



# Catholic

## Twelve men studying, discerning priestly vocation

LAKE CHARLES – Twelve men, including four Transitional Deacons in their final year of Theological study on two continents continue in their formation and discernment for the priesthood of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Three seminarians have returned to Rome's Pontifical North American College for their final year – Deacon Andrew Derouen (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception), Deacon Joseph Caraway (St. Charls Borromeo, Fenton, and St. John the Evangelist, Lacassine), and Deacon Levi Joseph Thompson (St. Theodore, Moss LaSalette, – while the fourth, Deacon Samuel Bond (Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy), will return to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans after his summer assignment at the Cathedral and studies at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Chicago.

With God's grace, these four men will be ordained to the priesthood at the end of June 2020, the largest number of priests to be ordained at one time in the nearly 40 year history of the Diocese. This past June, they comprised the largest class of transitional deacons.

Next year, a single transitional deacon could be ordained – Michael Beverung (Our Lady Queen of Heaven). Beverung enters his third year of theology at Notre Dame Seminary.

Six other seminarians will be studying at Notre Dame, including Olin Chester (St. Joseph, Vinton), second year theology, and Josh Page (Our Lady of Prompt Succor), first year theology. Also at the New Orleans seminary are Garrett Broussard (Our Lady of Good Counsel) and Treville Belcher (Our Lady of Good Counsel), both in their second year of pre-theology studies. Beginning first year theology at Notre Dame will be Frank Wood, Jr (Our Lady Queen of Heaven), and Hunter LaRocca (Our Lady of Good Counsel), both newly accepted by Bishop Glen John Provost as seminarians.

The third man accepted by Bishop Provost for seminary studies this year is Philip Seilhan (Our Lady Help of Christians) beginning his first year of college studies at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, LA, near Covington.



Deacon Samuel Bond



Deacon Andrew Derouen



Deacon Joseph Caraway



Deacon Levi Thompson



Michael Beverung



Olin Scott Chester



Josh Page



Garrett Broussard



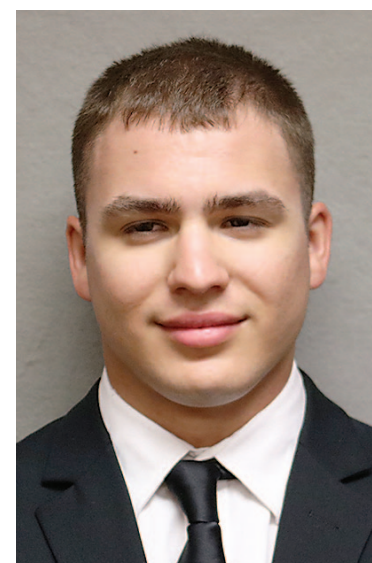
Treville Belcher



Frank Wood, Jr.



Hunter LaRocca



Philip Seilhan

## FEAST of All Saints

Friday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints – a Holy Day of Obligation. The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed November 1, reopening on Monday, November 4.



## Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2019 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 seaming 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, for 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

## SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 25, 2020



– for the Blessing and Dedication of The Lodge at Camp Karol with Bishop Glen John Provost presiding.

Moss Bluff, Louisiana

## November events at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – November events scheduled at Saint Charles Center include Eucharistic Miracles led by Deacon Brian Soileau with Fr. Whitney Miller on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please register by Wednesday, October 23, with a suggested donation is \$20 per person.

Women's Spiritual Exercises Retreat presented by the Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi will be Thursday, October 31 to Sunday, November 3. This silent retreat, based on the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will include prayerful elements of daily Mass, guided meditations, spiritual guidance, Confession, practical talks and Eucharistic Adoration, all in the supportive presence of fellow companions seeking deeper faith and holy union with God. For more information about this retreat please contact Shila Cowart at (337) 526-4032 or call (337) 855-1232.

Registration for most events, unless otherwise noted, can be achieved by calling 337-855-1232 or visiting stcharlescenter.com. Additional information on events is available at the website as well. In addition, advance reservations for events and activities are being accepted for the calendar of The Lodge at Camp Karol. To make a reservation, call (337) 855-1232 to discuss details and arrangements. Please ask to speak with Michelle Monceaux or Deacon Soileau.

