



Two will be ordained to priesthood on June 11

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will ordain two men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles at a 10 a.m. Liturgy on Saturday, June 11. Deacons John Huckaby and Jeffrey Starkovich will be ordained in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, located at the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets in downtown Lake Charles.

Huckaby will celebrate his first Mass at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on Louisiana Avenue while Starkovich will be the celebrant of his first Mass on Sunday, June 12, at 5 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, located on the Gulf Highway in South Lake Charles.

The assignments awaiting the new priests are to be announced before the close of the Mass of ordination. The son of Paul and Martha Starkovich, Deacon Starkovich was born in 1985, the third of four children and the only boy. He attended Catholic school as a child, first at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School and then St. Louis Catholic High School, graduating in 2003. After a year at McNeese

State University, Deacon Starkovich applied to be a seminarian of the Diocese and was accepted. He began his studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Covington in 2004 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 2007. He completed his studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the *Angelicum*) earning a Bachelors Degree in Sacred Theology and a Masters Degree in Theology.

He and Deacon Huckaby were ordained to the Diaconate on Sept. 9, 2010 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

Deacon Huckaby, a native of Eunice, was born in 1966 to John and Dorothy Huckaby and graduated from St. Edmund Catholic High School in Eunice in 1984. He attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 and began a course of graduate study at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree.

He worked in the area of non-profit management and fundraising from 1991 to 2004 in Houston and studied with the Franciscan Friars of New Mexico before his acceptance by the Diocese of Lake Charles as a seminari-

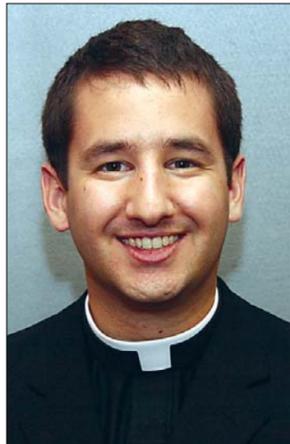


Deacon John Huckaby

an in 2009, transferring from the Oblate School of Theology to Notre Dame in New Orleans. He earned a Masters of Divinity Degree from Notre Dame.

Each man expressed thoughts on the upcoming ordination.

In looking forward to June 11, Deacon Starkovich said, "I find that my feelings can be summed up in two words: joy and humility. My heart is overflowing with joy and excitement as I think of the adventure that lies before me. Knowing that I am devoting my life to the works of God brings a feeling of joy and



Deacon Jeffrey Starkovich

excitement that is truly 'out of this world.' At the same time, I am humbled to think that Jesus Christ has chosen me by name to carry out His work in the world and in the Church."

Deacon Huckaby had similar thoughts, when he said, "I am grateful first to our loving God who called me to the priesthood and for the many who have helped me to discern a response to that call. I am grateful for our Bishop and Vocation Director, and for the people of the Diocese who have supported and nurtured my vocation, and to our Serrans and all of our benefactors who contribute so generously to our formation and education."

As to the day itself, Deacon Huckaby pointed out, "The sacrament of Holy Orders confers an indelible spiritual character, a seal that conforms the priest to Christ in a unique and eternal way. This sacrament gives grace that enables the priest to act in the person of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest who is Head of his Body the Church. It is a profound mystery that I approach with deep humility, calling upon the Holy Spirit to send forth graces to strengthen me for priestly

service."

Deacon Starkovich's journey is a self-described long road. "In getting to this day, I know I have traveled a long road, literally!," he said. "I first felt that call to priesthood at the age of five, and my heart has been set on this destination ever since. Throughout elementary school, middle school, high school, and college, I continuously heard the gentle voice of God calling me to serve Him. In each major event of my life, God gave me signs pointing me in this direction.

"And, in each day, I felt his love in my heart drawing me deeper and deeper into a relationship with Him," Starkovich continued. "After finishing my studies at St. Joseph's Seminary College, the bishop asked me to travel to the heart of Church and Western civilization in Rome. There, for four years, I experienced the universality of the Church and the mission of priesthood in clear and tangible ways. I left behind everything - culture, language, family, friends, and possessions - to follow the road to the priesthood that Christ had set before me. And, the journey has been worth it - absolutely worth it."

