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The journey to Holy Week

Altar servers from St. Anthony of Padua parish in Bunkie.

Pastor, Father Scott Chemino, V.G., with the altar servers of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie on Palm Sunday, 2019. The journey to Holy Week 2020 has been filled with both joy and anxiety. As of press time for this issue of the Church Today, decisions regarding some aspects of Holy Week are still being deliberated. Due to the daily changes in the COVID-19 situation, decisions may not be made until the last possible minute. Keep up with the latest in diocesan news on the Diocese of Alexandria website at www.diocesealex.org or on the diocesan Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DioceseofAlexandria.

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. See pages 18 and 19 for tips on protecting children, as well as suggested activities and events to commemorate the month.

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Letter from the Editor

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Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. - John 15:4

Dear friend,

By the time you read this paper, things will likely have changed, and I pray and hope that change is for the better - but it's quite possible that they will have grown increasingly difficult. We are all facing a situation that's unlike anything we've ever lived through before. The words "global coronavirus pandemic" are ones that I never would have dreamed that I'd be writing in an article for our diocesan newspaper. But, here we are this Lenten season.

Depending on your situation, the current impact of this pandemic may look different, but it's nearly impossible that one will not feel any impact at all throughout the next few weeks, month, or even the rest of the year. The measures being implemented by federal, state, and local officials are virtually slamming our day to day realities to a halt. I think the eeriest feeling about this situation is that we have very little sense of what to expect from one day to the next.

People are responding to these developments in any number of ways: fear, anxiety, stress, panic, apathy, and grief just to name a few. So, as we continue to confront our current situation, we as Catholics would do well to recommit to the greatest commandment we've been given as followers of Christ: to love God and to love our neighbor.

What is our responsibility now?

Schools and offices are shut down, and we're all likely doing a lot more behind-the-scenes work than we've ever done before. It can all seem a little surreal, and can take a while simply to get

adjusted to a new schedule of being at home.

It might not look or feel like what you would imagine when you hear the command from Jesus to love your neighbor, but we each, every individual, have a social responsibility to help stop the spread of coronavirus, just as we have always had a social responsibility to care for our neighbors. Taking our call to love our neighbor seriously, means taking the recommendations from Center for Disease Control, as well as the ordinances given by our government officials seriously, and doing what we can - especially when it requires sacrifice - to protect those most vulnerable to its effects.

What does Church look like now?

We most likely will not be able to attend Mass, youth groups, or prayer gatherings for a few weeks due to group gatherings being suspended. This is enormously sad and difficult for all of us to process. Losing the physical connection to our community as well as access to the Eucharist is heartbreaking. But, please remember that priests continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass around the world, and even if you can't see or receive Him, Christ is never far from us.

What it looks like to be Church at this time has shifted, but at the same time, the reality of what it means to be Church has remained very much the same. Church has always been about loving God and loving neighbor. During this time, our responsibilities remain the same as they always have: stay connected to God through prayer and Scripture, and serve those around us. Pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those heroic people who are caring for the sick and suffering. Practice behaviors that will help to limit the spread of the virus. Be a responsible consumer. And,

finally, if there's a safe way to do so, consider volunteering your services to deliver groceries or essential goods to people who cannot perform these acts for themselves. Check in with neighbors who have no family in the area, and take care of your own family members.

How can we remain rooted in prayer and Scripture through this time?

During this strange and difficult time, it's more important than ever to stay rooted in our faith. Spending more time at home than any of us are probably used to, building some type of routine or ritual for our days will be extremely beneficial to keep us moving. Prioritizing prayer within that routine will make a tremendous difference. Whatever that looks like for you in your current state of life, use this time well to dive deeper into the Lenten season so that we can look forward to a more hopeful Easter.

Loving God and neighbor may look vastly different now than what we're used to. But the call to do so remains the same. Jesus called us to love God and neighbor, and our commitment to that calling is more crucial now than ever.

