



Catholic Schools Notes

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQH will hold its Heavenly Jazz Fest Auction on Friday, October 14 in the Family Life Center gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the silent auction followed at 7:30 p.m. by the live auction. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a delicious Jazz-themed meal, drinks and dessert. The School Carnival is Sunday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live entertainment, game booths, Club Baron hair, makeup and nail makeovers as well as boys spiked and Mohawk styles, Tiny Town for the younger kids to play games and activities, along with the Petting Zoo will be offered. Food will include barbecue chicken dinners, hamburgers, and funnel cakes!

Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School invites everyone to its Annual Auction on Saturday, October 15 at the Isle of Capri in Westlake starting at 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy a fun filled night of food, silent and live auction items, and fellowship at our "Cowboy Up at OLS". For more information, call the school at 337-527-7828 or visit the web site at www.ols.org.

Sacred Heart /St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

Come and enjoy the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Bazaar on Sunday, October 9, held on the church and school grounds. On Tuesday, October 11, Sacred Heart students will have the unique opportunity to attend and actively be a part of the Creole for Kids and the History of Zydeco, along with Grammy Award winning singer, Terrance Simien in the Rosa Hart Theatre of the Lake Charles Civic Center. Bishop Glen John Provost will visit Sacred Heart/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The Bishop will meet that day with the student body, faculty and staff. We continue to give God all of the honor and praise for the many, many wonderful blessings bestowed upon Sacred Heart/SKD school.

St. Louis Catholic High School

Go Saints!! Thank you to everyone who made our Homecoming week a huge success. Our Saints beat the Notre Dame Pioneers 9-6, and Coach Mike Johns earned his 150th win. Congratulations to Karen Meschwitz who was crowned our 2011 Homecoming Queen. Honor and Praise God in all ways!

St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School's *Denim and Diamonds Auction* is Saturday, Oct. 29. Tickets are on sale now in the school office. Call 855-9465 for more information.

Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

During the 2011-2012 school year, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School will focus on "respect". This word speaks so clearly to our school's Character Education focus this year. Each month, as part of building Character, we will address various aspects of "respect". We see our community taking on the ideals of a more civil society with more considerate conduct. Our faith calls us to treat others with justice, love, and service to one another. Grade level and school wide activities each month will guide our students to honor and respect themselves and others, our community, the elderly, and our earth. It is in this outreach that we will become better stewards to each other and God.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

The Annual Immaculate Conception Cathedral School Greenery Fundraiser sale will continue through Friday, October 20. ICCS will be offering online sales again this year. Please visit our website, www.shop.iccschool.org for convenient, online shopping! Thank you for your support of The Cathedral School!

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

OLI enjoyed a special visit from Bishop Glen John Provost on Sept. 29. We were blessed to have him on our campus making memories with our students, staff, and faculty. We continue to pray for him as he shepherds the people of our diocese. Please join us as we honor The Month of the Rosary and focus on 'Respect for Life' by praying the rosary on Wednesday, October 19 at 8 a.m. in our Oratory.

St. Margaret School wins national award

LAKE CHARLES - St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School has been named the Junior Level School of the Year by the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project.

The school's project was "A Cleaner Today for a Greener Tomorrow," according to project advisor and science instructor Judy Reeves.

"Energy is everywhere in the world around us, and it provides us with the force to work while making our life easier," Reeves said. "Without energy's massive power, tasks that seem easy today would be nearly impossible. As the St. Margaret Science Club, we have made others more aware of the energy in the world around us and helped to preserve that energy for the future."

"We started off with cleaning projects to protect the natural flow of the environment," she continued. "We also participate in a recycling program around the school and community to conserve our resources and raise awareness to others about the need to conserve. We then shifted our focus to the subject of energy sources, renewable and nonrenewable."

The school held an Energy Fair with volunteers from companies such as Entergy and Agro-Electric as well as an energy awareness week at school to educate younger students.

