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Giving of our time, talent, and treasure

The annual deacon's retreat was held at Maryhill Renewal Center, February 6-9.

Twenty-five deacons and wives spent 4 days in prayer, reflection, and fellowship. The theme of the retreat was "One Call, Five Promises," and was directed by Dr. Tom Neal from Notre Dame Seminary. Deacon Richard Mitchell presented a session on being called to the ministry of deacon, and Dr. Neal led the deacons to reflect on the promises made to the Church at their ordination. Several people volunteered their time, talent, and treasure to prepare and serve the meals during the retreat.

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Together as One

As we begin a new year with our Annual Diocesan Appeal, Jesus challenges each one of us to recognize the presence of God at work in the world, and to share the Gospel message with others. See Archbishop Gregory Aymond's letter on page 2 for more information on this year's appeal.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving

During the season of Lent, the Church asks us to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. See page 6 for ideas for what to give up and take up for this Lenten season.

Lenten missions and reflections

Many missions and days of reflection are being held around the diocese this Lenten season. See page 15 or the diocese website for an updated list of dates and locations.

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Looking back

April 2005:

Left: The 3rd Annual Young Adult Conference “We Have Come to Worship Hiim” was hosted by the diocese. Young adults from Louisiana and surrounding states attended the three-day event held in Alexandria.

Today:

In March 2020 there will be several retreat and conference options to attend in the diocese: the Arise Women’s retreat; Deep into Deeper Men’s Conference; Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference; All About Eve Women’s Retreat, as well as the Catholic Charismatic Conference in Metairie.

Together as One

As we begin a new year with our Annual Diocesan Appeal, Jesus challenges each one of us to recognize the presence of God at work in the world, and to share the Gospel message with others. Our theme for the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal is “Together as One.” “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I in the midst of them...” Matthew 18:20.

By participating in the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal, we can all come Together as One. The Appeal provides essential financial support for our diocese by helping us carry out the

mission of Christ. Whether it is through taking care of our retired priests; a young man discerning a vocation to the priesthood; or parishioners deepening their faith through ongoing formation and sacramental participation - one and all depend on the Church and her community for guidance and spiritual nourishment.

The success of the ADA depends on each of us giving in proportion to the measure by which we have received from the Lord. With your support, we will continue to build up our local Church and to respond effectively to the pastoral, educational, and

spiritual needs of the people of the diocese.

Please prayerfully consider what your faith response will be to the ADA, and join with us Together as One. We continue to need your support to fulfill the ministry of Christ in our Diocese. Please take a moment to fill out the pledge card that was mailed to your home or request a pledge card from your church parish office, and return it to the diocesan offices.

Wishing you God’s blessings,
I am Gratefully in Christ,



**Most Reverend
Gregory M. Aymond
Apostolic Administrator**

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Catholic All Year: Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving



During the season of Lent, the Church asks us to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

I used to labor under what I think is a pretty common misconception about Lent: that we are supposed to be miserable for forty days. How wrong I was! Lent is not a time to try

to punish ourselves into being deserving of God’s grace, but a time to grow closer to God; to take up new practices that lead us toward Him and to leave behind practices that distract us from Him.

The easiest way for me to understand it, and to be able

to explain it to my kids, is by thinking about the concept of attachment. Jesus tells us, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21).

Our goal as Christians is to be attached to God and the things of heaven, and to be *detached* from sin and the things of the world. That doesn’t mean that we can’t enjoy the things of the world, but that we shouldn’t feel as if we would not be able to survive without them.

Things such as coffee, sweets, social media, phones, TV, and even our food, homes, and cars aren’t sinful in and of themselves, and it’s perfectly acceptable to enjoy them. But once we start to see them as things that we require, or things that we deserve rather than gifts from God to be used in service of Him, we’ve formed an attachment. The season of Lent is a perfect time to detach ourselves from these things.

Lent is a time not of suffering for its own sake, but of increased focus on God and others, and decreased focus on self and personal comfort.

The stereotypical thing is normally to give up chocolate for Lent. And perhaps, for a particular person in a particular year that might be an efficacious choice. But if you’re looking for a new idea to try growing in holiness this lent, we’ve listed sixty-six ideas for things to consider giving up or taking up, at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. These ideas can be used for children or adults.

See page 6 for a list of ideas for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**Ash Wednesday
will be observed
Wednesday, February 26.**

'Shocking' ignorance on Real Presence prompts eucharistic congress

By Michele Jurich
Catholic News Service



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS. Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, Calif., concelebrates Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls of Rome Jan. 31. Bishop Barber has called for the Oakland Diocese to hold a Eucharistic congress June 19-20 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. The congress is in response to a recent Pew Research Center poll showing that fewer than one-third of Catholics believe the Eucharist is the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

OAKLAND, Calif. (CNS) -- Fewer than one-third of Catholics believe the Eucharist is the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Pew Research Center found in a recent poll.

The majority of America's self-identified Catholics -- 69 percent, according to the poll -- are either ignorant or simply mistaken about what the Catholic Church teaches on the Eucharist and the Real Presence.

"As bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, I find this shocking," Bishop Michael C. Barber wrote in a letter to the faithful.

As part of the bishop's response to the findings, he has called for a diocesanwide eucharistic congress June 19-20 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland.

"With the theme 'Stay with us, Lord!' (Luke 24:29), I invite all the faithful of our diocese to reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, and to reaffirm our call to be a people nourished, fed and molded by the Eucharist itself -- just as the disciples were on the road to Emmaus," Bishop Barber wrote.

The June 19 portion of the event is designed for priests of the diocese. They will gather to hear a spiritual talk, hear from the bishop and will pray with young people of the diocese, who will lead eucharistic adoration until 11:00 p.m.

This will give "a chance for the priests to pray with the young people of our diocese, and a chance for the young to experience the faith of our priests," said Father Brandon Macadaeg, rector of the Cathedral

of Christ the Light.

"In this generation, the love for Eucharist and eucharistic adoration is prevalent," he said. In parishes he has served and introduced eucharistic adoration, he has seen its transformative effective on young people and families.

The June 20 portion will be a day of prayer, speakers and Masses, in both English and Spanish, with a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the streets bordering the cathedral.

The Saturday event is aimed at engaging and inspiring the faithful, according to the planning committee, made up of priests, deacons and laypeople.

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a talk in English by Franciscan University-educated evangelist Michael Gormley from Texas, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Barber.

After the Mass, attendees will begin a procession that will depart the cathedral to carry the Eucharist around the city blocks bordering the cathedral. Those planning to attend the Spanish-language track are invited to the cathedral plaza to take part in the procession.

The procession will mark the end of the English-language track. Jesse Romero, author, radio host and evangelist, will address the Spanish-speaking audience

in the cathedral. Bishop Barber will follow Romero's talk by celebrating Mass in Spanish.

Volunteers will be needed for hospitality and in assisting with the procession. Assistance is being sought from the Order of Malta and the Knights of Columbus. Children who have received their first Communion in 2020 are invited to attend wearing their garments from that special day.

Father Macadaeg attended the International Eucharistic Congress in the Philippines in 2016, along with Bishop Barber and about 100 people from the diocese, including priests, religious and laypeople.

What can a eucharistic congress bring to the Diocese of Oakland?

"We know we will succeed when we build a culture of prayer around the Congress," Father Macadaeg told *The Catholic Voice*, Oakland's diocesan newspaper. "The culture of prayer," he said, "that's where miracles happen. That's where the Spirit begins to move."

The Oakland Diocese's eucharistic congress committee has put together resources for prayer, such as how to conduct a Holy Hour. The materials are available at <https://oakdiocese.org/eucharistic-congress>.

"We do ask people to pray for the success of the congress," he said. Some parishes will conduct a Holy Hour for the intentions of the congress.

Those unable to attend the eucharistic congress, he suggested, might be able to spend an hour of Adoration in their own parish. "Be with us in that regard," he said.

The congress provides opportunity for the diocese to become a "powerhouse of prayer," he said. "Here's a chance for us to do this."

He noted that Bishop Barber's request for prayers during Advent were well received. A culture of prayer across the diocese could grow from that.

"Can we pray for each other, although we may not be in each other's presence, or know who each other are?" Father Macadaeg said. "An intentional group of disciples praying with each other, for it each other. It's powerful."

Jurich is a staff writer at The Catholic Voice, newspaper of the Diocese of Oakland.