During this Lenten season, as we journey through a new kind of desert - a desert without the public celebration of Mass and physical gatherings, we remember that we still journey toward the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our Faith, and wait for the day we will receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament again. Until that time, an abundance of resources are available to help us remain fed on God's Word through Scripture and faith formation activities. Just as we prepare our homes for disasters and stress, I've realized how important it is to prepare myself spiritually for times such as this - to have a spiritual game plan in place for when stressful times surface.

We encourage you - engage these resources with your family, friends, and small group communities. Below, and continued on page 4, you'll find a list of websites and activities to help you remain connected to Christ and His Church, many of which are available at little to no cost. We encourage you - engage these resources with your family, friends, and small group communities.

Please share your story with us on Facebook, and remain every connected to Sacred Scripture.

Let us know, what's your spiritual game plan?

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Easter at home is an ‘opportunity for faith,’ Vatican official says

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EASTER AT HOME. Pope Francis walks past flowers as he celebrates the Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 21, 2019. Easter at home is an “opportunity for faith,” Cardinal Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, said March 17, 2020. (CNS photo / Paul Haring)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- With the prospect of trying to celebrate Easter without a large parish or Vatican liturgies, Catholics still can turn a tragic situation into an experience of faith and hope, said Cardinal Beniamino Stella.

In an interview with Vatican News March 17, Cardinal Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, said that while the current lockdown in Italy will keep thousands from celebrating Easter in Rome, “today there are still possibilities to transform this tragedy into an opportunity for faith.”

“I believe that, today, technology truly allows us to live a communion that would seem virtual. But, in fact, it is not just virtual, because I believe that the Holy Spirit also passes through these new things in today’s world and speaks to hearts, speaks to consciences, speaks to little ones and speaks to great ones,” he said.

When asked about the many Christians who will be unable to celebrate Easter at the Vatican, Cardinal Stella said that the timing of the lockdown during the Lenten season is a call to prepare for Christ’s resurrection in their own homes.

“I believe that all these pilgrims who were on their way

to Rome or to the shrines must think that their Easter and their call to conversion must take place in the family, in their small environment, where the Lord calls them to live the mystery of Easter in this time,” the Italian cardinal said.

The Italian government enacted strict measures designed to encourage people to stay home

and to limit opportunities for people to unknowingly spread COVID-19 to others.

Public gatherings, including Masses, have been banned in Italy through April 3, two days before Palm Sunday. However, a notification from the Prefecture of the Papal Household stated that “the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week will take place

without the physical presence of the faithful.”

The notification caused speculation that the government’s ban on public gatherings could be extended in the wake of increasing infections and deaths due to the coronavirus.

Cardinal Stella said he believed the Holy Spirit would give the grace to all Christians

so that they may experience a “beautiful and profound” Holy Week, “even in the sadness of mourning, illnesses and tragedy of which we do not know the extent and, especially, the duration.”

Citing an excerpt from Alessandro Manzoni’s experience about the plague in his book “The Betrothed,” Cardinal Stella said he personally found comfort in the author’s statement that “God never disturbs the joy of his children except to send a greater joy.”

“I found this expression truly consoling for our lives,” he said. “I believe that in the absence of rites, of physical participation, we must find in these circumstances a profound way of greater intimacy with the Lord to communicate with the church, with the sacraments.”

While this unusual Lenten season has left him with an abundance of time for prayer, adoration and reflection, Cardinal Stella said it was important for everyone to be in touch with friends and loved ones in order “to create a beautiful network that unites us in this moment.”

“I have also said it to the priests, to the parish priests. I said, ‘Invent something to communicate with your faithful; turn this moment of trial, great worry and crisis into an opportunity.’”



Catholic Trivia



A list of canonized Saints and Blesseds can be found at www.usccb.org and www.catholic.org.

Who was the first American saint to be canonized?

Answer on page 20.

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.”

Do you know someone who wants to receive the Church Today FREE of charge?

Visit the sign-up form at www.diocesealex.org, or email cari.terracina@diocesealex.org with their name and mailing address.

Resources to stay connected to our faith



Resources to help us stay connected to Christ throughout this time include:

Join Erica of **Be a Heart** for a free lettering challenge. In these tumultuous times, use their calligraphy and brush lettering workbooks for prayerful meditation. Calligraphy and brush lettering workbooks are currently on sale for \$5 as digital downloads. Visit www.beaheart.com for more information.

