



## Catholic schools to open for 2010-2011 year

LAKE CHARLES – The “long hot summer” may not be over quite yet but Catholic school students will soon be heading back to their classrooms to begin another academic year. One of the eight Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles will open on August 11 while the remaining seven open their doors to students on August 17, according to Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

The opening of Our Lady Immaculate in Jennings coincides with the opening of the public schools in Jefferson Davis Parish on August 11 while Catholic schools in Calcasieu Parish open on August 17, the first day of classes for public schools as well. For Catholic school students, the first day only lasts until a noon dismissal with the initial full day of classes begins on the following morning.

The eight schools in the Diocese include St. Louis Catholic High School, Im-

maculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel 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; Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur; and Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

Mrs. Gazzolo, who begins her second year as superintendent, looks for similar numbers of Catholic students enrolled this year. “Our projected enrollment figures appear stable and we have several schools with waiting lists in various grades,” she said. “Our Pre-K enrollment was very strong.”

At the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year enrollment was 2,739 students, a slight increase over the previous year.

St. Louis and Our Lady's School will each have new principals, both having careers in the public system.

Ted Nixon will take over the principal position at St. Louis while Trevor Donnelly will lead Our Lady's School. Mr. Nixon has been a teacher and coach, most recently at Barbe High School, while Mr. Donnelly was a teacher in Calcasieu Parish's Gifted Student Program.

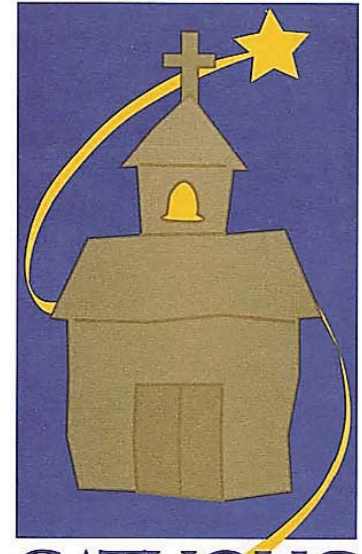
None of the Catholic schools had major building or remodeling projects completed during the summer although two of them – Our Lady Queen of Heaven and the Cathedral School – are moving forward at various stages of building plans – a new pre-k building for the former and new classrooms for the latter.

“It has been a very busy summer for the schools,” Mrs. Gazzolo said. “They all had the normal summer sprucing up as well as the installation of upgrades in various technologies.”

The Office of Catholic Schools has a new mission statement for the coming year, according to the Super-

intendent – “Achieving Academic Excellence Through Leadership, Unity and Service”.

“We are continuing toward our goal of having 100



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percent of the teachers certified,” Mrs. Gazzolo said. “Last year we received a teacher quality grant that helped to reimburse teachers who took classes working toward certification and look forward to receiving additional funds this year. Being able to help like this encourages teachers who otherwise might not find it economically feasible to go to school to do so.”

Turnover in teaching positions is an annual occurrence, although this year only 20 to 24 new teachers were scheduled for the inservice on August 5. “We had a lot more applications than we had openings,” she said. “I was really pleased to see that educators are seeing the benefits of working for Catholic schools.”

“It is important for the public to understand that we hold our teachers to the same standards as Calcasieu or Jefferson Davis Parish schools,” Mrs. Gazzolo continued. “We expect our

teachers to be accountable and to continue their professional development. We hold our students to high standards and our teachers cannot help the students excel unless they are working to achieve themselves.”

The superintendent will continue her visits to each of the schools during this new term. “The community needs to see the connection between the diocese and the Office of Catholic Schools,” she said. “Especially since the schools are parish-based rather than diocesan-owned. It is important to be in the schools so that I can find out what they may need and try to assist them. We are working in collaboration with each other. If one school is struggling with an issue and another has figured it out, then we are able to place those schools in a mentor relationship.”



From left, Mrs. Willa Golden, Nomica Guillory and Eligha Guillory were three of the 130 guests helping to raise money for the Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School at the recent evening of Jazz and great food at the Harlequin Restaurant.