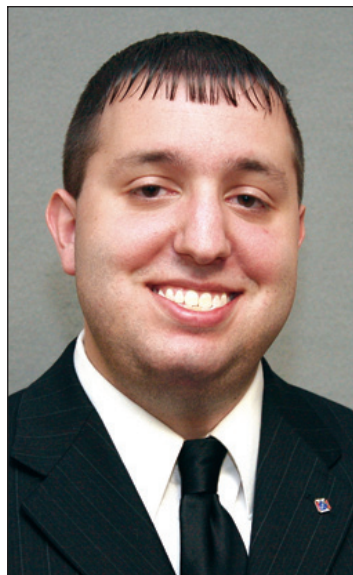
"We hosted our own Energy Expo to educate the school and community on how our energy is obtained," Reeves said. "Also, no project is complete without a little fun, so we went on educational field trips. We have made sure to work to preserve the world's energy for tomorrow."

The NEED project began more than 30 years ago as a one-day celebration of energy education when National Energy Education Day was recognized by a Joint Congressional Resolution. In the same year, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation stressing the need for comprehensive energy education in our schools, a reduction of our dependence of fossil fuels, and increasing use of renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency. Today, NEED's work continues with the goal of reaching every appropriate classroom in the United States.

Diocese of Lake Charles Seminarians 2011-2012



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Bishop Provost to visit Sacred Heart St. Katharine Drexel

LAKE CHARLES - Bishop Glen John Provost, along with Superintendent of Catholic Schools Kimberlee Gazzolo, will visit Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

This is the second of eight visits to the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles during the current school term.

The Bishop opened his visitation schedule at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings on Wednesday, Sept. 28.



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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him."

John 6-44

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, the heart of your Son was moved to pity at the sight of the crowd who appeared like sheep without a shepherd. As a further sign of that divine pity, Your Son taught that we must ask You to send workers for the harvest, because the yield is abundant but the workers are few. With confidence, we make our request.

Please send, we beseech You, brave and holy priests who meet the challenges of a world that is often hostile to the message of Your Kingdom. Quickly raise up in our midst prayerful and dedicated priests who can witness to goodness, truth, and beauty through their consistent virtue, authentic teaching, and reverent worship. Kindly fill with Your grace the hearts and minds of many who would courageously answer "yes." Gently inspire them to accept Your call so that the lonely, the ignorant and the poor may know that Your Love for them exists, that Your Son died for their sins, and that there is hope.

May Mary, the Mother of Your Son, and St. John Vianney, the Patron of Priests, be the holy advocates of our petition. All this we ask through our Eternal high Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.Amen.

Did you know...

The Garden of the Pieta is located just to the east of Tabor Retreat House's Brulet Hall. The beautiful bronze statue of the Virgin Mary and her crucified son, Jesus, is the focal point of the well-landscaped area. A plaque lists the names of priests and deacons of the Diocese of Lake Charles who have completed their early work and gone to their heavenly reward.

Only one parish was established in the area of the Diocese in 1939. Do you know that parish and on what date this event occurred? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



Diocesan Pastoral Council meets, elects officers

LAKE CHARLES – At the first meeting of the re-constituted Diocesan Pastoral Council, Glen Bertrand, a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder was elected as the group's chair while Stephanie Rodrigue of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole, was named the Council's secretary.

A number of topics were discussed by the group but the Bishop's main purpose was to introduce the concept of the New Evangelization to the members and what would be discussed in the months to come.

"I was very pleased at the opportunity to discuss the New Evangelization Initiative and with the results of that discussion," Bishop Provost said. "We will continue discussions in greater detail and report those discussions to the Council of Priests for that group's feedback."