The retreat that comes to you! Join the **Online Busy Person's Retreat**, facilitated by Becky Eldredge. Visit www.beckyeldredge.com for more information.

Catholic Family Crate is a quarterly package featuring beautiful faith-enriching picture books, activities, crafts, prayers, and more. They are currently offering a few free printables at www.catholicfamilycrate.com.

In the coming weeks, **EWTN** will be streaming as many programs, Masses, and devotions as possible on Facebook Live. Everyone is invited to pray with them! Devotions will include Stations of the Cross.

Join **Life Teen youth ministry for Lectio Live** - a live-streamed digital small group on the ministry's YouTube channel.

Also, access their free resources for youth and families at summit.lifeteen.com.

In addition to its online edition, **Magnificat** is now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android apps through the month of May. To register for free access in English, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For free access in Spanish, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis. They will also provide complimentary access to Magnifikid. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of the Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12.

My Catholic Kids shares fun ways to raise your children in their Catholic faith. Find fun and exciting ways to bring the Catholic faith to life with the Saint Subscription, including Jesse Tree sets, Saint magnets, and Fishing for Saints. Plus the Saints Bingo FREE printable!

Learn some new saint facts with the printable crossword challenge and podcast provided by **Shining Light Dolls**. Download their printable worksheets for kids at www.shininglightdolls.com.

Grow spiritually during this time, and practice the 5 spiritual tips given by the **USCCB** for you to live out at home during the

Coronavirus pandemic.

Join Lisa Brenninkmeyer of **Walking With Purpose** for an exclusive Scripture Study for women. Learn more by visiting [@walkingwithpurpose_official](https://www.instagram.com/walkingwithpurpose_official) on Instagram.

In an effort to continue the practice of our faith when many parishes have closed due to restrictions around the coronavirus, **Word on Fire ministries** will provide online access to daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's chapel, celebrated by either Bishop Barron or Father Steve Grunow, CEO of Word on Fire. The video will be posted at 8:15 a.m. EST at www.wordonfire.org.

St. Joseph Catholic Center updates

As a result of the Coronavirus health issue, the seven Roman Catholic dioceses of Louisiana are all in compliance with the statewide mandated closure of non-essential businesses. The Diocese of Alexandria announced that the Saint Joseph Catholic Center, the diocesan offices, will remain closed until after the Easter Holiday. This closure is to re-enforce the isolation efforts stressed by state and private health care officials for all individuals across the state.

Catholics are encouraged to follow the diocesan website to stay informed of developments in this regard.

On Monday, March 23, news arrived from New Orleans that Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria, has tested positive for the virus. At this time, Catholics throughout the diocese are asked to offer prayers for Archbishop Aymond and all who are suffering as a result of this health emergency.

Please continue to visit the diocesan website at www.diocesealex.org for the most up-to-date information.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary; and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

And the Word was made Flesh; and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an ange, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.’ (Luke 1:28)

‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’ (Luke 1:42)

Information regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation

Updated information, news articles, and documents regarding ongoing activity and planning for the COVID-19 situation will be periodically updated on the Diocese of Alexandria website at www.diocesealex.org.

In light of the announcements from President Trump and Governor Edwards recently, effective immediately, public Mass cannot be celebrated. Priests may celebrate Mass privately. Stations of the Cross and any other gatherings for prayer must also be cancelled.

Let us pray for all of those who have died because of the virus, and for the healing of those who have been affected.

Mass will be offered online on Facebook, YouTube, or on the radio at the following churches. Please visit the links listed below.

Sunday

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (time varies) - Radio Maria | www.radiomaria.us (click the play button) or tune in on your radio in Alexandria on station 580 AM or in Natchitoches on station 89.7 AM

9:00 a.m. - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral | www.facebook.com/DioceaseofAlexandria

10:00 a.m. - St. Rita Church, Alexandria | www.facebook.com/stritacatholicchurchalexandria/ or on YouTube.