Both men are eagerly looking forward to the next step in their vocation journey.

"The priest shares in the three-fold office of Jesus as Shepherd, Teacher, and Priest in a specific way," Huckaby said. "In commu-

nion with his Bishop, he guides the faithful entrusted to his care, teaches the Word, and makes present the Eucharistic sacrifice, offering it on behalf of all the people. By administering the sacraments, he serves the universal priesthood of the faithful first by bringing members of the Body of Christ to new life in baptism.

"He offers Christ's compassion and healing through sacramental Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick," Deacon Huckaby continued. "He is privileged to be present at significant moments of life such as in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and at funerals. His presence reminds us of the life and the hope to which we are called in Jesus. This is a privilege and a sacred trust."

Deacon Starkovich said, "In my life as a priest, I look forward to knowing that each day of my life is dedicated to doing the will of our Father in heaven. Specifically, I look forward to sharing the love and mercy of God in the gifts of the Sacraments. Knowing that I will be ministering to people in all the major events of their lives, from birth to death and everything in between, is one of the great attractions of the priesthood. But, above all else, I look forward to living my life as a sacrifice offered to God."

A reception for the newly ordained priests will follow in St. Louis Catholic High School, located at 1620 Bank Street.

Holy Family teacher to attend eco-conference

MOSS BLUFF – Laura Williams, a first-year teacher at St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School, will take part in the Key Issues Institute, a national teacher professional development training held July 11-15 in Silverthorne, Colo. The program provides middle level educators with the process, skills, and confidence to investigate current environmental issues with their students using The Keystone Center's non-biased framework.

According to the Keystone Center, the Institute seeks to solve society's most challenging environmental, energy, and public health problems. It brings together today's public, private and civic sector leaders to confront these issues and arm the next generation with the 21st Century intellectual and social skills required to effectively approach the questions they will face.

Williams, a 2009 cum laude graduate of McNeese State University, teaches science and Latin at Holy Family. Her participation in the Institute is made possible through a scholarship from W.R. Grace & Co. She is one of six teachers nationwide sponsored by Grace and the only one from Louisiana.



Laura and Jack Williams

Jennifer Bellon, principal at Holy Family, has been very impressed with Williams. "She is a very determined person," Bellon said. "She provides hands-on experiences for the students to reinforce what the children are hearing in the classroom and from their textbooks."

Williams said she was excited to be accepted. "We will be doing a lot of things outdoors," she said. "It is an eco-friendly conference and we will experience the Colorado eco-system. I hope to bring back more creative ways to help the students use our campus."

"We have such an eco-friendly campus here at Holy Family, with many trees and

various wildlife," she continued. "I want to be able to teach the children how to preserve what we have and give them an idea of how our environment can change."

When she returns from the summer experience, Williams hopes to have learned how to be more resourceful. "Not just environmentally but as a teacher also," she said. "Teaching is important and not just in a classroom. I want the students to go outside and know what they are learning will help them later in life - make it all more relatable to their future."

While she is not sure what she will face in Colorado, she does know that she will have to bring a lesson to present to her group. "They told me to bring enough handouts for 40 people."

Holy Family's garden was recently judged by Team Green of Southwest Louisiana Clean Campus Contest. "We've been invited to the Lake Charles City Council meeting where this year's winners will be announced," Williams said. Last year the school was awarded second place in the judging. "We have been recycling paper and next year will expand to aluminum and plastic."

Glad Tidings, the Sunday television program of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will not be aired on June 5 due to live coverage of the French Open. The show can be seen at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/resources/glad-tidings.html-lcdioocese.org> beginning at 6 a.m.



Rev. Rommel Tolentino, chaplain of the Seafarers Center at the Port of Lake Charles, blesses one of the boats taking part in National Maritime Day on Sunday, May 22. Assisting Father Tolentino is Deacon Patrick Lapoint, director of the Seafarers Center. National Maritime Day is celebrated every year on May 22 to honor the work of seafarers and to remember the ultimate sacrifice given by members of the Merchant Marine in service on the seas.