The initial meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, recently re-constituted by Bishop Glen John Provost, was held on Sept. 19 in the Diocesan Chancery. Attending were, seated, from left, Glen Bertrand, Karen Chamberlain, Deacon Glenn Viau, Stephanie Rodrigue, Earline Marchand, Burton David, and Sarah Gatte; standing, Very Rev. Anthony Fontenot, Patricia Billeau, Rita Levings, Bishop Provost, John Henry Poole, Luke Abrusley, Russell Touchet, Sr. Shirley Gobert, S.E.C., and Peter Unkel.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, accepts a check in the amount of \$685.00, from Donald Laurent, Diocesan Coordinator for the Fourth Degree District of Louisiana, for the group's annual contribution to the Excellence in Religious Education program in the Diocese. Fourth Degree Assemblies participating in this year's gift were Father Veillard Assembly # 2087 of Sulphur and Father James J. Shahrigan Assembly #2182 of DeRidder. The annual grant is given to aid in the continuing education and training of diocesan religious education instructors through the Adult Education component of the Office of Religious Education.

Benefit aids Sacred Heart St. Katharine Drexel School

LAKE CHARLES – More than \$5,000 was raised during an evening of Jazz and fine dining at an event to benefit Sacred Heart Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School hosted at the Harlequin Steak and Seafood Restaurant. After various expenses the total realized from the evening was \$5,287.77, according to Ms. Catherine Riggin, event coordinator.

Chester Daigle, and his son Jarius, provided the music, the former on the keyboard and the latter playing the violin, and celebrity waiters took care of the guests' needs. Wait staff assisting included Calcasieu Parish

Sheriff Tony Mancuso, Willie King, Rep. A.B. Franklin, Calcasieu Parish Police Juror Claude Syas, Dwight Gardner, John Collins, Carlos Metoyer, Wilson J. Washington III, and "Little" Willie King. The staff of the Harlequin, including owner Nic Hunter, provided their expertise as well.

Table sponsors included Rep. Franklin, Syas, Dr. Kathleen Bellow, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshall Simien of the Simien and St. Mary Law Firm, SH/SKD School Assessment Team, SH/SKD Strategic Team, the SH/SKD Alumni Association, Dr. Carl Ross, the Brenda Batische Family, Dr. Robert Aran-

go and Home Health Systems 2000.

This annual event provides support for the school, which has seen 103 years since its founding in 1908. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, an order of nuns established by Saint Katharine Drexel, came to the school in 1922 and remained there as teachers and administrators until having to withdraw in the 1980s.

Saint Katharine Drexel made a number of trips to the school, making the facility the only place in Lake Charles where a canonized saint walked.

Bishop Provost to be celebrant at Red Mass

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist of the annual Red Mass set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Judges, attorneys and government officials from the five civil parishes that make up the Diocese of Lake Charles – Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis – are invited to attend.

The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, is the sponsor along with the Diocese. The Mass is so named because

of the color of the vestments worn by the Bishop and priests, donned in symbolism of the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles. Additionally, Judges of the High Court of England and all doctors of law wore red robes or academic hoods.

The Red Mass is celebrated at the opening of the judicial year and requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

The first recorded Red

Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. From there, it spread to most European countries. Around 1310, during the reign of Edward II, the tradition began in England. It was attended at the opening of each term of Court by all members of the Bench and Bar. The event gradually fell out of fashion until 1931, when Sydney became the first English-speaking city to re-institute the practice. The first Red Mass held in the United States was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church in New York City, near the courthouses of Foley Square.



Jarius Daigle, left, strolls through the diners providing beautiful music on his violin during the Sacred Heart/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School benefit dinner held at the Harlequin Steak and Seafood Restaurant. The event raised more than \$5,000 to help the school.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Breakfast, luncheon with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will speak on the eighth through twelfth chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew during the November Men's Prayer Breakfast and Women's Prayer Luncheon to be held at Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex. The breakfast is Friday, Nov. 4 while the luncheon is at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Women should send a check for \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 at least a week prior to the luncheon. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

Men should call 337-439-7400 to register. Bishop Provost's celebration of Mass, beginning at 6:30 a.m., precedes the breakfast at 7 a.m.

Sapphire & Ice, Friday, Nov. 4

LAKE CHARLES – The Second Annual Sapphire and Ice Gala will be Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at Treasures of Marilyn, 3500 Fifth Avenue. Sponsored by the St. Henry Church Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 168, the event provides financial support for college level seminarians of the Diocese as well as the St. Henry Building Bridges Capital Campaign.