A message from the Diocese of Alexandria's Safe Environment Program

If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected and that the abuse is by a parent or caretaker, please call: Louisiana Child Abuse / Neglect Hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437).

If suspected abuse is related to a diocesan/church/school program, or if abuse occurred by anyone acting in Church services, a report also should be made to the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp at 318-542-9805.

For updated information, news articles, and documents regarding ongoing activity and planning for securing and maintaining a Safe Environment for all, visit www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/healing (visit www.diocesealex.org and look for "A Safe Environment For All" under the "Our Faith" tab). Here, you can find Bishop Talley's message for November 2018, as well as updates from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Also found on this page is the letter from Pope Francis to all Bishops in the United States regarding a meeting in February 2019 at the Vatican entitled "The Protection of Minors in the Church."

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Practicing silence and solitude

In the past year, I've read so much about the need for silence and solitude. I've always been left inspired to do it, but the question remained: what does silence and solitude actually look like?

If you've ever tried calming your mind and heart, you know that about 3 minutes in, you start thinking about the windows that need a good scrub, or the errand you forgot to run the day before. Here are a few tips to practice silence and solitude in this next season. Remember, there's nothing magical about January 1. If you've found yourself in need of a reset with the Lord this year, take this Lenten season to realign your mind and heart with His.

1. Recognize the value.

If we don't value something, we won't prioritize it. We need to mentally prepare and know that time in silence and solitude is important for our health and



Letter from the Editor

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relationship with the Lord. This time has value; you may not be physically checking something off of your to-do list, so instinct might seem to tell you that it's a waste of time. It's not. Let's make setting time aside in stillness a priority.

2. Get alone.

Even if it's for just a few minutes, we need to set time to be completely alone and still. We can't truly practice stillness and solitude with a toddler next to us or in a room full of people. In order to take care of those around us, we need to prioritize getting alone to do a heart-check

and really listen to what the Lord has to say for us.

3. Get away from the noise.

Getting alone implies that we will get away from noise, but there are other distractions that still fight for our attention. A cell phone in arms reach, even music. We must create space for God to speak to us. When we step away and clear out the noise, we tell God "I'm ready to listen."

4. Fill your mind instead of fighting to empty it.

Fighting to completely empty our minds can start a never-ending battle. So, let's choose wiser and try to fill our minds.

Do this by meditating on a short verse. Repeat it. Recognize each word, and let the meaning take root. If you have a hard time memorizing Scripture, try beginning simply with just the name of Jesus. Repeat it and focus on Him, allowing Him space to speak back. *Ask God questions.* And give Him room to answer.

Journal. Write out anything and everything that comes into your mind, so that God can fill that space with His peace.

5. Schedule it.

Put on your calendar a time to have daily solitude and silence,

and maybe even try to practice longer periods of solitude once per month or quarter. Try just 5 minutes a day and increase as you can. Set a timer on your phone and make it a practice.

If you are feeling particularly disconnected from God, don't feel discouraged. We simply cannot expect to experience soul deep connection with our Heavenly Father when we are constantly connected to the world (kids, work, screens, and all the rest). But, God's generosity will not be outdone. Let us continue to approach the Father with arms open to receive everything He has in store for us.

To our best year yet,
Cari

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Listening to the Lord in a noisy world

I am sure you will agree with me when I say that we live in a "noisy" world with little opportunity to escape the distractions that come along with it. We have become so consumed with technology that we feel lost if we are disconnected from our phone, computer, radio, or television.

I remember a time when the television stations would play the National Anthem late each evening and then go off the air until the next morning. Now, we have 24-hour news coverage and hundreds of channels, and can usually find something that piques our interest at any time of the day or night. Another big distraction is social media. One report I read states that those people on social media spend over two hours per day on social media. I am sure there are people who multitask and check their Facebook while watching television.

When there were only landline telephones, going camping for the weekend or on vacation meant that you were unavailable to communicate with the outside world for days on end. With the advancement



Embracing the Liturgy

By Deacon Richard W. Mitchell
Vice Chancellor / Director of the Diaconate

of cell phones, we now have the capability to speak with anyone, just about anywhere, and at any time. This was proven to me this past winter when I called someone to follow up on a meeting. He answered his cell phone with a whisper, and said, "Hey Deacon, can I call you back? I'm on my deer stand." I suppose one could argue that it is safer to always be able to contact someone in the event of an emergency, but it also proves that it is difficult to escape the noises in our life.

However, to strengthen our faith, we must find a way to spend quiet time in prayer. Prayer is more than sending up our intentions and needs to the Lord. In 1 Samuel 3:10, Samuel does NOT say, "Listen, Lord,

your servant is speaking." No, Samuel says, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." God speaks to us in a still, quiet voice that can only be heard when we are quiet.

We also read in the Gospels that Jesus went off to pray... to listen to the message of the Father. We, too, must find a place of solitude, a sacred space for us to go and listen for the Lord's message to us.

Let's journey this Lenten season with Jesus, find your "desert place" to practice being quiet (yes, it does take practice), and enter into deeper prayer. Designate a specific place in your house that is away from noise and distractions. Consider participating in a "holy hour" or adoration at your church parish.

Time spent with the Lord in silent prayer is worth the sacrifice.

It is good if you can do this each day, but especially important when entering into the church and preparing yourself for the start of Mass. Taking a few minutes to settle your mind, offer your intentions, and then quiet your thoughts will help to prepare you to receive the Lord's message when listening to scripture, receiving Him in the Eucharist, and will help you to *Love the Liturgy!*

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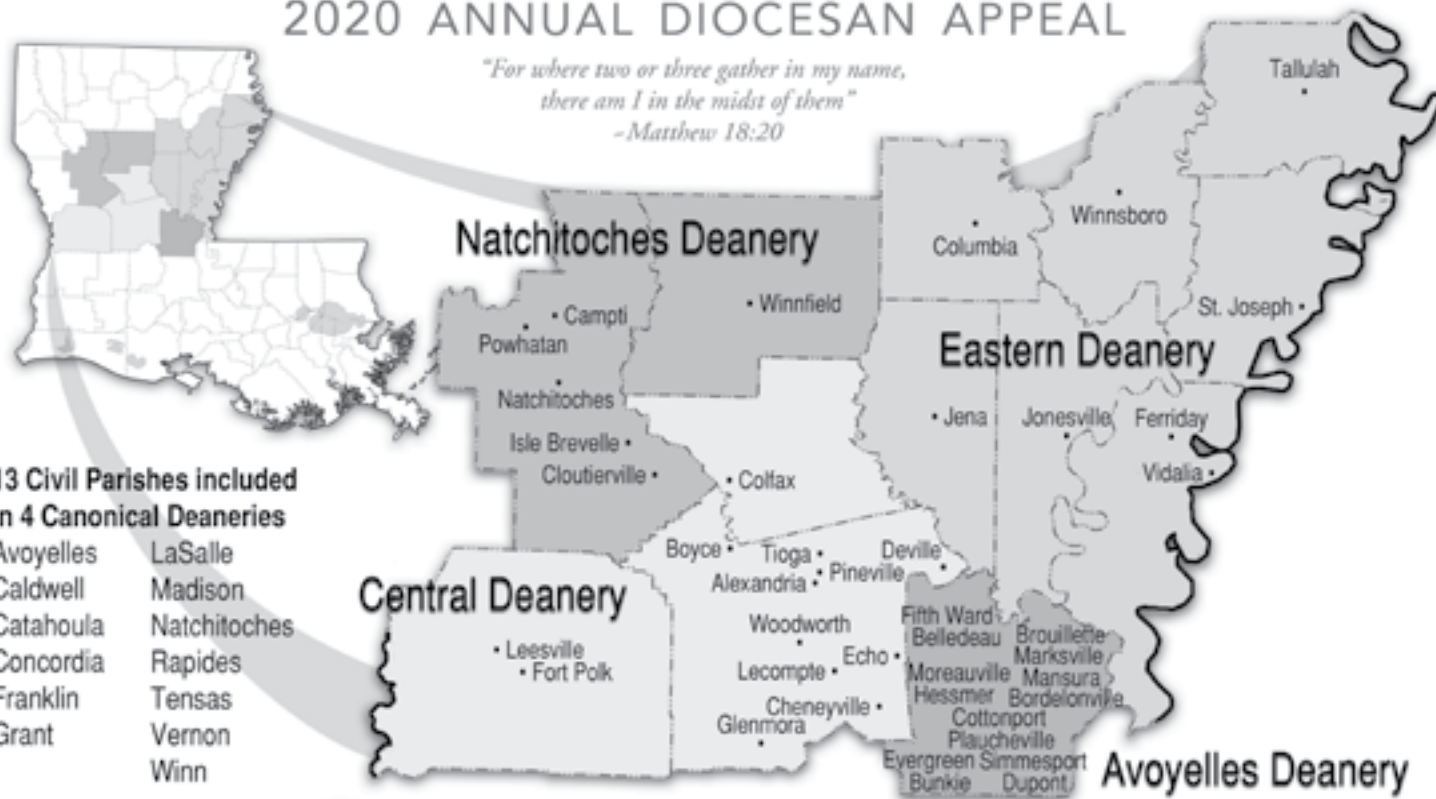


St. Edward the Confessor Church, Tallulah

TOGETHER AS ONE

2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

*"For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I in the midst of them"*
-Matthew 18:20



St. Michael the Archangel Church, Leesville

Immaculate Conception Church, Dupont



What to give up and take up for Lent

During the season of Lent, the Church asks us to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are sixty-six ideas to consider giving up or taking up for Lent, at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels.



