human trafficking. He was instrumental in the opening of the Metanoia Home in Baton Rouge, which cares for young girls rescued from trafficking. The Caritas Award, given to an individual who exemplifies a life of selfless giving, went to Ainsley DeSonier, who despite the fact that she has a rare syndrome which has required many surgeries and left her with certain disabilities, can know with certainty that God looks upon her as fearfully and wonderfully made. She lives her life from that belief, holding herself to do whatever she can do in the best way possible. Her purpose is clear. She has the gift that all of us seek. When we know ourselves to be loved, we are free to give ourselves to love others. When Ainsley becomes aware of someone suffering, she immediately becomes concerned, asks how they are doing. Pictured with the two recipients are, at left, Bishop Glen John Provost and Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana.



Reverend Jeffrey Starkovich, the Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese of Lake Charles, stands with this year's top three entrants in the diocesan Vocation Drawing Contest. At left is Reed Falcon, an eight-year old parishioner of Christ the King Catholic Church, whose image, one of more than 100 entries, captured first place, Falcon's image was reproduced as a prayer card and distributed to all the winners, in the diocese for parishioners. Second and third place winners, respectively, are Abrea Findley, a 10-year old parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vinton, pictured in the middle and Reece Trahan, a 10-year old parishioner of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at right. "We certainly want to thank all of those who contributed their drawings," Father Starkovich said.

## Pro-Life Banquet October 2

LAKE CHARLES -- The 28th annual New Life Counseling Pro-Life Banquet, featuring keynote speaker Gianna Jessen, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the Lake Charles Civic Center Coliseum beginning at 6 p.m. with doors opening and a silent auction followed by the banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 each (Family of Life) with a variety of sponsorship offerings including Life Saver \$5,000; Champion of Life \$3,000; Stump of Life \$1,500; Advocate of Life \$800; and Supporter of Life \$600. The annual fundraiser sustains the operations of New Life Counseling's pregnancy resource

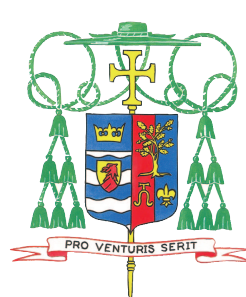
center from year to year.

For tickets or more information call 337-474-7003 or e-mail nlcbanquet@gmail.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 26. Checks should be made payable to New Life Counseling Center, Inc., PO Box 7222, Lake Charles, LA 70606.

Gianna Jessen was intended to die before she was born - the survivor of an abortion at seven and a half months. Talk to her for just a few minutes and she's likely to punctuate every sentence with a deep, infectious laugh. Talk to her for a while longer and, as her story unfolds, it becomes apparent that the constant joy has overcome unspeakable

challenges. In many regards, her life has been a short path littered with obstacles at every turn: challenges, betrayal, and cruelty. But for every setback, there have also been invitations into the greatest halls of government. A life that was never meant to be has been used to inspire, and even save others.

She entered the world two months premature and weighing just two and a half pounds and spent her first couple of months in a hospital. The failed abortion had also provided the "gift" of cerebral palsy, as she calls it: "It allows me to really depend on Jesus for everything."



## RETURN TO THE LORD – CATHOLIC CHARITIES

# Food distribution sites expand

LAKE CHARLES -- Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana now provides food distribution to registered individuals and families at three locations within the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The food distribution schedule at Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 Second Street location for the remainder of 2018 and through June 2019 is as follows:

For registered clients whose last name begins with A through L, food distribution will take place at 1225 Second Street in Lake Charles on Friday, October 12; Friday, November 9; Friday, December 14; Friday, January 11; Friday, February 15; Friday, March 15; Thursday, April 11; Friday, May 10; and Friday, June 14.

Those registered clients whose last name begins with M through Z, distribution will be at 1225 Second Street, on Friday, October 19; Friday, November 16; Thursday, December 20; Friday, January 18; Friday, February 22; Friday, March 22; Friday, April

12; Friday, May 17; and Friday, June 21.

The dates for distribution at the Upper Cameron Food Bank, located at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 11054 Highway 384, in Big Lake are on the Wednesdays of October 17, November 14, December 19, January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, May 15, and June 19.

A new location has been opened in lower Cameron Parish at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole, 5250 West Creole Highway. Distribution there will take place on the first Friday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

Catholic Charities continues to follow the example of Jesus, serving the communities and neighbors that need help the most. Its strategic priority is to collaborate with parishes to identify those in each community facing hardship and respond with the appropriate services that are lacking.

Contributions to the Re-

turn to the Lord Capital Campaign in favor of Catholic Charities have made it possible to add services to lower Camron Parish with movement to put plans in place for other areas of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The goal in Return to the Lord was to raise \$800,000 to enhance its Diocesan Social Ministry Program to offer education on the services that are available in order to connect the right services to those who qualify.

Included in that was to remodel warehouses to increase storage capacity for disaster relief services and outreach; purchase new refrigeration equipment to increase cold storage capacity; upgrade vehicles to use as mobile food banks to better serve parishes and create an endowment to help sustain operations and increase staff.

