



## Hurricane season opens June 1; pilgrimage to Shrine on June 2

CAMERON – Hurricane season begins on Saturday, June 1, which in the Province of New Orleans and the Diocese of Lake Charles will be observed as a “Day of Prayer and Fasting,” asking the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea for protection from storms and destruction.

The annual pilgrimage to the Historic Shrine and Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron will take place on Sunday, June 2, with Bishop Glen John Provost celebrating Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea at 9 a.m. followed by the procession to the shrine.

“We truly appreciate Our Lady’s intercession for us during the Hurricane Season to be protected from harm and destruction,” Bishop Provost said.

The faithful who make this Diocesan pil-

grimage to the Shrine for the liturgy could receive spiritual benefits as if they had visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, due to the special affiliation the Cameron church has with the Basilica. The pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, including recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the recitation of the Creed.

This “spiritual bond” was granted by His Eminence, Santos Cardinal Abril y Castelló, the Cardinal Archpriest of the Basilica and His Eminence, Emmanuel Cardinal Montero de Castro, the Cardinal Apostolic Penitentiary following Bishop Provost’s *ad limina* visit in 2012.

## 2018-2019 Students of the Year

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The three students capturing district honors as Students of the Year for 2018-2019 from non-public schools in Southwest Louisiana were, from left, Layne Hicks, a fifth grade student attending Bethel Christian School in Jennings; Emma Findley, an eighth grade student at Our Lady’s Catholic School in Sulphur; and St. Louis Catholic High School senior Lauren Couste’. The trio advanced to the regional round of state-wide competition. Individual fifth grade students of the year from other non-public schools in Southwest Louisiana included Ansley Burns-First Baptist Christian Academy; Madelyn Elliot-Immaculate Conception Catholic School; Kenzie Marshall-Our Lady Immaculate, Jennings; Bayleigh Ella Vincent-St. Margaret Catholic School; Anna Grace Kennon-St. Theodore Holy Family School, Moss Bluff; and Ali LaBouve-Our Lady’s School, Sulphur. Eighth graders capturing individual school honors were Camille Karriker-Immaculate Conception Catholic School; Julia Walker-St. Margaret Catholic School; Macy Bailey-First Baptist Christian Academy, Moss Bluff; Mallory Gallemore-St. Theodore Holy Family School; and Ella Segura-Our Lady Immaculate, Jennings.



Bishop Glen John Provost sprinkled the crowd following the 2018 Mass to Avert Storms at the Historic Shrine and Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron. This year’s Mass and pilgrimage will be Sunday, June 2, at 9 a.m.

## Topics, dates for new cycle of breakfasts and luncheons

LAKE CHARLES – The syllabus and schedule for the 2019-2020 Fall and Spring cycle of Bishop Glen John Provost’s presentations at the Men’s Prayer Breakfast and the Ladies Luncheon has been released. The scripture topics for this new cycle will First and Second Thessalonians, First and Second Timothy, and Titus.

Dates for the luncheons are the Wednesdays of September 4, October 2, November 6, February 5, March 4, April 1, and May 6. There will be no luncheons in December

and January.

The luncheons will be held at noon in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Complex on the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations should be made before each luncheon by sending a check, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Victoria Walter, 411 Iris St., Lake Charles, LA. 70601. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should also be sent in order to return the luncheon ticket in time

for the event. The deadline for reservations is the Friday prior to the luncheon and all are asked to arrive by 11:30 a.m.

Dates for the breakfasts are the Fridays of September 6, October 4, November 8, February 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. There will be no breakfasts in the months of December and January.

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral beginning at 6:30 a.m. followed by the breakfast and Bishop Provost’s presentation at 7 a.m. in Ave Maria Hall.

## Return to the Lord Update - Cathedral Restoration

LAKE CHARLES – Work continues on many and varied areas of the restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with artists from Conrad Schmitt Studios and stained glass specialists from Emil Frei & Associates doing beautiful work to bring the Cathedral back to a glory not seen in many years.

According to its website, “Conrad Schmitt Studios is an architectural arts studio located in New Berlin, Wisconsin. It provides ecclesiastical art, stained glass artistry, art glass, decorative painting, mosaics, murals and sculptural arts.”