1. Don't take the best spot available in the parking lot.
2. Take the worst parking spot you can find.
3. Don't drive; walk or take public transportation.

1. Make your bed every day.
2. Make your bed every day before you leave your bedroom.
3. Make other people's beds too.

1. Go to daily Mass once per week in addition to Sunday Mass.
2. Go to daily Mass two or three times per week.
3. Go to daily Mass every day.

1. Don't leave dishes in the sink overnight.
2. Do the cooking dishes before dinner and the dinner dishes immediately after dinner.
3. Don't use the dishwasher.

1. Buy only things written on your shopping list.
2. Keep a shopping list and shop only once per week.
3. Don't buy anything during Lent except the necessities.

1. Don't eat out at restaurants.
2. Make your food from scratch.
3. Grow or raise all your own food.

1. Don't watch TV or movies alone.
2. Watch TV or movies only as a whole-family activity.
3. Don't watch TV or movies.

1. Give up one social media platform.
2. Check social media just once per day.
3. Remove all social media apps from your devices.

1. Say a family Rosary once a week.
2. Say one decade of the Rosary as a family each day.
3. Say a family Rosary every day.

1. Listen only to audiobooks or classical music in the car.
2. Turn off the radio in the car.

3. Say a Rosary in the car or listen to a spiritual audiobook.

1. Be in bed for a set amount of time each night.
2. Go to bed and get up at specific times each day.
3. And don't bring your phone with you (get an alarm clock).

1. Get dressed before 8:00 a.m.
2. Don't wear workout clothes (unless you're working out).
3. Wear clothes that make you feel put together every day.

1. Have dinner as a family.
2. Have a family game night.
3. Read a book aloud as a family.

1. Make regular social phone calls to friends or relatives.

2. Write regular letters to friends or relatives.
3. Make regular visits to friends or relatives.

1. Know what you're going to make for dinner by 10:00 a.m.
2. Start a meal-planning system.
3. Teach your kids to plan meals and cook.

1. Have the house clean before Sunday each week.
2. Have the house clean before bed each night.
3. Have the house clean before dinner each evening.

1. Eat up the food that's in the back of your pantry and freezer.
2. Eat only soup for dinner.
3. Observe the voluntary recommended weekday Lenten fast.

1. Give up one type of treat.
2. Eat desserts only in company.
3. Give up all sweets.

1. Switch from coffee to tea or vice versa.
2. Limit yourself to one cup of coffee or tea per day.
3. Give up caffeine.

1. Turn the lights off in empty rooms.
2. Have lights turned on in only one room at a time.
3. Don't use electricity.

1. Say the Morning Offering when you wake up.
2. And say the Angelus at noon.
3. And do an examination of conscience and say the Act of Contrition at night.

1. Read the Sunday readings before Mass.
2. Read the Bible each day.
3. Read the Catechism each day.

1. If you live TV, read a novel instead.
2. If you like novels, read a classic.
3. If you like the classics, read great Catholic nonfiction.

Have more ideas? Share them with us on the Diocese of Alexandria Facebook page.

See the website for a printable for your family to choose their ideas of what to give up and take up for this Lenten season to grow in holiness!

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Catholic Trivia

Lent is a time to pray, fast, and give up some of our daily comforts.

How many days does the season of Lent last, and why does this last this many days?

Answer on page 20.

Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

Please begin praying publicly and privately in anticipation of the appointment of a new Bishop for our Diocese.

Praise to you, Lord our God, our eternal shepherd and guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Alexandria a new bishop whose watchful care will serve to continue the good work of his predecessors.

In Your love, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.

Psalm 51: 3
Responsorial Psalm for March 1

Tithing: the what, why, and how of it all

By Cari Terracina
Publications Manager

Tithing is such an important act in supporting the work of the Church. Yet, it can sometimes be a sensitive topic. After all, it can be uncomfortable, and maybe even confusing, when you feel like you have to give a portion of your hard-earned money on a regular basis. So, let's dive in to what tithing is, why it's important, and how to go about tithing, whether you're already giving or have never previously considered giving of your time, talent, and treasure,

What is tithing?

The word *tithe* comes from an old English word meaning "a tenth part." In the very first book of the Bible, we read the words from Jacob: "This stone that I have set up as a sacred pillar will be the house of God. Of everything you give me, I will return a tenth part to you without fail" (Genesis 28:22).

We also read in Leviticus (27:30, 32) that "All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord; they are sacred to the Lord... the tithes of the herd and flock, every tenth animal that passes under the herdsman's rod, shall be sacred to the Lord."

Traditionally, individuals and families are asked to give 10 percent of their income as a *tithe*, but there is not a specific



percentage of our wealth that we are mandated to give. What is important is that we give what we are able, and give from our heart. This act of selfless giving reminds us that all we have is given to us from God.

Why do we tithe?

Tithing is a recognition that all we have originally comes from God and will return to Him. One day we will be called to answer to how we have spent our time, talent, and treasure.

It is not entirely about how much we give, but that we make the sacrifice of giving. Remember

the widow in Luke 21:1-4?

"When he looked up, he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.'"

What matters isn't so much the amount that we give, but that we make the sacrifice of giving.

Where should our tithe money go?

Our Parish

If you're new to tithing and are unsure of where to start, start with your local church. "A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular

church... it is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life... it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2179).

Other efforts

If you don't have a home church parish, or would like to give a portion of your tithe to other causes, consider the things you are enthusiastic about and that are authentically doing God's work. Take a look at the organizations that have made a meaningful impact of your spiritual life. Other efforts might include a local pregnancy center, soup kitchen, youth ministry, or even an individual missionary or missionary family.

You can also consider ideas that might be somewhat outside of the box, including giving to an individual college student, or commissioning a work of art for your church parish.

Most importantly, just ask the Holy Spirit where He is leading you to give. He will point you in the right direction.

Go Fund Me page for Hood family raises money for kidney transplant

Let's help former OLPS, Alexandria Youth Director, Paul Hood and his family raise the funds needed for his kidney transplant.

Due to Paul's longstanding diagnosis of diabetes, he is now in need of a kidney transplant. While a kidney transplant usually costs just over \$400,000, the goal for this Go Fund Me page is \$50,000. Please consider making a donation of any amount, large or small, to help Paul make a full recovery!

Through Paul's acts of service, words of wisdom, and selfless love, he has led countless people to the love of Christ. Throughout his life, Paul has worked tirelessly for the Church as a youth minister, director of evangelization, and more. Consider joining in giving back to him not only through a monetary gift, but through your daily prayers as well.

What will the \$50,000 be used for?

The \$50,000 raised through this campaign will be used to cover:

- Paul's two-week stay in New Orleans for post operation care (\$125 per night for 2 weeks, plus food and travel expenses);
- The insurance copay of 20% and deductible of \$2,000;
- Anti-rejection medication for after the surgery (\$700 - 900 copay for 6 months);
- plus unpaid time off of work for the surgery and recovery.

Visit www.gofundme.com/f/help-paul-get-a-new-kidney for more information or to donate.

Paul's surgery date is scheduled for April 6, with his sister donating a kidney unless he receives a kidney-pancreas donation prior to that date.

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#SongsfortheSabbath
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our hearts, minds,
and homes on Christ.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for March

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8 a.m. Sunday Mass

7 a.m. Sunday Mass

Padre Pio Casa USA Initiative

On Thursday, March 19, Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria will celebrate a High Holy Mass of St. Pio of Pietrelcina at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m. about the Casa USA project prayer groups.