## SH/Saint Katharine Drexel Jazz fundraiser successful

LAKE CHARLES – A capacity crowd of supporters of Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School enjoyed an early evening of Jazz and great food at the Harlequin Steak and Seafood Restaurant recently to help raise funds for the more than century old school.

Ms. Catherine Riggins, the parent of a 2010 Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel graduate, along with Nic Hunter, owner of the restaurant worked together on the project which sold out its complement of 130 tickets and, along with a silent auction, brought in about \$3,000, according to Mrs. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Daigle and their son, Jarius, provided the entertainment.

Seven local citizens, served as celebrity waiters, including Randy Roach, Mayor of Lake Charles and Mrs. Kimberlee Gazzolo,

Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The group, which also included Stitch Guillory, chief deputy for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's office, local businessman Willie King, Calcasieu Parish Police Jurors Kevin Guidry and Claude Syas and A.B. Franklin, District 34 State Representative.

The waitstaff also generously donated their tips for the evening, \$430, to the worthy cause.

Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School opened its doors in 1908 with a class of 18 students in Greens Hall on Enterprise Boulevard under the tutelage of Miss Eleanor Figaro.

Registration for the 2010-2011 term at the school is currently underway. For information, go by the school at 1100 Mill Street or call 337-436-3588.



The large crowd at the fund raiser included many former students as well as supporters of the more than 100 year old Catholic school.

## Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe this weekend

LAKE CHARLES – Monies received from the 2008 Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe provided assistance to 335 programs in 23 countries, including three in Asia. This weekend this year's Collection – Great needs remain, Give Faith to the Future - will be conducted in all of the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The Collection supports essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The Collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support, such as shelter-homes for the chil-

dren of Kapshagai, a small village in Kazakhstan. The Church provides these children with shelter, food, clothing, vocational training, companionship, and love on behalf of their family members in the hope that they can resume care. What started as one building housing 20 children in 2001 has become 10 buildings today, where children and young people, including university students, receive housing and counseling.

The great needs of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe were recognized more than two decades ago with the fall of communism, and they still remain. In most parts of the region, the

Church cannot yet support its own renewal and growth. You can give faith to a new generation through scholarships for ministry formation, social programs, and essential pastoral projects.

In 2008, the most recent figures show that of the \$7,382,612 of the funds used in the support of the programs, 95.8 percent were used for grants.

Bishop Glen John Provost urges everyone to generously give to this important ministry and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the globe in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control - where great needs remain.



Calcasieu Parish Police Juror Claude Syas, center, provides assistance to two of the diners, Harold Nixon, left, and Sheryl Nixon, right during the fundraising dinner.

## Seminary burses continue to grow; establish one today

LAKE CHARLES -- The seminary burses of the Diocese of Lake Charles continue to increase, with a total amount invested to aid in the education and formation of men studying for the priesthood to more than \$1.1 million.

The establishment of new burses is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a family member, a beloved priest or religious, or a Catholic organization such as a Knights of Columbus Council, Catholic Daughters Court, or Serra Club.

For instance burses have been established for Bishop Jude Speyrer, the East Deanery Serra Club, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Daugh-

ters of the Americas and laity such as Lorraine Yelverton and Truman Stacey.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education of seminarians. The principal of the fund is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for education expenses of those men studying for the priesthood. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a “gift that will give forever.” Donations made to any seminary burse will continue to support the education of seminarians in perpetuity.

Seminary burses can be established with any amount of money and gifts may be

added to current burses. Burses may be established using immediate gifts or can also be funded through a person's will or from life insurance proceeds.

A listing of seminary burses may be found on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles – lcdioocese.org – and clicking on “Diocesan Seminary Burses” under latest news.

For more information about making a contribution to create a special burse of your own choosing or adding to an existing burse, contact Bishop Glen John Provost or Very Rev. Daniel Torres, V.G., at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220, or email to daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org.