St. Diane Depwe will present Emotional Blackmail/Emotional Sobriety on Tuesday, October 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring their bible and register by Friday, October 11. The suggested donation is \$20 per person.

The Fall Private Directed Retreat will be led by Msgr. Ronnie Groth, Fr. Miller, Deacon Soileau, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas from Monday, November 4 to Sunday, November 10.

A directed retreat is a form of silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal prayer of the individual.

There are no group activities or conferences other than the daily Eucharist and an individual daily meeting with the director. The retreatant spends about four hours in contemplative prayer each day of the retreat. The retreatant may choose to do three or five days. For this retreat, you must call the Center 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 for those in need of assistance.

The Introduction to the Directed Retreat will be led by the same team - Msgr. Groth, Fr. Miller, Deacon Soileau, Savoie and Villegas - from Thursday, November 7 to Sunday, November 10. This weekend introduction helps the retreatant learn the prayer technique and prepares the person for a longer retreat. For this retreat you must call the Center to register and cannot do so online at our website. Suggested donation is \$350.00 per person. Scholarship information is available upon request for those in need of assistance.

Do This in Remembrance of Me (The Importance of Anniversaries & Memories in Our Lives) will be presented by Fr. Miller, Deacon Soileau and staff on Monday, November 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come share your special memory about Saint Charles Center! An extra special festive meal will be served for this glorious occasion!

Held in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the founding of The Saint Charles Center Fr. Miller and Deacon Soileau with the staff will recount fond memories of the "Holy Ground" of Saint Charles Center, sharing memories together seeking to under-

stand their significance in our lives and their importance in our spiritual well-being. Please register by Friday, November 8. The suggested donation is \$35.00 per person.

Co-dependency According to Scripture presented by Sr. Diane Depwe will be Tuesday, November 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. Deadline for registration, with a suggested donation of \$20, is Friday, November 8.

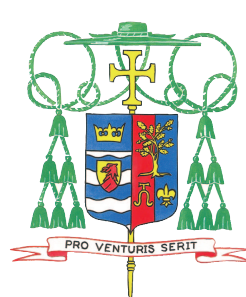
The Way We Were: A Trip Down Memory Lane of the Saint Charles Center with Fr. Miller, Fr. Don Piraro, Deacon George Stearns and Morris LeBleu will be held on Tuesday, November 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This Evening of Reflection will provide the opportunity to lovingly turn back the hands of time to 1995 and the early days of the formation and construction of the Saint Charles Center. Listen to eyewitness accounts of some of the founders and leaders of this Center, which has come to be known as the "spiritual heart" of our diocese and a "treasured jewel" for so many of our guests and retreatants. Deadline to register is Friday, November 15, and the suggested donation is \$35.00 per person.



Bishop Glen John Provost, right, accepted diocesan seminarian Josh Page, kneeling, to Candidacy for Holy Orders during Mass. The Admission to Candidacy offers those seeking ordination the opportunity to publicly express their intention to receive ordination as a Deacon and perhaps later as a Priest. The aspirant composes beforehand and then signs and dates before the start of the rite in the presence of the Bishop a declaration stating his conscious intention to serve others in the Spirit of Compassionate Presence as an ordained cleric and is making this intention freely on his own accord. The Bishop also signs and dates this declaration, attesting acknowledgement of receipt thereof in the name of the Church. Page has returned to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans for the first year of theological studies. Assisting Bishop Provost were Very Reverend Ruben Buller and Deacon Levi Thompson.

# Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

October 18, 2019

## As it happened...



Numerous events and activities have occurred in the past few months in the Diocese of Lake Charles. In early August, the Office of Vocations held its *Quo Vadis* Days Vocation Camp at Sam Houston Jones State Park. The free-to-participants event was open to men of freshman high school age to 25 years. Current diocesan seminarians also took part. In photo 1, Father Jeffrey Starkovich gives his homily to the young men attending. Just a few days later seminarians took on a team of diocesan priests in the Bishop's Wiffle Ball Classic, sponsored by the Lake Charles Serra Club and held at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center. Photo 2 shows Monsignor Daniel Torres lashing out a hit to center field during the early innings of the game, which was won by the seminarians. The Serra Club gave \$2000 to the Seminarian Education and the Priest Retirement Fund received \$1,000 for its second place finish. Father Charles McMillin, pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings, blesses a classroom at Our Lady's School in Jennings, in photo 3, on the first day of classes of the year.