This unified wide-spread prayer initiative will be the most impactful force in what we do to reverse the secularization and culture of death in our country, our world, Catholic healthcare delivery, and even in our most holy Catholic Church.

During this presentation, participants will learn about the initiative to bring the St. Padre Pio Casa concept to the United States.

Catholic Healthcare International and the Diocese of Lansing Michigan are spearheading a project to

replicate in the United States, the St. Padre Pio Casa Hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. The medical facility will serve patients who suffer terribly traumatic brain injuries and offer support services to their families. Elements being planned include the Casa USA hospital itself, an on-campus St. Pio Eucharistic Adoration Chapel; the Terri Schiavo Rehabilitation Center; and the School for the Relief of Suffering; a Catholic medical school in the charism of St. Pio.

Please join this first ever worldwide perpetual eucharistic adoration event as we spiritually support this important work.

Speakers include Jere Palazzolo, Founder and President of Catholic Healthcare International, and Bobby Schindler, Founder and President of The Terri Schiavo Life and



ST. PADRE PIO. Padre Pio is a very famous contemporary saint who continues to touch many lives with miracles, even today. Pio was a Capuchin friar who bore the five wounds of Christ, a confessor, a miracle worker, a saint, and the founder of the Casa Solievo Della Sofferenza.

Hope Network. Complimentary wine, beverages, and substantial appetizers will be provided after

Mass in the adjacent Divine Provide Center. To reserve your seat or for more information,

please visit CHI-USA.com, and click the "Events" tab.

Golf Tournament to benefit Manna House

The annual APT/WAPT (Women's) Golf Pro Tour and the Hixson Ford Pro Am Golf Tournament hosted at Oakwing Golf Club in Alexandria will once again benefit Manna House.

The Hixson Ford Pro Am Tournament will be held Tuesday, March 10. Each team of three will be paired with a professional golfer.

The entry fee of \$1,000 per team includes green fees, golf cart, hole sponsorship, six invitations to the Pro Am Party, the Pro Am Awards Party (with food and drinks included), and the opportunity to play with a professional golfer. Entry forms may be picked up at the Oak Wing Golf Course or through www.givetomannahouse.com.

The Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper APT Golf Pro Tournament will be held March 11-14 at Oakwing and Links on the Bayou.

"We are so excited to once again be the beneficiary of this world-class golf tournament," said Jessica Viator, executive director of Manna House. Viator said a number of sponsorship packages are available including the Shoot-Out, Pro-Am Party, Pro-Am Awards Party, Leader Group, Cart Sign, Driving Range, Putting Green, Pro-Am Team Sponsorship, and Hole Sponsorship.

Local charities play a vital role with the APT Tour Series tournaments. They not only help provide the numerous volunteers used daily, but also raise the

funds needed to run a first-class professional event. All sponsor dollars are directed through the local charities involved with the tournaments. Proceeds from the Hixson Ford Pro-Am Golf Tournament Coca-Cola / Dr. Pepper Open benefit the Manna House and provide funding for the Manna House.

For more information, contact Theresa Slater, tournament chair person at 318-664-3603 or Jessica Viator at 318-445-9053 or cenlamannahouse@gmail.com. More information can also be found at givetomannahouse.com or on the Manna House Facebook page.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A CHILD IS BEING ABUSED:

If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected, and that the abuse is by a parent or caretaker, please first call the Louisiana Child Abuse / Neglect Hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437) and/or your local law enforcement agency.

If suspected abuse is related to a diocesan/church/school program, or if abuse occurred by anyone acting in Church services, a report should then also be made to the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp, Clinical Psychologist at 318-542-9805.



MSGR. TIMMERMANS. Msgr. John Timmermans of Mansura, La. celebrated his 95th birthday on Nov. 30 with a surprise party. Some of Monsignor’s closest friends were present, including the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows and postulants, Dr. and Mrs. Edmond Kalifej, Father Jose Pallipurath, Father Martin Laird, Myrtle Rachel, Amy Lemoine and her children, and Mrs. Marion Bordelon. Msgr. Timmermans is the oldest living priest in the Diocese of Alexandria. Happy birthday, Monsignor!



SEMINARIAN SUPPER. Archbishop Gregory Aymond hosted Father Louis Sklar, director of vocations, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Alexandria for dinner following their annual evaluations. The dinner was held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Archbishop’s residence, and included a brief tour of several spots where Pope St. John Paul II was during his stay with Archbishop Philip Hannan during his visit to New Orleans in the 1980’s. Blaine Phillips came from St. Ben’s Seminary, and the rest of the seminarians pictured attend Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Come and See Weekend at St. Joseph Seminary: April 3-5

Any boy 16 years or older thinking about seminary or wants to know what seminary is like, is invited to attend this weekend visit to the seminary in St. Benedict, LA. There is no cost, and the seminary provides beds to stay. For more information and registration forms, please contact either Fr. Louis Sklar (frlsklar@diocesealex.org) or Fr. Luke LaFleur (frllafleur@diocesealex.org).

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Psalm 33: 22 | Responsorial Psalm for March 8



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Parish Spotlight: St. Joseph Church, Colfax Established 1897

The first mass celebrated in Colfax was offered in a private home by Fr. Leonard Menard, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Alexandria. The mission was attended periodically by Fr. Jean Marie Beaulieu of Cloutierville from 1880 till 1890.

A church building was completed in January, 1893, on land given by Captain C. H. Teal. In 1897, Bishop Durier established St. Joseph's as an independent parish. No resident priest could remain until a rectory was built in 1909. St. Joseph's was a mission of Alexandria from 1906 through 1908. After a rectory was provided, Bishop Van de Ven appointed Fr. J. M. Blaine as the first pastor. Fr. William Lambertz, a native of Germany, succeeded him. In 1934, Fr. M. Maure was named pastor.

On May 26, 1936, construction of a new levee near the Red River caused the removal of the church from its original site. Fr. Vincent Couvillion was responsible for extensive renovations of the church and rectory from 1943 to 1945.



Bishop Desmond rededicated the church after its renovation in 1944.

In 1947, Bishop Greco invited the Fathers of the Precious Blood to administer the parish and its missions. The Fathers also brought three teaching sisters who

only St. Patrick's in Montgomery remains as a mission of the original parent church. The Precious Blood Fathers were forced to consolidate their numbers after the Second Vatican Council and so the parish was returned to the care of the diocesan clergy.

St. Joseph's Church, Colfax
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ST. PATRICK'S. Pictured above is St. Patrick Church in Montgomery, mission of St. Joseph's Church in Colfax.

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DR. EDWARD SRI. (ABOVE) A group of parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes in Vidalia, along with pastor, Father Joseph Xavier, attended a presentation at St. Ann Church in Morganza by Dr. Edward Sri. Dr. Sri is a theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Our Lady of Lourdes has hosted several bible studies based on Dr. Sri's writings in the past, so the group was very excited to see him in person.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION. (TOP RIGHT) First Communion and Confirmation took place on Saturday, Jan. 18 at St. Peter Church in Bordelonville. Pictured left to right are [redacted], Father Shoury Ramji, and [redacted].



ANNIVERSARY. Wayne and Barbara Cole of Center Point and parishioners of St. John's in Moncla, LA celebrated their 50th anniversary at a reception hosted by their daughter. Father Raj administered a special marriage blessing, and a meal and music was enjoyed by family and friends.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS. Maria Fonseca celebrates her 93rd birthday. Happy birthday, Maria!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. A Catholic Schools Week kick-off Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church in Moreauville. Pictured with the students is Mr. Thomas Roque, Sr., superintendent of Catholic schools, Sr. Cristina Angelini, OLS, the guitarist for the school choir, and Karen Moreau, school choir director.

Giving of our time, talent, and treasure



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL. (LEFT) Mr. Michael Landry and Ms. Tyler Stephens took a group of 32 Beta Club students to compete in the State Beta Convention held in Baton Rouge in January. Junior, Patrick Vienne was a State Candidate for Vice President. The school's students also collected used cell phones for the charity "Cell Phones for Soldiers;" these phones will be sold and the money collected will be used to purchase new cell phones and other equipment for deployed U.S. soldiers. We would like to thank our parents, students, Mr. Landry, and Ms. Stephens!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. (RIGHT) St. James Memorial Church is honored to recognize Ms. Aulani [REDACTED], recently awarded the Certificate of Membership into the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools as a student at Alexandria Senior High School. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Aulani serves our church parish and community through service with various initiatives. Congratulations Aulani!