Funding for Catholic Charities is provided in a number of ways, 32 percent from diocesan collections and contributions, 22 percent from private donations, 20 percent from general grants, 11 percent from grants that can only

be used for residents in Calcasieu Parish, four percent from the annual Jazz Brunch fundraiser; and 11 percent from grants provided specifically to aid individuals in Allen, Beauregard, Cameron and Jefferson Davis parishes.

Those wishing to register or recertify to receive food baskets must bring the following items to receive food:

- 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: Food Stamp Letter, SSI, TANI, Social Security, Child Support Letter, Retirement, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Payroll Checks;
- Proof of Residency- a utility bill or copy of current lease and rent receipt.

For further information, call Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7436.



In photo 1, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana volunteers load a client's vehicle during the once a month food distribution at the organization's 1225 Second Street site. Each June, clients must be recertified to receive food baskets from Catholic Charities and made possible through Second Harvest Food Bank and private contributions. Photo 2 shows the expansion of the food distribution program of Catholic Charities into lower Cameron Parish. This distribution occurs on the First Friday of each month at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole. A third food distribution site is also in operation for upper Cameron Parish at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake. For more information about qualifying for food baskets, call 337-439-7436.

## Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2018 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 on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a 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

## The next edition of the Catholic Calendar will be published on Friday, October 19

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Blessing and Dedication set September 22

SULPHUR – The blessing and dedication of the of Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine/Facsimile at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church on Saturday, September 22, with Bishop Glen John Provost. Following the blessing will be the celebration by Bishop Provost of the Holy Mass.

Very Reverend Fr. Rene Butler, M.S., Provincial Superior, Mary, Mother of the Americas, Missionaries of LaSalette will be the homilist.

Concelebrating will be Father Butler and Very Rev. Phil M. "Skip" Negley Former Provincial Superior, Mary, Mother of the Americas, Missionaries of La Salette, and currently, Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Gathering in the Prayer Garden begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Blessing and Dedication at 5 p.m., followed by the procession to the church for Mass. This begins the Nine Day Novena Masses and culminates with the Feast of Our Lady of LaSalette on Sunday, September 30.

For more information about the annual nine-day celebration, call 337-527-6722.

### Rosary Around the Lake on Oct. 7

LAKE CHARLES – As part of Rosary Coast to Coast slated for Sunday, October 7, the Ruth Institute is organizing Rosary Around the Lake locally at the Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheatre, beginning at 1 p.m., praying for Divine Protection, Pardon for Sin, Salvation of Souls, and the Reunion of All Christians.

The hope, according to Dr. Jennifer Morse, founder of the Ruth Institute, is to spread out in groups of 11, as a living Rosary around the lake.

Arrival at 1 p.m. will allow for time to register unless participants have pre-registered online. Those individuals and teams can arrive at 2 p.m.

Beginning at 3 p.m., people across the United States will be saying the Rosary at the exact same time.

### Calca-Chew Food Festival Sept. 30

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual St. Margaret Calca-Chew Food Festival begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 30, at 9 a.m. with live music by the Sulphur Cajun Ramblers.

There will be Cajun/Creole Food and a silent auction in the school's gym with children's games and more food in the East Room and outside. Vendor booths will host a variety of items and there will be several cake walks throughout the day. At 11 a.m. judging of the Cajun/Creole Cook-off takes place followed at 11:30 a.m. by public sampling of the fare.

The St. Louis Catholic High School Show Choir will perform at noon with the silent auction closing at 1:30 p.m., in addition to the raffle drawing for a \$1,000 grand prize. The winners of the Cajun/Creole Cook-off will be announced at 2:30 p.m. with the festival closing at 3 p.m.

### "Family Rosary" at St. Theodore, Sept. 30

MOSS BLUFF -- The Knights of Columbus Council #3622 will host the "Family Rosary" at St. Theodore Catholic Church leading parishioners in praying the Rosary at 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 30, followed by the celebration of the Mass at 8:30 a.m.

The "Family Rosary" program, formerly known as the Fifth Sunday Rosary, has been developed by the Knights of Columbus as a part of the Order's Domestic Church initiative.

To facilitate this program each time a fifth Sunday falls within a month, Members of Council #3622 invites all to join them in praying the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Church before the celebration of the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

### Take Aim at Hunger set Sept. 30

LAKE CHARLES – The annual "Take Aim at Hunger" clean out your freezer and pantry day to benefit Abraham's Tent is Sunday, Sept. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gordon's Drug Store's parking lot at 2716 Lake Street, with drive-thru service.

Donations of wrapped and labeled frozen meat and fish (wild and domestic) canned or boxed foods, containers/bags of rice, cooking oil, seasonings, vegetables, and paper goods.

The event is sponsored by Sportsmen for the Hungry in affiliation with Hunters for the Hungry.