Photo 4 shows parents and students entering the Immaculate Conception Cathedral School on opening day, Monday August 12. A total of 2,482 students attended first day classes in the seven schools of the diocese. Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church celebrated its patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a Eucharistic Procession. In photo 5, Monsignor Torres, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, carries the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament as the procession leaves the church. The Church gave the Blessed Mother the title of Queen of Heaven, and Pope Pius XII established the feast of Queenship of Mary. Several priests were named as pastors by Bishop Glen John Provost. In photo 6, Reverend D.B. Thompson, the pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole, with his hand resting on Sacred Scripture, pronounced the Oath of Fidelity.



Another priest installed by Bishop Provost, Reverend Gali Pradeep, HGN, as the pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Welsh, as seen in photo 7. Here, Father Pradeep leads his congregation in the Profession of Faith. Each year at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Provost at St. Henry Catholic Church, the Monsignor Cramers Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus coordinates a celebration honoring priests, deacons, and religious celebrating special anniversaries in their lives of ministry. Photo 8 shows those priests and religious with anniversaries of 25, 40, 50, and 60 years being celebrated during 2019. Religious and priests honored include Sister Mary Leonie T. Iweh, D.M.M.M., 50 years; Sister Mary Anayochukwu, D.M.M.M., 40 years; Sister Monica O. Okeke, D.M.M.M., 40 years; Sister Chiebuka M. Mbaronye, D.M.M.M., 25 years; Sister Chimaobi Salome Osuji, D.M.M.M., 25 years; Reverend Jude Brunnert, MS; 55 years; and Reverend John Poerio. Photo 9 shows Bishop Provost speaking to those assembled for the annual Veritas Conference, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and held at St. Louis Catholic High School.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Proclaim Week 2019 on McNeese campus

LAKE CHARLES -- Cowboy Catholics will host Proclaim Week 2019 on Monday through Friday, October 21-25, on the McNeese campus.

This 24 hour event, spanning five days, will have students, parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, people of the Diocese of Lake Charles and other community members proclaiming the scriptures as a witness to God's love and plan for salvation for His people. Beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday it will conclude at noon on Friday. Mass will be celebrated at 12:20 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

This event brings together hundreds of people of various faith backgrounds seeking to hear God's voice in daily life. "College students walking in and out of a college campus have a lot of stuff in their ears. There's a lot of stuff they are listening to besides the Word of God," explains the Rev. Nathan Long, pastor of the McNeese Catholic Student Center.

Space will be provided for those who would like to follow along with the readings. Listeners can park at any of the "visitor parking" on campus or in the Catholic Student Center parking lot and walk to the Quad on campus.

Visit [cowboycatholics.com](http://cowboycatholics.com) and click on the Bible for more information about signing up to read and directions to the stage.

### Sapphire and Ice Gala October 25

LAKE CHARLES - The 2019 Sapphire and Ice Gala, sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court #168, will be Friday, October 25, at Reeves Uptown Catering, 1639 Ryan Street.

A 6:30 p.m. social begins the evening followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, required for admission, are \$50 per person and formal attire is requested. For tickets, call 337-436-7223.

### St John the Evangelist Church Bazaar

LACASSINE -- The St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Bazaar is set for Saturday, October 26, at the Lacassine Community Center beginning following the 4 p.m. Anticipated Mass.

There will be gumbo and bingo on Saturday. The bazaar continues Sunday, October 27, at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - pick up or dine in at the Community Center. The live auction begins at noon.

For dinner, bingo and raffle tickets call Terry Myers at 337-405-9422 or the St. John office at 337-588-4606. There will be a table set up to make donations for the upkeep of the Lacassine Cemetery.