ST. FRANCES CABRINI SCHOOL. (ABOVE) Twenty-one students from St. Frances Cabrini School in Alexandria participated in the State Beta Convention held in the Cajundome, Lafayette, Jan. 28-29. Students competed in Songfest, apparel design, 2 and 3 dimensional design, robotics, engineering, quiz bowl, jewelry design, recycled art, drawing, solo, duo, trio talent Book Battle and photography. Adanna [REDACTED] was 3rd in the State for 5th grade Science academics, and Natalie [REDACTED] was 5th in the State in ELA.



SACRED HEART MOREAUVILLE. Students from Sacred Heart School in Moreauville participated in the State Beta Competition. Jack [REDACTED] (FAR LEFT), 7th grade student, won 3rd place in Woodworking and will now compete at the National Competition in June. Congratulations, Jack!

The children of our diocese show off their talents through school activities around the state!
See below or visit www.diocesealex.org to see more pictures of life in the Diocese.



ST. FRANCES CABRINI. Students from St. Frances Cabrini celebrate 100 days of school!

SACRED HEART, MOREAUVILLE. (BELOW) Sacred Heart School in Moreauville held its annual Junior Beta Induction in the school gymnasium on Jan. 28. Congratulations to all of the members!



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, COTTONPORT. (ABOVE RIGHT) Students at St. Mary's School in Cottonport participated in the Nutrien Seed Survivor Classroom on wheels program on Feb. 3. Seed Survivor is a free, curriculum-based learning experience that encourages children in grades K-5 to master the elements that plants need to grow. Students have the opportunity to compete as virtual farmers, design a garden, and even plant a seed to take home and grow.



ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL. (ABOVE) Fourth and fifth grade students from St. Anthony School in Bunkie participated in the Junior Beta Competition. This is the school's first year to have a Jr. BETA Club including the younger students. Lilly Newton and Stella Venable placed 4th in apparel design for their design of the school's BETA t-shirt, and are eligible to attend the National Competition. The school's group talent also placed 4th for their performance of CATS, and are also eligible to participate at the National level. Graham ██████ placed 4th in Speech, competing against 62 other kids across the state and is also eligible to compete at the National level. These students represented St. Anthony School and our diocese well. Special thanks to Kate Webb, an 8th grade student at St. Anthony School who choreographed the entire performance, and to the Jr. BETA sponsors Lori Scallan and Carmen Cook.

Author recounts parents' struggle with Hansen's disease, effect on family

By Debbie Shelley
Catholic News Service

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) -- Louisiana author Anne Harmon Brett wrote a 2019 book about her father's diagnosis of Hansen's disease, once called leprosy, and his life inside the National Leprosarium in Carville, Louisiana.

But her story also highlights her mother's diagnosis with the same disease and how she and her brother, raised by another couple, saw their parents in secret visits.

Her favorite childhood memories include "stolen moments" when her parents crawled through a hole under a fence at the National Leprosarium, where they were patients, to meet Anne and her brother, J.C., for Sunday picnics by the Mississippi River levee.

Brett's parents, Johnny and Anne Harmon, defied conventional boundaries and refused to let the disease rule their lives. The couple, patients at the now-closed Carville home along the Mississippi River, met there and fell in love but were not allowed to marry.

They secretly married outside the facility with the assistance and blessings of the Daughters of Charity, who took care of the patients physically and spiritually when most everyone else abandoned them.

Johnny Harmon, who refused to call himself a "leper," wrote about his journey from Texas to Carville, his romance with Anne and his determination to overcome adversities and live a



DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY. Sister Hillary Ross, a member of the Daughters of Charity, who worked with Dr. George Fite on researching a breakthrough for Hansen's disease, is pictured in an undated photo. Louisiana author Anne Harmon Brett wrote a 2019 book about her father's leprosy diagnosis and his life inside the National Leprosarium in Carville, but her story also highlights her mother's diagnosis with the same disease and how she and her brother, raised by another couple, saw their parents during secret visits. (CNS photo/courtesy Johnny Harmon Family)

full life while living at Carville in his book: "King of the Microbes." Brett included her own reflections about this in: "The Disease: One

Man's Journey Through a Life With Leprosy."

Five members of Brett's maternal side and two on her

paternal side were patients at Carville.

Brett was particularly touched by her father's

heartbreaking story concerning her mother's arrival at Carville and how hysteria about leprosy impacted her family.

In 1932, Brett's maternal grandmother, Louise Triche, who lived on a sugar plantation in Vacherie with her husband, Jack, and children, went to a local health clinic for a checkup and was diagnosed with the disease. She was immediately taken to Carville.

Two years later, Brett's mother and uncle also were sent to the same facility.

Before Brett's father's arrival Carville, he watched the effects of Hansen's on his brother Elmo, diagnosed with the disease in 1925 at age 16. In 1934, Elmo took a train to the Carville leprosarium, where the disease ravaged him before he died.

Johnny Harmon, who had worked for the Texas Highway Department and was working toward a college degree in engineering, thought about Elmo daily, and he and his dad visited Elmo as often as possible.

When Johnny Harmon was diagnosed with the disease in 1935 at 24, it made the front page of the Beaumont newspaper because of his position with the highway department. Harmon went to the leprosarium determined to make the most of his life there. He had his own photography lab and was a cartoonist, a painter and taught in the one-room schoolhouse at the facility which he dubbed "the first integrated school in Louisiana."

See HANSENS, page 19



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Lent in the Footsteps of Jesus, Bordelonville

The Lenten journey with Jesus for forty days reminds us that our life is a never-ending combat in which the weapons of reflective reading of the Bible, supported by prayer and sacrifices will lead us to a personal experience of the mystery of Easter Triduum. St. Peter and St. Michael Churches in Bordelonville will sponsor a 5-week series to follow this Lenten journey. Join us every Sunday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a spiritual talk presented by Fr. Shoury in St. Peter church hall, followed by a fruitful discussion for personal salvation.

- March 1: Deliverance from the Slavery of Sin
- March 8: Eyes fixed on Christ
- March 15: Quenching our Spiritual Thirst
- March 22: Enter into the Merciful Heart of the Father
- March 29: Jesus the suffering Servant and Victor of God

Lenten Scripture Study, St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria

St. Frances Cabrini church will have a Lenten Scripture Study every Thursday evening in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in Ducote Hall. Come and listen to these informative sessions led by Father Chad Partain. The first session will be held on Thursday, March 5. For more information, call Michelle at 318-445-4588.

Family and Teen Lenten Retreats, Plaucheville

Mater Dolorosa Church, Plaucheville will host a Family Lenten Retreat, free of charge, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 7 at the church hall, and a Teen Lenten Retreat, free of charge, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. March 8 at the school gym. Join us for great talks, family activities, prayer, adoration, breakout sessions for teens, kids with AHFI Missionary brothers and sisters! Lunch and snacks will be provided. The special speaker will be Fr. Ralph Weimann, professor at Pontifical Universities, Angelicum and Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 318-922-3131 or Sr. Mae at 318-587-1905.

Teen Lenten Retreat, Plaucheville

St. Joseph School and Mater Dolorosa Church, Plaucheville will host a Teen Lenten Retreat, free of charge, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. March 8 at the school gym. Join us for great talks, skits, activities, adoration, and much more! Lunch and snacks will be provided. The special speaker will be Fr. Ralph Weimann, professor at Pontifical Universities, Angelicum and Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Mae at 318-587-1905 or the Mater Dolorosa church office at 318-922-3131.

Lenten Reflection, St. Rita

Join us at St. Rita Holy Family Center at 8:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. on March 9 for a presentation by Fr. John Wiltse on "Who Am I to Judge?" The evening session will be a repeat of the morning session. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lenten Reflection, St. Anthony of Padua, Natchitoches

Join us for a Day of Lenten Reflection on March 14 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Natchitoches. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for a continental breakfast. Day of reflection is open to men and women, and begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends in time for the Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Lunch is included in the \$35 registration fee. Speakers will be Joan Gahagan and Mary Wilson. For more information, email dianeardo@yaho.com. The Day of Lenten Reflection is sponsored by CENLA Magnificat and Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Louisiana (CCRC).