10:00 a.m. - Church of the Little Flower, Evergreen | www.facebook.com/Church-of-the-Little-Flower-1449020482071209/

10:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pineville | www.facebook.com/sacredheartpineville/

10:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Alexandria | www.facebook.com/OLPSCatholicChurch

TBA - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tioga | www.facebook.com/Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary-Catholic-Church-11804618220030 or on YouTube

11:00 a.m. - Mass from St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans | www.facebook.com/archdioceseofno

Radio broadcast of Mass will be available on your radio on these stations:

7:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church, Moreauville KZLG-FM 95.5

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church, Moreauville - KLIL-FM 92.1

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - Radio Maria | www.radiomaria.us (click the play button) or tune in on your radio in Alexandria on station 580 AM or in Natchitoches on station 89.7 AM

12:05 p.m. Mass from St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans | www.facebook.com/archdioceseofno

5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, Alexandria | www.facebook.com/OLPSCatholicChurch

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, Alexandria | www.facebook.com/OLPSCatholicChurch

4:00 p.m. Radio Maria | www.radiomaria.us (click the play button) or tune in on your radio in Alexandria on station 580 AM or in Natchitoches on station 89.7 AM

Please continue to visit www.diocesealex.org for updated livestream Mass times, as well as additional updates from the Diocese of Alexandria.

Continue to support your church parish

In light of announcements made from President Trump and Governor Edwards, effective immediately, public Mass cannot be celebrated. Priests may celebrate Mass privately.

Though you are not obligated to attend Mass during this time, please consider continuing to support your church parish with your tithing and donations. Church parishes rely on these funds to continue to operate and provide programs and services to the faithful in our communities. The address to each church parish can be found on the diocese website at www.diocesealex.org.

Your pastor will appreciate your continued support.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

POSTPONED: Holy Savior Menard Senior activities, all athletic events, and the production of Oklahoma have been postponed. Please visit www.holysaviormenard.com for daily updates.

The Diocese Chancery Office is now using only one post office box.

The only current Post Office Box is 7417.

P.O. Box 8714 is no longer in use.

Download the Spotify app and search for "Diocese of Alexandria" to listen to #SongsfortheSabbath --- songs to center our hearts, minds, and homes on Christ.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for April

Freedom from Addiction
We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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.

CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital celebrates 70 years of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in Central Louisiana

For seventy years, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital has extended the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to so many throughout Central Louisiana. It's a seventy-year story still being written, with the best yet to come.

As we celebrate our 70th year, it's important for us to pause and reflect on how our ministry began in Central Louisiana.

The vision for CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital can be traced back as far as 1916 when Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven of Natchitoches and his successor, REV. Daniel Fr. Desmond, asked Mother M. Teresa to build a hospital in Alexandria.

But for one reason or another, the hospital never materialized until 1946 when the Bishop of Alexandria, Rev. Charles P. Greco, asked Mother M. Elizabeth O'Neill to reconsider the matter. In fact, Bishop Greco was so committed to the cause, he pledged \$200,000 from his local parishioners. That's how needed our hospital was to this community. Mother O'Neill and her council were so moved by the gesture, they agreed. A groundbreaking ceremony for the hospital was planned on the feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini that same year.

As names were tossed around for the future hospital, Bishop Greco thought honoring Mother Cabrini was the most obvious choice. When he was a child, he met her and was inspired by her pioneering spirit. After all, she was the first canonized citizen of the United States. He couldn't think of a more appropriate person for his diocese to honor as the first major Catholic institution in the area.

At the end of 1946, an architectural firm was selected. At the request of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word - Houston, architects Goleman and Rolfe began building St. Frances Cabrini Hospital - the first of many hospital buildings designed for the Sisters. Their concept for the hospital was considered to be modern and earned the firm an award of



MOTHER CABRINI. Mother St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, in an undated picture.

merit from the American Institute of Architects. After 3 years of careful planning and construction, the cornerstone was laid and blessed on October 21, 1949. The \$3 million, 126-bed hospital was dedicated on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 1950. The open house was such an exciting and welcomed addition to the community that over 7,000 people came to the event pushing the celebration into the late hours of the night.