The company has re-done the stencils in the Cathedral as well as providing immense murals, in at least one case a mural more than nine feet wide by nearly 30 feet long installed on the ceiling above the sanctuary.

Stephen Frei of Emil Frei and Associates has been working on the restoration and repair of the stained glass windows in the Cathedral, some onsite and others that have had to be returned to St. Louis for the work. The original stained-glass windows were designed, constructed and installed in the existing steel window frames by Emil Frei & Associates Stained Glass Company. The windows are being reconditioned, inventoried and documented, broken stained glass replaced and thorough cleaning performed.

Among other work done has been the removal of asbestos found in numerous coverings of the walls and floors in the Cathedral.

The crawl space under-

neath the building will be a common return chase, according to Buzzy Ribbeck of Ribbeck Construction. “A concrete foundation has been poured and metal ductwork in this space removed. The through wall vents at the perimeter of the Cathedral have been closed up preventing the infiltration of moisture from outside air into the crawl space. The historical look of the prior vent openings from the exterior have been retained. This entire process has solved many problems such as: reduce maintenance work, prevent further spalling of the underside of the concrete floor reinforcing, extinguish the need for cost of ductwork replacement, and condition the crawl space expelling unwanted moisture.

According to Ribbeck, the crawl space will have LED lighting allowing for ongoing inspections of the space. The concrete floor will have a paintable product applied to assist with curing of the concrete and prevent the concrete from drying inward into the crawl space. Though the elevation of the crawl space is one of the higher points in Lake Charles, provisions were made to drain the crawl space should flood waters ever enter the space.

The entire old chilled water system was removed along with the ductwork. Ten new five-ton high efficiency Mitsubishi VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) Heat Pump Systems have been installed along with new ductwork and controls.

The exterior units are housed in the new mechani-

cal yard at the northwest corner of the property along with all new electrical service and service equipment for the Cathedral. The new mechanical yard was designed to shield the electrical and HVAC systems from the sun and direct rain to prolong life and make maintenance easier by having a clear access to all of the equipment. The interior units are located in a newly constructed sound proof areas in the ceiling. Six units are located in the Sacristy ceiling and two units above each of the Confessionals. Each are accessed through a hatch that will allow for easy access for maintenance, repair and/or replacement in future years.

All floors are waterproof sub-strate with porcelain tile and floor drains in the event of condensation overflow.

Plaster work has been extensive throughout the Cathedral due to exposure over the years to moisture from outside. Plaster crews sound tested the old plaster for adhesion and where loose and void of proper adhesion, was removed.

The old plaster was analyzed for content and new plaster was mixed by the same testing lab to match the historic plaster in every respect.

The high roof underlayment (felt) was examined and found to be at the end of its life. Leaks were discovered as well as rotted wood on the top side under the felt that was not obvious from the attic underside. A new underlayment system was studied and designed along with new copper flashings and gutters.

Many of the original gutters had previously been replaced but did not match the original design, thus new gutters and underlayment were designed, constructed and installed to match the original historic design. The new copper had a patina finish to accelerate the color change to match the existing gutters and downspouts. The new underlayment has estimated life-span of between 75 and



Bryon Roesselet of Conrad Schmitt Studios works with a large portion of a mural painted on canvas, attaching the artwork to the ceiling of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception above the Sanctuary.

The old Ribbeck noted.

The old original clay barrel tiles were salvaged and reused. Some salvaged tile was found in Dallas, TX and was purchased for use

on the mechanical yard roof and future use for repairs that will be stored on site. A new roof “cricket” was constructed on the north side of the bell tower and

help divert rain water away from the lower intersection of the bell tower and roof. This will also provide for easier inspections.

## Victim assistance coordinators comfort in a behind-the-scenes ministry

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Whether the call is from someone who is angry, embarrassed, unsure of what to do or needs a friendly ear, diocesan and eparchial victim assistance coordinators are the face of the church’s response to victims of sexual abuse by a church worker – clergy or otherwise.