Lenten Mission, St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie

A three-day Lenten Mission will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie during the Third Week of Lent. The Mission will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 16, 17, and 18, at 6:00 p.m. each evening. All are welcome.

Lenten Mission, St. Peter Church, Bordelonville

Fr. Ryan Humphries, pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Church in Tallulah will present a Lenten Mission on March 18 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church in Bordelonville. All are invited to attend this reflection.

Lenten Mission, Sts. Francis & Anne Church, Kolin

Sts. Francis and Anne Church in Kolin will hold their Lenten Mission Service on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00 p.m. until approximately 7:00 p.m. Fr. Martin Laird will be the guest speaker. Confession will be heard after the talk for anyone interested.

For an up-to-date list of events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, please visit: www.diocesealex.org

Lenten Regulations: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. For more frequently asked questions about Lent, visit www.usccb.org.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

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Holy Land

Medjugorje Pilgrimage, May 19-27, 2020

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or to register, visit www.catholicjourneys.com/md2020 or contact Fred Schoonover at 318-359-2205.

Pilgrimage to France, October 21-30, 2020

Father Martin Laird will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, including visits to the holy sites in Lourdes, Lisieux, and Paris with a special trip to the glorious Chartres Cathedral. More information can be found on the

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Holy Land

Mary's Assumption Church in Cottonport. For more information, call 337-291-1933 or visit www.holytravels.org/tour/st-maryscottonport/.

Special Collections

Black and Indian Missions

The weekend of March 1, churches will be taking up a collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black

Sunday, March 1

and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

Catholic Relief Services

The week of March 22, our parishes will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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The Cross Word

March 1
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Sunday readings: Gn 2: 7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5: 12-19; Mt 4:1-11 and Gn 12: 1-4a; 2Tm 1: 8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9

ACROSS

- 1 Baby powder
- 5 Brain waves (abbr.)
- 8 Once around track
- 11 Potato state
- 13 " Maria"
- 14 Also known as (abbr.)
- 15 Important person
- 16 Can metal
- 17 Martyr color
- 18 Ump
- 20 Clothes of fig _____
- 22 Sea cucumber
- 26 Thailand
- 27 Bowler's target
- 28 Red clay soil in the

American South

- 30 of God
- 31 Disorder
- 32 Adam: "I it"
- 35 "From the of God"
- 36 Annoying insect
- 37 Launch
- 39 Liverwort
- 41 Kidnappers want
- 43 Neither's partner
- 44 Incorporated (abbr.)
- 45 "To the right!"
- 47 Revises
- 51 Food law group (abbr.)
- 52 Compass point
- 53 Abram's father

- 54 Cooking measure
- 55 Vane direction
- 56 Northeast by east

DOWN

- 1 Letters to Timothy (abbr.)
- 2 Hoopla
- 3 Fall behind
- 4 Stirs vigorously
- 5 Adam did to apple
- 6 Knowledge of good and _____
- 7 Book I of Bible
- 8 Worm-like insect stage
- 9 Arabic name for "wise"
- 10 Bottom of cat feet
- 12 Fake butter
- 19 Sheer, triangular scarf
- 21 Be sickly
- 22 Computer speed
- 23 River (Spanish)
- 24 No room here
- 25 Jesus destroyed this
- 29 Jewish last name meaning "priest"
- 31 Male perfume
- 32 Picnic visitor
- 33 Thai
- 34 And so forth
- 35 Married woman
- 36 Eden
- 37 Angels will lift you on their _____
- 38 Take off the lid
- 40 Bard
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- 49 Bill
- 50 That girl

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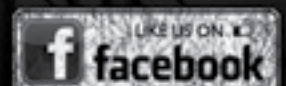
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Women's one-day retreat offers hope for spiritual renewal

Sisters in Christ. This is the goal of Southern Grace ministry, to remain connected and continue faith formation opportunities for women at all stages of their faith lives.

Southern Grace, Sisters in Christ is a group of seven Catholic women from the Central Louisiana area who came together in their search for Christ and call to discipleship. For most of the members, their faith was reignited after attending a Cenla ACTS retreat. Those weekend retreat opportunities renewed their beliefs, encouraged them to explore their brokenness, and reinstated the fact that God is always present, tirelessly waiting for our return home to the Father.

The Southern Grace team, consisting mostly of cradle Catholics, learned a new approach to practicing their faith, and met women from the surrounding areas who were also searching to remain connected to both Christ and the church community. The women began meeting in March 2019, seeking ways to continue connecting with the broader church community and to provide faith formation resources on a smaller scale to women throughout the diocese.

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the church," stated the leadership team, and that curiosity is contagious. Seeking to reconnect with their community, and learn a little more about the church, the women first coordinated "Journey with Jesus," a short pilgrimage around the diocese, ending at a mystery location. The "Journey with Jesus" trip saw a positive turnout, and the women began to explore additional opportunities to remain connected to women on the local level.

The Arise Women's retreat will do just that. Featuring local speakers Father Derek Ducote, Father Taylor Reynolds, and Mandi Chapman, the one-day event will explore being made in and reflecting God's image to our families and communities.

The retreat will be held Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Menard

High School, with Mass at 4:00 p.m.

This one-day retreat is open to women ages 21 and up, and is a fantastic opportunity for mothers, daughters, and community members to reconnect. Knowing that there can be much to coordinate - from carpooling to childcare, and everything inbetween -

women of all faiths are invited to press pause on the busyness of life and gather to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

Retreat speakers will explore the topics of femininity and worthiness as modern Catholic women. The day will include time fellowship as well as resources to help women stay connected and educated in the faith long after the day is over.

The registration fee is \$40, and includes a morning snack and lunch. T-shirts are available for pre-order through February 28. Local merchant booths will be also be set up with merchandise available for purchase.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria, Southern Grace's mission and ministry are to provide opportunities for Christian women to gather in praise and worship, feed their hunger, to know God more intimately, and learn more about our Catholic faith.

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Psalms 23: 1 | Responsorial Psalm for March 22

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HANSENS

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The Carville community had a movie theater, ballroom, cafeteria, tennis courts and two golf courses -- one for employees and one for patients -- who came from around the world.

Celebrations also were common, and it was at a 1936 Mardi Gras Ball that Johnny, then 24, met Anne, who "captured his heart."

In 1938, Johnny was cleared of Hansen's disease symptoms and released. Johnny attempted to resume his life in Texas, but the stigma followed him, thwarting career plans and causing him to fail his draft notice exam for World War II.

The Hansen's symptoms returned, and Johnny returned to Carville. Eventually, Anne and Johnny rekindled their romance and after receiving a pass, were

married at St. Roch's Catholic Church in New Orleans.

Patients at Carville were discouraged from having children. After Brett and her brother were born, they were placed with the Becnel family in Vacherie, who spoke only Cajun French. The Becnells brought the children to the secret picnic gatherings with their parents.

Johnny Harmon was eventually symptom free of Hansen's but insisted on remaining at the Carville hospital because his wife was a patient there. Eventually he was "expelled" by doctors, but he remained nearby to be near his wife. When she was eventually released, the two made their home in Vacherie, where Johnny had a thriving photography business and the couple became members of Our Lady of Peace Parish.

Brett said she has fond memories of visiting Carville

and noted the international community that was formed there. She said while she saw people in various stages of the diseases, but she never focused on their outward appearance because they had a "beauty within."

The presence of the religious sisters also kept a vibrant faith alive.