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## Twenty-four priests, deacons and sisters to celebrate anniversaries

LAKE CHARLES -- The Knights of Columbus and the faith community St. Henry Catholic Church will host a special liturgy to honor the priests, deacons, and religious sisters serving in the Diocese of Lake Charles who are celebrating significant anniversary years in 2010. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant and homilist at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 7 in St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue.

Bishop Provost is also an honoree having celebrated the 35th anniversary of his priestly ordination on June 29.

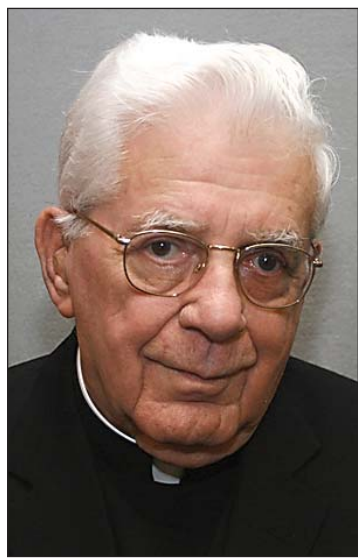
The 24 honorees include Msgr. Joseph Bourque who is celebrating the 55th anniversary of priestly ordination. Father Joseph Gosselin, M.S. and Msgr. James Gaddy will also be honored for their 45 years of service to the Church.

Six deacons celebrating 30 years are Deacon Gordon Broussard, Deacon John Eaves, Deacon Dan Landry, Deacon George Stearns, and Deacon Mickey White while Deacon Edward Lavine celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Sister Maura Theriot, CCVI, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of her vows as a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Collectively the group has given 625 years of ordained or vowed service to God and his Church.

Dates of ordination or profession of vows for honorees are Monsignor Bourque, 06/04/55; Father



Msgr. Joseph Bourque



Msgr. James Gaddy

Gosselin, 12/11/65; Monsignor Gaddy, 12/18/65; Father Henry Mancuso, 03/07/75; Bishop Provost, 06/29/75; and Rev. Archimandrite Herbert May, 11/14/75.

Others are Reverend Whitney Miller, 06/06/80; Reverend Joe McGrath, 05/25/85; Reverend Wayne LeBleu, 06/03/95; Reverend Celsius Offor, 08/26/95; Reverend Andreas Kedati, S.V.D., 10/08/00; and Reverend Rommel Tolentino, 05/14/05.

Honored for their service in the Permanent Diaconate are Deacon Gordon Broussard, 06/08/80; Deacon John Eaves, 08/09/80; Deacon Dan Landry, 09/08/80; Deacon George Stearns, 06/08/80; Deacon Milton White, 06/08/80; Deacon Edward Lavine, 8/10/85; Deacon Richard Hinchee, 06/09/00; and Reverend Deacon Glenn Viau, 06/09/00.

Religious sisters are Sis-



Rev. Joseph Gosselin, M.S.

ter Maura Theriot, C.C.V.I., 06/02/70; Sister Shirley Gobert, S.E.C., 08/26/95; Sister Mary Divina Eke, D.M.M.M., 08/26/00; and Sister Mary Roseline Okafor, D.M.M.M., 08/26/00.



Bookkeepers from the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles listen intently to Bishop Glen John Provost at the opening of the annual meeting sponsored by the Fiscal Office of the Diocese held at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center. The Bishop spoke of his experiences as a pastor, praised the bookkeepers for the good work they do for their parishes, and answered questions of the group.