It’s a line of work that is public in one sense but not all that well known in another. While their names often appear in parish bulletins, the faithful aren’t always sure of the role they play in the life of the church.

Most importantly though, coordinators told Catholic News Service, theirs is a ministry built on compassion, created to show that the Catholic Church wants to help people in their recovery and reconciliation after an appalling violation of their human dignity.

“It’s about listening and communicating and identifying needs,” Kathleen Chastain, victim services coordinator in the Office of

Child and Youth Protection in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri, said of her work.

“There are calls now and then where people are just angry and venting, but the vast majority are people who are trying to find the way to reconciliation,” said Frank Moncher, a clinical psychologist who is victim assistance coordinator in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. “They’re hurt, they’re wounded. They’re obviously upset about the way things were handled in the past. But here they are looking for a way of finding peace.”

For Heather Banis, a clinical psychologist who is victim assistance coordinator for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the idea of ministry is foremost in her work.

“My sense is that this is doing the right thing. When we couple what we do for healing with what we do for prevention, I feel like we’re moving steadily to a safe and more authentic response, in a way that is more recovery needs,” she said.

Read more at lclodiocese.org

## The next Catholic Calendar will be published Friday, June 28.

The Offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Monday May 27 – Memorial Day. Regular office hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – will be observed the remainder of the week – Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, May 31.



# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

May 17, 2019



May 1, 2019  
Wednesday

My dear People of God,

Having celebrated the great Victory of the Lord over sin and death in this Easter Season, may the grace of our Lord be with you!

Our good God created man and woman in Genesis giving them authority in His Name over all of creation (Genesis 1:27). As sons and daughters of such a good Father, we must take this responsibility seriously.

With these treasures in mind and in a spirit of openness, I wish to present the accompanying financial statements of the Diocese of Lake Charles for your review.

An independent accounting firm conducted an audit of our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as determined by State and Federal Laws. If you would desire greater detail or have any questions, please feel free to contact our diocesan Office of Administration (337-439-7400) or visit the Diocesan website (www.lcdiocese.org).

Please note that in keeping with established practice, this financial statement does not include the financial reports of individual parishes within the Diocese. Each pastor is responsible for reporting publicly the financial statement of his parish in the parish bulletin.

I am deeply moved each year by your generosity. The Bishop's Services Appeal and the Return to the Lord Capital Campaign reflect the open-heartedness of the people of this Diocese. I am pleased that there is a monthly report in the *Catholic Calendar* concerning the five areas of the Capital Campaign so that you are better aware of the progress being made. I would like to thank in a particular way Father Whitney Miller and Deacon Brian Soileau for their leadership with Camp Karol. Its progress is substantial. It is still hoped that the Cathedral will be completed within the next two months. Newly restored, it will reflect the faith and hope of the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Catholic Charities continues to grow, and the investment for its future needs will be addressed under the leadership of Sister Miriam MacLean, RSM. Next month, with the Help of God, one man will be ordained to the priesthood and four men will be ordained as transitional deacons. These and many other signs are the reasons why we thank God each day.

With humble gratitude, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

✠ Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

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### Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 20,727,487	\$ 16,076,476
Investments	939,078	842,981
Accounts receivable, net	421,407	338,472
Grants receivable	72,500	72,500
Pledges receivable, net	8,533,214	12,791,798
Loan receivable	48,389	68,389
Cash value of life insurance policies	715,123	683,147
Prepaid insurance and other expenses	403,518	305,928
Property, equipment, and improvements, net	7,963,282	8,461,672
Investments pledged as collateral	100,000	100,000
Deposit in self-insurance pool	285,116	285,116
Beneficial interest in securities held in trust	1,930,980	1,934,358
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 42,140,094</b>	<b>\$ 41,960,837</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 540,073	\$ 531,154
National collections and other payables	142,374	270,941
Accrued insurance claims payable	276,014	201,273
Contributions and benefit payables	84,080	159,068
Due to parishes	1,561,933	1,471,982
Deferred revenue	15,438	8,507
Contingent liability	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,619,912</b>	<b>2,642,925</b>
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$ 5,647,491	5,917,252
Designated for specific purposes	11,962,627	10,101,946
Total unrestricted net assets	17,610,118	16,019,198
Temporarily restricted	20,447,151	21,695,953
Permanently restricted	1,462,913	1,602,761
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 39,520,182</b>	<b>39,317,912</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 42,140,094</b>	<b>\$ 41,960,837</b>

### Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2018 Totals
<b>Support and Revenue:</b>				
Parochial tithes	\$ 2,517,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,517,074
Diocesan assessments	6,739,550	270,396	-	7,009,946
Diocesan appeals	-	149,449	-	149,449
Contributions and bequests	121,209	1,662,052	-	1,783,261
Grants and subsidies	-	1,078,361	-	1,078,361
Investment income	205,505	30,613	74,147	310,265
Gain from disposal of property	154,167	-	-	154,167
Special program and other revenues	1,060,972	37,284	-	1,098,256
Transfer from permanent to temporary	-	107,402	(107,402)	-
Net assets released from restrictions	4,690,952	(4,584,359)	(106,593)	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 15,489,429</b>	<b>\$ (1,248,802)</b>	<b>\$ (139,848)</b>	<b>\$ 14,100,779</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
<b>Program expenses</b>				
Clergy life	1,188,761	-	-	1,188,761
Christian formation	2,096,054	-	-	2,096,054
Pastoral services	1,718,025	-	-	1,718,025
Health care and casualty insurance	5,508,028	-	-	5,508,028
<b>Supporting Services</b>				
General administration	1,085,646	-	-	1,085,646
Fund raising	2,301,995	-	-	2,301,995
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 13,898,509</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,898,509</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,590,920</b>	<b>\$ (1,248,802)</b>	<b>\$ (139,848)</b>	<b>\$ 202,270</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>16,019,198</b>	<b>21,695,953</b>	<b>1,602,761</b>	<b>39,317,912</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 17,610,118</b>	<b>\$ 20,447,151</b>	<b>\$ 1,462,913</b>	<b>\$ 39,520,182</b>

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Forty-Hours Devotion

LAKE CHARLES - The schedule of Forty-Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament during the remainder of month of May to promote vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles involves the Western Deanery.

The Devotion will take place Monday, May 20 through Friday, May 24 at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy.

The final sites are St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley and St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder, both Monday to Friday, May 27 to 31.

### Big Cash Giveaway for Abrazando Cristo

LAKE CHARLES - The *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Program's "Big Cash Giveaway Fundraiser" features a chance to win the top prize of \$5,000.

Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Only 750 tickets will be sold for the event at \$100 each. The drawing will be Sunday, June 16.

Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the missions in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico.

To purchase a ticket, mail your check, payable to *Abrazando Cristo* Mission Program to 617 West Claude Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605. A ticket stub will be mailed to you.

Call Felicia Borel at 337-477-1236 with questions.

### Mass on Radio Maria

ALEXANDRIA - The celebration of the Mass can be heard at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday on Radio Maria (91.1 FM) and on [www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us).

The previously mentioned website will provide you the location as well as by calling 1-888-408-0201.

### Pontifical Masses scheduled

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, August 1, Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Bishop is also scheduled to be the celebrant on Sunday, December 29, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, at 11:15 a.m.

### Catholic schools open August 9 and 12

LAKE CHARLES - The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles will begin the 2019-2020 school year with the return of students to classes on Friday, August 9, at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings and on Monday, August 12, at the six schools located in Calcasieu Parish.

This is according to calendars for the 2019-2020 school term

that were recently released by the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Schools in Calcasieu include St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff; and Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur.

Holidays during the school year - days the students are not in attendance - include Labor Day, Monday, September 2; Fair Day (Our Lady Immaculate) Friday, October 4; Veterans Day, (Calcasieu schools) Monday, November 11; Thanksgiving, Monday, November 25 to Friday, November 29; Christmas, Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday January 20; Mardi Gras, Friday February 21 through Tuesday, February 25; and Easter, Friday April 10 to Friday April 17.

In-service days for teachers and staff in Calcasieu schools include October 14 and March 16. Our Lady Immaculate will have service days on August 6-8, October 3, February 15, and February 26.