This year's guest speaker is Knights of Peter Claver Supreme Lady Gerylyn Shelvin. Also the Distinguished Catholic of the Year Award will be presented. There will also be a silent auction and an evening of dancing. Cost is \$50 per ticket and no tickets will be available at the door.

Ticket locations include St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, Jones Grocery, 1845 Gerstner Memorial Drive, the Lake Charles Civic Center Box Office, and any Knight or Lady of Knights of Peter Claver Court or Council

Programs at Tabor Retreat House

MOSS BLUFF – Several programs are set for October at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Father Don Piraro will lead the Spiritual Book club on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The October selection is Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. The suggested donation for the evening of \$20 includes supper. Pre-registration is requested.

An Engaged Encounter Weekend is set for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 21-23. The suggested donation is \$190 per couple.



Emilie Griffin

A three-day retreat for seniors, *Souls in Full Sail: A Retreat for Body, Mind and Spirit* will be led by Mrs. Emilie Griffin from Friday Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 23. Suggested donation is \$139 per guest for a shared room and \$155 for a private room. Scholarships are available on request.

To register for any of these events call Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center at 337-855-1232.

St. Henry Church Bazaar

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church will hold its annual Bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 23, on the church grounds, 1021 Eighth Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights of the day include a sweetshop, snow cones, silent auction as well as the famous St. Henry barbecue chicken or pork steak dinners for \$7 each.

The drawing for the Big Cash Giveaway, with a grand prize of \$10,000, is in the afternoon. Second prize is \$5,000 and third prize is \$1,500. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased in advance at the church office. Additional information can be obtained by calling 436-7223.

Holy Cross College schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Six courses will be offered by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles through Holy Cross College of New Orleans in the spring and summer of 2012. Fees for the classes include a one-time new student fee of \$15, a per course fee of \$75, and for those auditing the courses, and not requiring college credit, a \$30 fee. Registration and fees are due no later than a week before a course begins.

For information, contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or at bobbie.leblanc@lcdioocese.org. A complete listing of courses, descriptions, and other pertinent information can be downloaded at http://live.lcdioocese.org/images/stories/pdfs/2011-12_brochure_general.pdf.

St. Philip Neri Harvest Festival

KINDER – St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder will

be holding the Eighth Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 on the church grounds.

Holy Spirit Sisters offer "Come and See" weekend

SAN ANTONIO – A "Come and See" weekend, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate, will be offered at the Motherhouse here on the weekend of Oct. 21-23 for women 18 to 45 years old.

If you have ever wondered what life in a convent is like and how Sisters live, work, and spread the Gospel, then this offers an opportunity to get an inside view of their life together. Members of the order have lived and worked among the people to whom they have ministered in places like Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mexico and Africa since the order's 1893 founding.

Register on-line at www.shsp.org (under What's New) or contact Sister Gabriel at 210-533-5149 or sgheasion@hotmail.com.

Quilts on display at Central School

LAKE CHARLES – "THE ART OF QUILTING", a display on the many facets of quilt-making is open in the Black Heritage Gallery at the Central School Arts and Humanities Center, located at 809 Kirby Street until Sunday, October 23 rd.

The quilts, made with a variety of stitching techniques and fabrics, tell personal stories, record family events, and social gatherings. The collection features a special patchwork friendship quilt designed and created by seniors that meet weekly at the Pryce-Miller Recreation Center.

The collection includes Quilts made by Urah Greathouse, Mary Jean, Annie Lazard, M. Dean Malveaux, Patsy R. Reeder, and Linda Agnes White. Owners of quilts that were inherited or received as gifts include Patricia Vitatoe Guillory, Remanuel Hollier, Nancy Kaough, Mary Jean, and Marilyn R. Pekar.

Cathedral Altar Society Spring trip

LAKE CHARLES – The Altar Society of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has announced the date and destination for its spring trip – a bus jaunt on Thursday, April 12, 2012 to Houston for day at the Treasures of Tutankhamen exhibit at the Museum of Fine Art.

More information will follow according to organizers.