Bishop Glen John Provost, center, accepts a check in the amount of \$10,000 from representatives of the Serra Club of Lake Charles. The funds will assist with renovations at Vianney House, the Diocesan house of discernment opening this fall at the corner of Bank and Ninth streets in Lake Charles. Pictured at the presentation are, from left, Dolores Beaco, membership vice president; Dr. Richmond Corley, treasurer; John Halloran, president; Bishop Provost; Father Nathan Long, who will serve as prefect of Vianney House; Marie Davidson, external programs co-vice president; and Mandy Robichaux, external programs co-vice president. Anyone interested in helping with the cost of renovations to the residence should contact Msgr. Daniel Torres, Director of Vocations, 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 or by e-mail daniel.torres@lcdioocese.org. For more information on Vianney House go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/823-vianney-house-will-open-in-fall.html>.

Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch, Saturday June 25

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/856-catholic-charities-jazz-brunch-june-25.html>.)

LAKE CHARLES – The 2011 Catholic Charities Jazz Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at Treasures of Marilyn. Dr. Carolyn Woo, Dean of the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame will be the guest speaker.

The 3Js and Les Amies will provide the musical interlude while Bishop Glen John Provost will give a special piano performance.

Tickets are \$100 each and are available at the Catholic Charities office, 1225 Second Street, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Crossroads Bookstore. All proceeds will assist Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana in its mission to provide assistance to those in need.

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2011 Bishop's Services Appeal Progress Report

As of May 28, 2011
\$532,520.14
88.75% of Goal

Seek the Lord

"Glory in His Holy Name; Rejoice O Hearts That Seek the Lord!"
 Psalm 105:3



St. Louis Catholic High School graduates 147

(Read more at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/862-st-louis-catholic-graduates-147.html> and <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/863-st-louis-catholic-senior-awards.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Catherine Delahoussaye and Kevin Hardy were the 2011 winners of the St. Louis Award, the highest honor given to a St. Louis Catholic High School graduate, at recent commencement ceremonies during which 147 students received diplomas.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the main speaker at the event and presented the St. Louis Awards to the winners. The St. Louis Award goes to a male and female senior student voted as the outstanding Christian student at the school by their peers and approved by members of the faculty.

The awards, made possible by the Lake Charles Serra Club of Lake Charles, are presented to students who

have shown the following characteristics: Love of God and Neighbor, Strong Moral Character, Desire to Serve Community, Courage to Stand up for Christian Principles, a Daily Christian Lifestyle, and Proper Use of God-Given gifts.

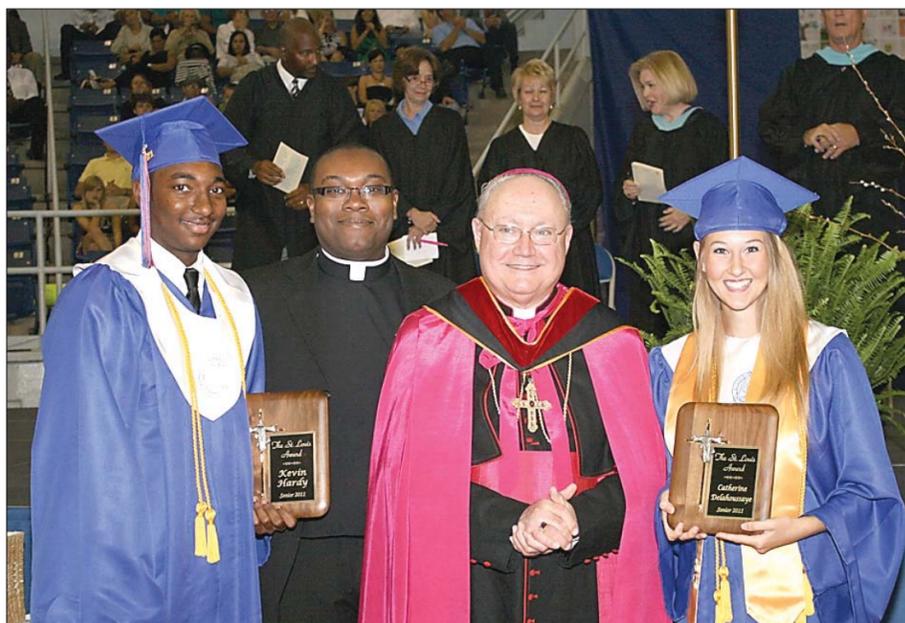
In his address to the graduates and their families and friends, Bishop Provost said, "As we have learned, the 2011 graduating class of St. Louis Catholic High School has many achievements. This success should prompt them to wonder about expectations, both those of their parents and friends but also those they have placed upon themselves.