### Events at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Upcoming programs at Saint Charles Center will include "Good versus Evil" with Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, October 2, from, 6 to 9 p.m.; "Liturgy, Lunch and A Lecture for the Ladies" presented by Fr. Whitney Miller and Diana Vallette on Tuesday, October 9. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and "Virtuous Living: Where Spirituality and Psychology Meet" with Father Miller on Tuesday, October 16, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The suggested donation of each of these programs is \$20, with registration deadlines of Friday, September 28; Friday, October 5; and Friday, October 12, respectively.

A Prayer Vigil for the Feast of St. John Paul II, facilitated by Fr. Miller and Deacon Brian Soileau will be Sunday, October 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

A Women's Fall Silent Retreat, presented by Simone Dubois, is set for Thursday, Nov. 1 to Sunday, Nov. 4. The suggested donation is \$250 for a private room and \$225 for a shared room.

For additional information on any of these events or future programs e-mail michelle.moncaux@lcediocese.org, deborah.faul@lcediocese.org, or call 337-855-1232.

### St. Eugene Alligator Festival Oct. 7

GRAND CHENIER - The Annual Saint Eugene Parish Alligator Festival will be Sunday, October 7, on the Mermentau River at Grand Chenier Park beginning at 10 a.m.

The Alligator Cookoff this year is dedicated to the memory of Benny Welch, his wife Linda and daughter Alice.

The festival includes the Little Mr. & Miss Alligator Festival Pageant, the South Cameron High School Dazzlers Dance Line, live baby gators, live music with Teardrops, a big prize raffle, live and silent auction with great deals for early Christmas shopping, barbecue chicken and beef dinners, fried alligator and much more.

For cookoff information and registration email steugene@camtel.net or call 337-538-2245.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Bazaar Oct. 13-14

LAKE CHARLES – Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, October 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, October 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the church grounds at 614 Louisiana Avenue.

Barbecue chicken and rib dinners, sweet potato pies, popcorn balls, and a variety of other food items will be sold both days. Games, rides, and music will be available for the enjoyment of all.

Bingo opens on Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets for the raffle, which has two \$1,000 top prizes and two additional prizes, can be purchased by contacting the church office at 337-439-2646.

### Black Catholic Women's Conference October 20

LAFAYETTE -- The Inaugural Black Catholic Women's Conference - "By The Grace of God, I Am What I Am" - is set for Saturday, October 20, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the St.

Genevieve Middle School Cafetorium. The event is hosted by Black Catholic Women of the Diocese of Lafayette. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

Registration is \$30, including breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt, and may be made by check or money order only, payable to Black Catholic Women's Conference to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 145 Martin Luther King Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501. Registration must be postmarked by the October 1 deadline. There will be no onsite registration.

Workshop presentations will include: I am Black and Beautiful, Dr. Diana Hayes JD PhD STD; Domestic Violence in the Black Community. Lori Landry JD; Women of Grace: Step Up, Kaffy Belvin; Cybersecurity, Val Senegal MA; Child of God: You are Worthy, Shanna Doiron; The Virtues of a Christian Woman, Stephanie Bernard; Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Pro-Life, Kathy Allen PhD; Faith & Culture: Black Catholic Women at Worship, Dr. Kathleen Bellow; Reach out and Touch, Louella Cook; History of Black Catholic Women, Christiana Ventress; and Identifying Parental Alienation: Stopping Child Psychological Abuse, Rachel Stephens.

For more information call Rashida McZeal at Our Lady Queen of Peace 337-233-1591, Ext. 100.

### St. John Vianney Bazaar October 28

BELL CITY – St. John Vianney Catholic Church will hold its 2018 Fall Bazaar on Sunday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the church grounds.

There will be bingo and raffle along with live and silent auctions, kid's games, a fun jump and train rides.

Pork loin dinners and barbecue chicken dinners will also be available. All are welcome.

### Center for Catholic Studies class schedule

LAKE CHARLES -- Instructors and subjects for upcoming classes offered at the Center for Catholic Studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive, have been announced by the Office of Religious Education and the Office of Adult Education of the diocese of Lake Charles. The actual dates and times for the classes will be made public later, according to Sister Marirose Rudek, RSM, director of the offices.

Father Ruben Buller will teach Introduction to Spiritual Theology during September and October while Father Ruben Villareal will lead Introduction to Philosophy in November and December.

Father Nathan Long will teach on the Letters of St. Paul during the months of January and February while Paula Hunter will teach Theology of the Body & Interior Life during March and April.

Cost is \$50 per person for each course. For more information or to be placed on a list for future announcements, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 308 or e-mail marlie.mudd@lcediocese.org.

### Pilgrimage to Italy in 2019

LAKE CHARLES – Visit Rome, Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Tolentino, Assisi, Orvieto, Florence, Padua, and Venice with Spiritual Director Father Rommel Tolentino, on September 16-27, 2019.

The 12-day pilgrimage is \$3879 per person with double occupancy. The price includes round trip airfare from Houston, \$450 government taxes and airline surcharges, accommodations in first class hotels, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing, daily Mass, and more.

For a brochure and more information, call 337-436-7251 or email rommel.tolentino@lcediocese.org. Space is limited!