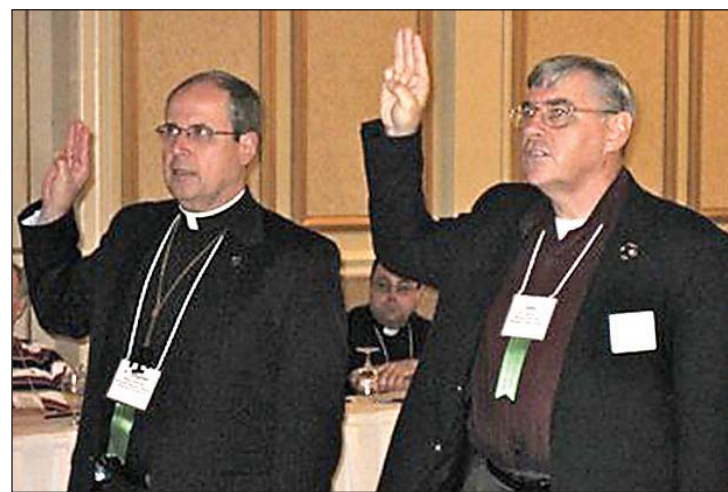
## Halloran now chair of National Catholic Committee on Scouting

RICHMOND, Va. - Retired U.S. Army Col. John J. Halloran, Jr. was recently elected Chair of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and sworn in for a three-year term at the conclusion of the 2010 Biennial Meeting.

Col. Halloran has lived in Moss Bluff and been a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church since 1987.

The purpose of the NCCS is to utilize and ensure the constructive use of the program of the Boy Scouts of America as a viable form of youth ministry with the Catholic Youth of our nation. NCCS has oversight of over 291,000 Catholic Scouts and Scouters and over 9,200 Catholic sponsored units.

Halloran began with Scouting in 1967 and became affiliated with Catholic Scouting in 1971. He has held key positions in NCCS including Regional Chair, National Finance Vice-Chair and National Chair-Elect. His awards include the Ad Altare Dei (youth religious award), Eagle, with five palms, Bronze Pelican Award, St. George Award, Golden Ad Altare Dei Award, Spes Mundi Award, Silver St. George Award, Distin-



Col. John Halloran of the Diocese of Lake Charles, right, National Catholic Committee on Scouting National Chair takes the oath of office along with National Chaplain Rev. Stephen B. Salvador, left, of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., during the group's meeting in Richmond, Va.

guished Eagle and the Silver Antelope.

Col. Halloran is a Knight of Magistral Grace in the Order of Malta, a Knight in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Merit in the Order of St. George and a Knight of Grace in the Order of St. Lazarus. He is active in KC Council #3622, Msgr. Cramer's Assembly #320 and LA District as Veterans Affairs Volunteer Coordinator

and Diocesan Coordinator; KPC Council #168 and Fr. Hannigan's Assembly #6; Serra Club of Lake Charles as its President; and Associate Member of Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames. He is also active in VFW Post 9933, American Legion Post 1, Calcasieu Area Council Boy Scouts of America and the Mayor's Armed Forces Commission.



Mrs. Irene McGee, Resource Consultant at Crossroads Bookstore, 601 W. Prien Lake Road, reads to the children and parents at the store's Story Time 2010 opening event on June 30. The bookstore offers the story time each Tuesday, for children ages pre-school to third grade through the end of July.

### Did you know...

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, the second oldest in the Diocese of Lake Charles established in 1890, and Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Sulphur, the first parish established west of the Calcasieu River in 1919, have each had 24 pastors in their long histo-

ries. Father John Engberink was the founding pastor of Sacred Heart and its current shepherd is Father Tim Goodly while Father Joseph LeBerre was the first priest at Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Father Joseph Gosselin, M.S. continues a long line of Mis-

sionaries of LaSalette priests leading the parish. Two priests residing in the Diocese of Lake Charles will celebrate their Golden Jubilees of priestly ordination in 2011 while two others will have 40-year anniversaries. Do you know which priests? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Seafarers Center seeks ship visitor/driver

LAKE CHARLES - The Seafarers Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles, located at the Port of Lake Charles, is seeking applicants for a ship visitor/driver, according to Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director.

The fulltime, 35 hours per week, job includes benefits. The successful applicant must have a good driving record, pass a background check, work evenings, and be physically fit to climb up and down gangways and ladders.

Contact Deacon Lapoint at 337-436-1315 for more information or e-mail him at stella.maris@lcdioocese.org.