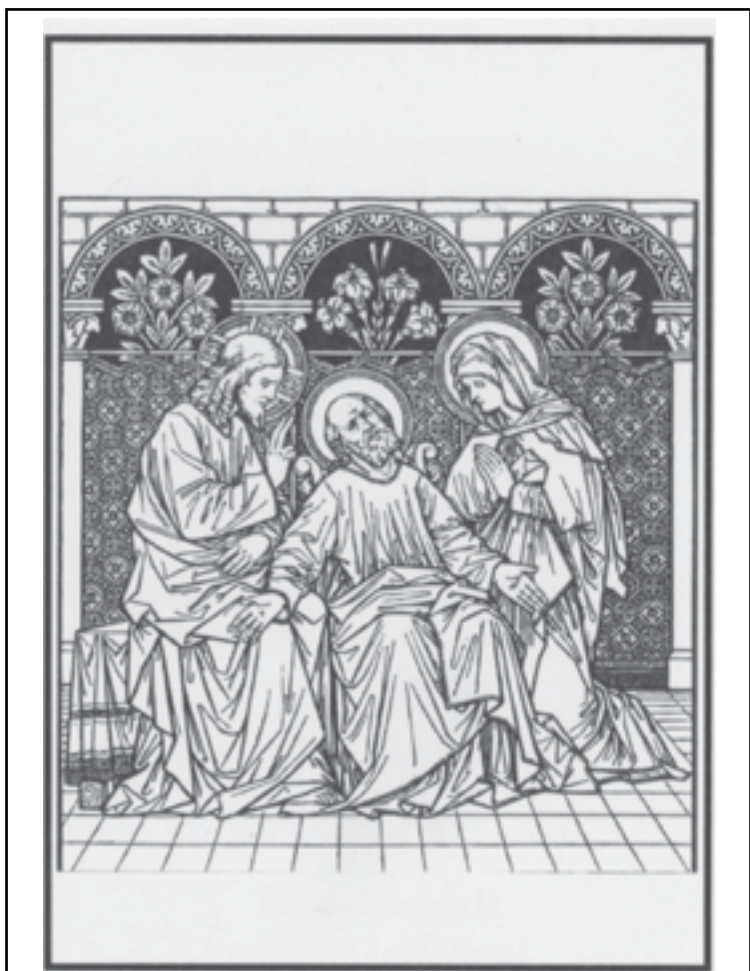
Her dad wrote about his own faith saying: "God gives us all a cross to bear. Some are bigger than others, but we all experience some sorrow in our life."

And of his diagnosis with Hansen's he said: "I never felt like a leper, not in the biblical sense of the word."

Shelley is assistant editor for The Catholic Commentator, newspaper of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. classic.

NATIONAL LEPROSARIUM.

Johnny Harmon is pictured in an undated photo in his photography lab at the former National Leprosarium in Carville, La., now a museum. Louisiana author Anne Harmon Brett wrote a 2019 book about her father's leprosy diagnosis and his life inside the National Leprosarium in Carville but her story also highlights her mother's diagnosis with the same disease and how she and her brother, raised by another couple, saw their parents during secret visits. (CNS photo/courtesy Johnny Harmon Family)



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*By Chris Padgett
Guest Contributor*

We all want to be seen. We want someone to really “get” who we are, and yet, there is a fear of truly being ourselves. Why are we afraid to simply be ourselves? Because there is an undercurrent of fear that threatens our confidence. That fear has to do with acceptance. We are afraid that if we are truly seen we will not be accepted. When we allow fear to dictate our actions, we withhold from ourselves opportunities to grow in confidence that we are good enough to be loved.

Our entire life is an effort in realizing the truth of being loved.

What if every moment of our existence was an opportunity to be reminded that God loves us? In the good moments, it is easy to believe this, but what if we could see that we were loved even in the bad moments of our life. Bad decisions made by ourselves, bad choices made by others, bad circumstances and bad events beyond our control, are not occasions taking us away from love; rather they are opportunities to see that we were loved. What if life was all about seeing that we are loved by God in this moment, not because of what we do, but because of whose we are?

This message is the truth and this truth will change your life.

When we allow ourselves to be completely loved by God, this will free us to love others without needing them to satisfy any lack within ourselves. The key isn't convincing ourselves that we are worthy of God loving us, as much



as it is seeing that He ALREADY DOES love us, independent upon our actions necessitating merit. We can't possibly position ourselves into His favor because God has already moved things in a declarative action that settles the matter once and for all; the cross. The cross is a clarion call to the world that God loves.

Reflecting on God's love, that he expressed for us from the cross, reminds us that He loves our past, our present, and our future. He loves so entirely, that even our failures, faults, what we have done and failed to do are decidedly forgiven and healed by His selflessness in shedding His blood at the cross. We are forgiven and set up for success; fully seen and chosen to go and share that type of love with others.

We can't give what we do not have.

If we don't know that we were and are forgiven than we will pursue consolation in other things, people, events, or activities. When we allow God's merciful love to heal us, we are fully seen, forgiven and free to be

His love to those around us. We are now free to heal, see, and even forgive those who do not care about us, because we can give what we have been given. It isn't as if we are asked to give to others something that is based upon our efforts and merit alone as if we have a reservoir of acceptance based on our goodness; rather, we have something to give because God's love not only forgives and sees but it also abundantly fills and overflows. With an abundant love from God towards us, we can go freely to any land and people with a message that is satisfying to the universal need of all; to be seen and loved as we are.

So allow yourself to be loved by God today, because who knows, maybe tomorrow you will meet someone who wants desperately to be seen, but is afraid that they will not be good enough.

Thank God for His merciful and abundant love!

SOUTHEASTERN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS.

Sister Ann Middleton, associate superintendent from the Diocese of Shreveport discusses a topic during round table discussions during the 2020 Southeastern Catholic School Superintendents Summit in Alexandria, Feb. 5-7. Catholic School Superintendents from dioceses in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee attended the 2-day gathering at the Hotel Bentley. Many important topics were discussed including strategies to address declining enrollment in Catholic schools, establishing positive partnerships between pastors and principals, staff evaluation tools and processes.



Evenings with Chris Padgett I'm not okay. You're not okay. But it's okay!

All are welcome to attend a Lenten Mission at St. Joseph's Church in Marksville, featuring Catholic author and speaker, Chris Padgett and his wife, Linda.

Chris is well-known to our diocese as a speaker for the Steubenville South Youth Conference as well as other events around the diocese. Chris will be joined by his wife, Linda, for this two-night event focusing on the value of relationships within marriage and families.

Chris and Linda's most recent method of evangelization is through their Happy Place Homestead YouTube channel, where they share their lives and how God and their Catholic faith have impacted them as a married couple, parents, and friends.

All are welcome for this two-night event, **March 8 and 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marksville.** Night one will focus on marriage and relationships. Night two will focus on parenting and family, followed by a meet and greet in the church hall. You need not attend both events. Both nights will also feature music, faith, and fellowship.

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For more information, please call Claire Lemoine at 318-305-7301.

Chris will also speak at the upcoming Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference, March 7-8.

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Answer:



*With the Lord
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Psalm 130: 7
Responsorial Psalm
for March 29

LSU-Alexandria Catholic Campus Ministry Spring Semester Dates

March 23-27: Spring Break trip to San Antonio

April 10: Lenten Good Friday Retreat at the CSO, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 24: Cajun dancing at the CSO, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

May 4: Midnight Breakfast at the CSO, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Weekly events include:

Tuesdays: Bible Study, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Mass, 11:00 a.m.

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Thursdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 p.m.

Contact Lynn Ray for more information at lray@diocesealex.org
or 318-613-0634.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES: (TOP) Saint Anthony School is proud of their two students, Graham [redacted] and Noah [redacted]. The two cousins competed in the Regional Student of the Year competition. Graham was named the 5th grade Student of the Year, and Noah was named the 8th grade Student of the Year. They will both compete in the State competition in March. The cousins are pictured with 12th grader, Anderson [redacted], Student of the Year candidate from Holy Savior Menard.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL: (BOTTOM) Catholic Schools Week celebrations! Saint Anthony School was grateful to welcome State Representative Daryl Deshotel, and Bunkie Mayor Bruce Coulon. The two elected officials spoke to the students about how their Catholic faith effects their daily lives working in government. They explained what their duties include, how prayer influences their decision making, and how important it is to follow the Ten Commandments and serve your neighbor as Jesus taught.

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Natural Family Planning class series - February 22, March 14, and April 25

You are invited to attend a Natural Family Planning class series teaching the Sympto-Thermal Method, through the Couple to Couple League International, the largest provider of NFP instruction in the nation. Natural Family Planning is effective, safe, and morally acceptable to delay or achieve pregnancy. Attendance of all 3 classes completes the course. Classes are on Saturdays, Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; March 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; and April 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. There is a one-time fee of \$135, which includes the Student Guide book, fertility charts, digital thermometer, 6 months CycleProGo mobile app, award-winning Family Foundations magazines subscription, and ongoing consultation. For more information and to register for classes, visit www.ccli.org or contact Michael and Leah Pelto at 318-730-2839 or michaelandleah@suddenlink.net.

Transition NFP classes (after childbirth/pre-menopause) are taught on an as-needed basis. Please contact Michael and Leah to schedule a class.

10-week Bible Study Series - March 4

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Vidalia will offer a 10-week Bible class entitled The Way, The Truth, and the Life. The proposed beginning date is Wednesday, March 4. Please call the church office at 318-336-5450 if you are interested.

Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference - March 7-8

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the annual Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference to be held March 7-8 at the Alexandria Riverfront Center. This year's host will be Chris Padgett. Cost is \$130, including the hotel stay or \$90 without. To register, visit www.diocesealex.org/beyond-the-limits/. For more information, contact Gennie Ashy at gashy@diocesealex.org.

Manna House Golf Tournament - March 10

The annual Hixson-Ford Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be at Oakwing Golf Club, Tuesday, March 10. The cost is \$1,000 per team, which includes a three-man team with a pro, plus a hole sign, lunch, the Pro Am Party, and the Awards Party. Benefiting Manna House. Please call Jessica Viator at 318-445-9053 or Theresa Slater at 318-664-3603 for more information or to register.

Heart of St. Kateri Circle Meeting - March 12

Join us at the Tekakwitha Conference Center, 2225 North Bolton Ave., Alexandria, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. We'll be talking about our Family Movie Night at CB gym. Also, the 2022 Planning Committee Chair and subcommittees will discuss our third St. Kateri Feast Day Mass at St. Ann's, Spanish Lake near Robeline, La. For more information contact Scotty Durio at 318-484-3908.

DIOCESAN BRIEFS

Annual Catechetical Quiz Bowl - March 14

It's time to sharpen your bible knowledge skills! The annual Catechetical Quiz Bowl will be held March 14 at Maryhill Renewal Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This event is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Compete against other teams to win cash and trophies! First prize is \$500 and a trophy; second prize is \$200 and a trophy. Cost is \$10 per 4-person team. Pizza lunch provided. To register or for a copy of the questions/answers, email emccullough@cabinischool.com or call Ashley at 318-445-4588.

All About Eve Women's Day of Reflection - March 21

2nd annual Women's Day of Reflection: All About Eve sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Sanctuary Society will take place on Saturday, March 21 from 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 2211 E. Texas Ave., in Ducote Hall. (Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.) Speakers will be Fr. Chad Partain and seminarian Thomas Kennedy. The day will end with opportunities for Confession (3:30 - 4:15 p.m.) and Mass at 4:30 p.m. Light breakfast, snacks, and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, please contact Ruby Johnson at rubyjohnson855@gmail.com.

Beginning Experience - March 27-29

Widowed, separated, or divorced? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience of Alexandria is registering now for a weekend away that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past, and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend will be March 27-29 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville. The cost is \$185, which includes two nights' lodging and meals. For more information, visit www.beginningexperience.org, or to register contact Anna at 318-448-1990 or 318-452-2678 or asweat7@aol.com, or Kim at 337-884-3688 or kredman988@gmail.com.

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MAN: From Deep to Deeper Catholic Men's Conference - March 27-29

MAN: From Deep to Deeper is a Catholic Men's conference for men ages 18-100 who are seeking a deeper encounter with the Lord! Location: Randolph Riverfront Center, Alexandria. Join us as speaker Jake Khym talks Godly manhood, Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs will challenge us to rise to our true calling and take our place as priests, prophets, and kings. Our host Paul George from the Diocese of Lafayette will guide us as we journey together building a community of men. Grae McCullough will lead us in worship through prayer and song. Registration fee is \$155; no charge for clergy. For more information or to register, visit www.dioceseman.com.

Catholic Charismatic Healing Conference - March 27-29

The annual Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal scheduled for March 27-29, will be held at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center in Metairie, La. The conference theme is "Thy Kingdom Come." Speakers include: Sr. Briege McKenna, Fr. John Gordon, Fr. Beau Charbonnet, Jean and Janice Charbonnet, Danny Loar of Baton Rouge, Alex Lorio, Patti Mansfield, Deacon Larry Oney and Andi Oney. The Joyful Noise music ministry, led by Lynn Mondt, will lead music. Everyone is welcome to attend the conference for a single session or for the full weekend. Seating is limited and early registration is encouraged. Discounts are available for pre-registration. No pre-registration is needed for single sessions or the Saturday afternoon family session. All priests, religious brothers and sisters, deacons and their families are invited to attend the conference at no charge, but pre-registration is requested. For information, conference schedule and registration online at www.ccrno.org. CCRNO hosts and administrates this conference and may be reached at info@ccrno.org or 504-828-1368.

Arise Women's Retreat - March 28

First annual Arise Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Menard High School. Father Derek Ducote will be our spiritual director on this day of faith formation for women. \$40 fee includes light breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.southerngrace-sic.com or call Wanda Campo at 318-442-0185.

Come and See Weekend at St. Joseph - April 3-5

Any boy 16 years or older who is thinking about seminary or wants to know what seminary is like, is invited to attend this weekend visit to the seminary in St. Benedict, LA. There is no cost, and the seminary provides beds to stay. For more information and registration forms, please contact either Father Louis Sklar (frlsklar@diocesealex.org) or Father Luke LaFleur (frllafleur@diocesealex.org).

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March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
2	3	4 Bible Study Series begins Vidalia	5 Lenten Scripture Study 6:00 p.m., Cabrini	6	7 FEBRUARY Family Retreat 10:00 a.m., Plaucheville	8 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Teen Retreat 10:00 a.m., Plaucheville Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m., Bordelonville Lenten Mission 6:30 p.m., Marksville			
PRAY FOR FR. J. XAVIER	PRAY FOR FR. K. ZACHARIAH	PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA	PRAY FOR FR. W. AJAERO	FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. J. ANTONY	Jr. High Conference - Downtown Alexandria FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR ARCHBISHOP AYMOND	PRAY FOR FR. S. BRANDOW			
9 Lenten Reflection 6:30 p.m., St. Rita, Alexandria Lenten Mission 6:30 p.m., Marksville	10 Manna House Golf Tournament 7:30 a.m., Oakwing Golf Club	11	12 Kateri Circle Meeting 5:30 p.m., Alexandria Lenten Scripture Study 6:00 p.m., Cabrini	13	14 Natural Family Planning Class 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location TBA Day of Reflection 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony, Natchitoches Catechetical Quiz Bowl 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Maryhill	15 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m., Bordelonville			
PRAY FOR FR. D. BRAQUET	PRAY FOR FR. J. BROCATO	PRAY FOR FR. S. CHEMINO	PRAY FOR FR. D. CORKERY	PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM	PRAY FOR FR. W. DECOSTE	PRAY FOR FR. D. DEJESUS			
16	17	18 Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, Bordelonville Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m., Sts. Francis & Anne, Kolin	19 Lenten Scripture Study 6:00 p.m., Cabrini VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m., St. Joseph, Marksville	20	21 All About Eve Women's Day of Reflection 9:15 a.m., Cabrini Church	22 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m., Bordelonville			
Lenten Mission -- St. Anthony of Padua Church, Bunkie		PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE	PRAY FOR FR. J. DESIMONE	PRAY FOR FR. A. DHARMARAJ	PRAY FOR FR. D. DUCOTE	PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK	PRAY FOR FR. J. FERGUSON	PRAY FOR FR. W. GEARHEARD	
23	24	25	26 Lenten Scripture Study 6:00 p.m., Cabrini	27	28 Arise Women's Retreat 8:30 a.m., Menard High School	29 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT Lenten Mission 6:00 p.m., Bordelonville			
PRAY FOR FR. J. GOOTEE	PRAY FOR FR. R. GREMILLION	PRAY FOR FR. D. HART	PRAY FOR FR. J. HASIEBER	Catholic Charismatic Healing Conference - New Orleans Men's Conference-- Randolph Riverfront Center, Alexandria Beginning Experience -- Maryhill Retreat Center, Pineville			PRAY FOR MSGR. R. HOPPE	PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHRIES	PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH
30	31 VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m., Minor Basilica, Natchitoches	APRIL 1	2 Lenten Scripture Study 6:00 p.m., Cabrini	3	4	5			
PRAY FOR FR. G. KROSFIELD	PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI	PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUPURAM	PRAY FOR FR. S. KWEBUZA	Come and See Weekend - St. Joseph Seminary			PRAY FOR FR. L. LAFLEUR	PRAY FOR FR. M. LAIRD	PALM SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. P. LAPALME

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at this year's

CABRINI BALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2020

EDWARD G. NED RANDOLPH RIVERFRONT CENTER

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Gourmet Seated Dinner 7:30pm
Entertainment 8:30 - 11:30pm
Black Tie Attire

Funds from this year's event will go towards the purchase
of **3 State-of-the-Art 3DHD Mammography Machines**
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