"This reminds me of what C. S. Lewis once called "the weight of glory." Bishop Provost continued. "Future expectations weigh heavily on us, when we have tasted the success of initial accomplishment.

"It is my firm belief that our faith in God is essential

to accompany us into whatever "glory" He has planned for us," the Bishop continued. "After all, our true goal and "glory" is heaven, and God gives us a conscience so that we are able to seek that goal. Without that realization, then we are diminished and fall short of the end for which God intended us."

The Lewis quote follows: "The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret. And surely, from this point of view, the promise of glory, in the sense described, becomes highly relevant to our deep desire. For glory means good report with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things. The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last."



The highest honor a graduating senior from St. Louis Catholic High School can receive is the St. Louis Award, which this year went to Kevin Hardy and Catherine Delahoussaye. Pictured here from left, are Kevin Hardy, Father Marcus Johnson, Rector of St. Louis; Bishop Glen John Provost, and Catherine Delahoussaye. A vote of the student body and the faculty decides the winners. The awards are presented at the graduation ceremonies.

'Day of Prayer and Fasting for Protection from Hurricanes'

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced that the bishops of the Province of Louisiana designated today, June 3, as a "Day of Prayer and Fasting for Protection From Hurricanes".

"The bishops of the state encourage all Catholics to offer their prayers and fasting on that day so that our Heavenly Father will protect us from all storms and destructive weather and spare us from loss of life and property," Bishop Provost said.

The Bishop, who celebrated a Mass to Avert Storms last Wednesday at Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron, also urges all of the faithful of the Diocese to pray the prayer written by Bishop Maurice

Schexnayder of the Diocese of Lafayette, which he composed following Hurricane

Audrey in 1957. It can also be found on the website of the Diocese – [lcdioocese.org](http://live.lcdioocese.org).

*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 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 in 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



Officers of the Louisiana State Court, Catholic Daughters of the Americas were installed for their two-year terms at the closing Mass of the group's 44th biennial convention held in the Diocese of Lake Charles recently. Pictured, from left, are State Regent Joyce Stein, Notre Dame de la Paix, Court #2316, Vacherie; First Vice State Regent Ellen Corbello, St. Raphael, Court # 1377, Iowa; Second Vice Regent Pat Myers, Our Lady of Fatima, Court #150, Lake Charles; State Secretary, Barbara Michael, Regina Coeli Court #2063, Baton Rouge; and State Secretary Connie Dronette, Our Lady of LaSalette Court #1255, Sulphur; Past National Director Vickie Broussard Melancon of Iowa; and Past State Chaplain, Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau of Sulphur.

Did you know...

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elton was established on Jan. 9, 1951 with Rev. Henry Marusa, a priest of the Society of the Divine Word, as the founding pastor while St. Lawrence Catholic Church will be 60 years old on June 16. Father Henry J. Pelous was named the founding pastor by Lafayette Bishop, The Most Reverend Jules Jeanmard. St. Lawrence was originally in Hathaway and in 1975 a new church building was constructed in Raymond.

Five of the 38 parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles are 100 years old or more. Another will celebrate a century of ministry in 2013. Can you name the five churches and do you know the next in line to reach 100 years. Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Bishop Leonard Olivier, SVD, Auxiliary Bishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, will celebrate his 60 years as a priest at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 12, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church on Louisiana Avenue. Bishop Olivier was ordained on June 29, 1951 in Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Pope John Paul II raised him to the Episcopacy on Nov. 10, 1988. The Bishop retired in 2004. For more information on the celebration and on Bishop Olivier's life as a priest and bishop, go to <http://live.lcdioocese.org/news/846-bishop-oliviers-60th-anniversary.html>.