### Holy Cross College class schedule announced

LAKE CHARLES - Holy Cross College course offerings for Fall 2010 as well as Spring and Summer 2011 have been announced by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Full courses include Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church I, Sacraments and Sacramentality, and Church History II. Deadline for registration and payment of fees for Fall courses is Tuesday, Sept. 14.

In the Spring, courses will be Collegial Ministry in a Collegial Church, Nature and History of Spirituality, and A Survey of Hebrew Scriptures. Summer 2011 courses scheduled are Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church II, A Survey of Catholic Morality, and Catholic Moral Teaching on Peace and Justice.

Instructors for the nine courses include Barbara Guillory, Rev. Anthony Fontenot, Sandy Gay, Rev. Don Piraro, Trish Trejo, and Deacon Glenn Viau.

For more information contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or go to lcdioocese.org - Holy Cross College Schedule - to print out a brochure.

### Diocesan Altar Society luncheon slated

LAKE CHARLES - The annual Diocesan Altar Society Luncheon for members of Altar Societies of all of the 38 parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be held on Tuesday, August 31 in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

### Lay Carmelite Regional Conference Aug. 14

LAFAYETTE - The annual Southwest Regional Lay Carmelite Conference will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church.

Rose Holland, T.O. Carm., of St. Therese of the Little Flower Community in Lake Charles will be the guest speaker.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with Mass at 8 a.m., and the program starting at 9:15 a.m., preceded by a light breakfast.

Pre-registration is available through local Lay Carmelite communities for \$15 or by check for \$15 to Carmel Southwest Region, 1113 Coulee Kinney Rd. Abbeville, LA 70510. On-site registration will be \$18.

Call Cindy Gates at 337-783-8872 or Laura Gaspard 337-893-2381 for more information.

### Breakfast, luncheon dates announced

LAKE CHARLES - Dates for the next series of teachings by Bishop Glen John Provost at the Men's First Friday Prayer Breakfasts and the Women's Luncheons have been set.

Bishop Provost's topic for the coming year will be "The Gospel of Saint John." *The Navarre Bible Commentary on the Gospel of Saint John*, which is available at Crossroads Bookstore, will be helpful during the presentations.

The Men's Prayer Breakfasts are scheduled on September 10, October 1, November 5, December 10, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6. The Women's Luncheons will be in the Lake Charles Civic Center on September 14, October 12, November 2, December 7, January 11, February 8, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

To register for the September events, men should call 337-439-7400 while women should send a check for \$10 to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

### St. Joan of Arc Bazaar Sept. 5

OBERLIN - The 22nd Annual Bazaar of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church.

The Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo and Sweet Shop open at 9 a.m., with live music starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m.

Barbecue chicken and pork lunches to go will be available from 9:20 a.m. until 1 p.m. with dining in starting at 11 a.m. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m.

Admission is free to this family-oriented, alcohol-free festival.

For more information on events call 3378-639-4399.

### Called 2B Catholic Youth Fest slated

LAKE CHARLES -- The Fourth Annual Called 2B Catholic Youth Fest, with this year's theme "Rejoice in the One," will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street, followed by a Eucharistic procession from the school to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Mass, celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Entertainers and speakers scheduled to appear include Steve Angrisano, Josh Blakesley, Cooper Ray, Ayleron, Christina Theriot, Nichole Lanthier, Katie Prejean, Chip Gauthier, Miranda Tilley, and others.

The Main Stage will feature musicians and speakers throughout the day along with an Adoration Chapel, and coffee shop.

New this year will be two rounds of breakout sessions scheduled at various times during the day. Food concessions and other vendors will all be part of the event.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the Diocese of Lake Charles, 411 Iris Street, and in various parishes around the diocese. To place orders for tickets or for additional information, call Caroline at the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 337-439-7400, Ext. 301.

An "early bird" special package is also available, according to Melissa Thibodeaux, Director of the Office. This special offer, on sale until Friday, Sept. 3, gets the purchaser an event ticket, an event t-shirt and one food ticket for only \$20.

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