### Popcorn Ball Sale October 31-November 1

LAKE CHARLES -- The St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society will host a popcorn ball sale on Thursday and Friday, October 31 and November 1, from 9 a.m. until sold out each day

in the St. Henry Community Center located behind the church. Popcorn balls, for \$3 each, can be pre-ordered until Friday, October 25, and are only guaranteed when pre-ordered. Call 337-912-2185 or 337-436-7223 to order.

### Knights of Columbus Barbecue Dinners

LAKE CHARLES -- Knights of Columbus Council 5022 of St. Henry Catholic Church will be selling barbecue dinners - choice of half chicken or pork steak or ribs for \$10 each, on Saturday, November 2, from 8:30 a.m. until sold out in the St. Henry Community Center.

Dinners, which come with rice dressing pork 'n beans, and potato salad, can be pre-ordered by calling 337-499-9226, 337-912-2185 or 337-436-7223.

### November luncheon, breakfast with the Bishop

LAKE CHARLES - The next dates for the Ladies luncheon and Men's breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost will be November 6 and November 8, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

The cost for the luncheon 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.

Prior to the 7 a.m. breakfast, Bishop Provost will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral beginning at 6:30 a.m. The breakfast and luncheon will not be held in December and January, recommencing in February.

### "Come and See" Discernment Retreat

LAKE CHARLES - The Office of Vocations invites young men to a "Come and See" discernment retreat at St. Joseph Seminary College, located near Covington, on November 8-10.

"It will be a chance to join with other men from across our region to spend the weekend together, meeting the seminary community, experience Liturgy in the beautiful Abbey Church with the monastic community, and learn about priestly formation," said Father Jeffrey Starkovich.

"This weekend will be a perfect opportunity for Catholic young men, age 16 and older, who have wondered about the priesthood to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for them," Starkovich continued.

The Diocese of Lake Charles will provide transportation to and from the weekend and there is no cost to attend.

Contact Father Starkovich at 337-725-3719 for more information or go to the Vocations website to register.

### St. Paul Fall Bazaar November 9-10

ELTON -The 2019 Fall Bazaar of St. Paul Catholic Church

has been set for Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10, beginning at 10 a.m. with a tractor pull behind the church and a cake-off at 11 a.m. in Frantzen Hall.

After Saturday's 5 p.m. Anticipated Mass, attendees will find a country store, burgers and fries, a sweet shoppe, etouffee, bingo, and gumbo.

The festivities continue on Sunday, following the 10 a.m. Mass, with burgers and fries, country dinner, live and silent auctions, the country store, sweet shoppe children's rides and games, and bingo.

### Cathedral Gala November 16

LAKE CHARLES -- The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will celebrate its Sesquicentennial of 150 years of Tradition, Faith and Community on Saturday, November 16, with a Gala evening in the Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank, located on the northwest corner of Ryan and Pujo streets.

Dress will be cocktail attire with doors opening at 6 p.m. for cocktails and appetizers along with entertainment by the St. Louis Catholic High School Show choir. Welcome, opening prayer and introductions will follow at 6:45 p.m.

Dinner and dessert will be served at 7 p.m. and entertainment will be magician Aaron Baca. Comedian Jonathan Perry will perform at 7:45 p.m. with music by Nichole Lanthier at 8:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a closing prayer at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 337-436-7251 or securely online through the Cathedral website. Please note in the comment section, "Gala Tickets."

### Latin Mass Conference December 6-8

LAKE CHARLES -- *Gratia et Veritas*, the Third Annual Louisiana Traditional Latin Mass Conference & Festival will take place from Friday, December 6, through Sunday, December 8, at three churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

On Friday, celebration of the Holy Mass will take place at 6 p.m. in St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, located in Carlyss. Following the liturgy, at 7 p.m., there will be an Introductory Reception.

On Saturday, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur followed by a meal at 12:05 p.m. and the start of the Conference at 1 p.m. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:05 p.m.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be the site of the conclusion of the weekend with Holy Mass celebrated at 5 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. with a Marian Procession through the streets of downtown Lake Charles. A reception will take place in the Cathedral's Ave Maria Hall at 7:15 p.m.

A list of speakers will be forthcoming, according to organizers. For more information, contact Richard Broussard or the offices of any of the three churches.