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June schedule at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – Several events at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center are on the schedule during the month of June.

"Afternoons with Ann: Preparing For The Passage Of A Lifetime" will be led by Father Whitney Miller on Tuesday, June 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, June 15th, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" by Richard Rohr is the June selection for the Spirituality Book Club with Father Don Piraro. The group meets from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 23.

Sister Diane Depwe will lead a silent retreat, "A Spiritual Journey according to the Gospel of John" from Friday June 24 through Sunday, June 26 for anyone over 16 years of age.

Call 337-855-1232 for more information and/or registration for any of these events. For a more complete listing of the summer programs, go to [lcdioocese.org](http://live.lcdioocese.org) and click Retreats on the Main Menu.

Abrazando Cristo fundraisers

LAKE CHARLES -- Tickets for the Annual Big Cash Give-away benefitting the Abrazando Mission Program, with a top prize of \$5000, are still available. The proceeds help purchase medicine, construction supplies and evangelization materials for the group's annual mission trip to Nicaragua.

Contact Monsignor Daniel A. Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220 for information and raffle tickets.

Priests' Convocation June 6-8

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, Bishop of Corpus Christi, Texas, will be the guest presenter at the annual convocation for the priests of the Diocese Monday, June 6 through midday, Wednesday, June 8, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Bishop Mulvey was ordained and installed as the Bishop

of Corpus Christi on March 25, 2010. The Bishop, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Austin by Pope Paul VI in 1975 in St. Peter's Square, has been a seminary spiritual director and actively involved in numerous spiritual renewal programs. He will reflect on the spirituality of the priest and his topic will be "Jesus on the Cross: His Defining Moment As Priest."

Marriage anniversary Mass June 26

LAKE CHARLES – The annual celebration of couples in the Diocese of Lake Charles who will be married 25 or 50 years in 2011 will be for Sunday, June 26, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the celebrant of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Office of Family Life is the sponsor of the event.

Couples who will celebrate an anniversary of more than 50 years of Christian marriage that is divisible by five, such as 55, 60, 65, or 70 are also invited. All couples should contact their church parish office to register for the celebration so that a formal invitation from the Bishop can be mailed. The deadline to register is June 20.

A reception will be held in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral Office Complex on the corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets immediately following the Mass. The Cathedral is handicap accessible for those who may require this assistance.

Contact Kathy Owen, Director of the Office of Family Life, at 337-439-7400 for more information.

Diaconate ordination Aug. 6

LAKE CHARLES – Bryan Thompson, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles, is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

A reception will follow the Liturgy in the Msgr. Irving A.

DeBlanc Family Life Center.

Women on the Way support group

LAKE CHARLES – Women on the Way is a monthly support group for women discerning a possible vocation to the Religious Life. Sponsored and hosted by various women Religious in the Diocese of Lake Charles, the meetings are open to all women 16 years and older.

For more information, call Sr. Camille Martinez, SEC at 477-1236.

Institute for Black Catholic Studies in July

NEW ORLEANS -- The Institute for Black Catholic Studies is a school of ministry for clergy, religious and laypersons working in the Black community and Roman Catholic Church that convenes each summer at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. The 2011 session is scheduled for July 1-July 23.

For more information, check the website at www.xula.edu/ibcs or call (504) 520-7961.

Special Needs Masses slated

LAKE CHARLES -- Masses for individuals with special needs, their families, and friends will be celebrated by Father Whitney Miller on Sunday, July 10 and by Bishop Glen John Provost on Sunday, October 30 in the Commons of St. Louis Catholic High School beginning at 11 a.m.

Clergy, religious anniversaries

LAKE CHARLES – The Knights of Columbus and the faith community of St. Henry Catholic Church will honor priests, deacons and religious celebrating significant anniversary years in multiples of five on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at a Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the church at 1021 Eighth Avenue.

A luncheon for the honorees will follow the Mass in the St. Henry Community Center, located behind the church.

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