On the heels of an overwhelming open house turnout, the hospital officially opened its doors April 1, 1950 with its first admitted patient, Mr. W. J. Bordelon. That evening around 11:30 p.m. Sally Phillips was the first baby delivered at the hospital to Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Phillips. By the end of the second day, April 2, more than 56 patients had been admitted and a variety of surgeries performed.

A little more than a decade later the growing community demanded an expansion in 1965. As a result, just a few years of construction added a six-story addition, increasing the

physically but technologically as well.

On March 21, 1975, a milestone was reached as Central Louisiana's first open-heart surgery was performed at Cabrini, offering residents a trustworthy resource in critical moments.

The equipment that made open-heart surgery possible was purchased with a donation from the Coughlin-Saunders Foundation, an organization that, 70 years later, is still very invested in the successful advancement of healthcare throughout Central Louisiana.

The Coughlin-Saunders Foundation also helped establish Cabrini's cardiac rehab program with the purchase of much-needed equipment. As a result, many other donors began gifting the hospital with monetary support. Therefore, the Cabrini Foundation was established in 1983 to help garner relationships with passionate supporter and fund needed programs to help advance medicine into the 21st century.

As a result of so much community support, Cabrini has always been on the forefront of needed investments. The

hospital was the first in the area to open an Intensive Care Unit; a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for premature or critically ill infants; and the first to employ around the clock intensivist coverage. Likewise, Cabrini was the first in the region to implement robotic technology, a major advancement at the time for rural America.

In 1999, the Sisters of Charity Health System and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Health System consolidated, renaming the hospital to CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital. CHRISTUS is the Latin word for Christ.

CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini's mission is alive and well in 2020. The Sisters would most-assuredly be proud of how far the hospital has advanced since that opening day in 1950.

Today, Cabrini is a fully accredited, 295-bed hospital, employing almost 2,000 associates with nearly 350 on the medical staff. It is one of the largest employers in the region and a positive economic force for Central Louisiana.

The hospital's scope of service continues to grow with



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY. Bishop Charles P. Greco at the hospital groundbreaking ceremony.



DEDICATION. The dedication of St. Frances Cabrini Hospital was held on March 19, 1950.



SISTERS OF CHARITY. The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word are pictured above at Cabrini in 1952.

the addition of 3 community clinics serving all, regardless of their ability to pay. For 39 years, we've been a proud Children's Miracle Network hospital, funding critically important programs for children throughout the regions. And, Cabrini's 17 school-based health centers provide medical care and health education to more than 12,000 students.

Cabrini is also a rural referral center in Central Louisiana, receiving numerous transfers from more than 14 rural hospitals monthly. And

our assets and investments as an organization have allowed us to expand services outside the hospital as we manage a freestanding acute care hospital in Natchitoches and a beloved rural hospital in Mamou.

From our surgery center to our diagnostics specialty center to our athletic clubs to promoting healthy living and the many CHRISTUS physician group practices throughout our region, we've come a long way in 70 short years of providing quality health care access to so many.

We think Bishop Greco

would be proud of how CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini hospital has honored the pioneering legacy of Mother Cabrini.

Today, we remain dedicated to our mission, our community, and to the advancement of medical technology and care throughout Central Louisiana. We stand devoted to our core values, and to the conviction that a cross on the outside means a difference on the inside. We are honored to serve, and we thank all who have made, and continue to make our service possible.



CABRINI HOSPITAL. An undated archive photo from Cabrini Hospital.

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 has been 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 received a kidney and pancreas transplant in early March, and is recovering well. The Go Fund Me page is still open and receiving donations.

New mentorship program helps those discerning religious life

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO—Vocations Outreach, a student-led initiative at Franciscan University of Steubenville, recently announced a new mentorship program to assist young men and women discerning consecrated religious life.

“Discernment can be a difficult and confusing journey, especially if you don’t have anyone to guide you through the process,” said Cassidy Roderick, founder and team director of Vocations Outreach. “The Church so badly needs religious vocations, and to foster them, we have to be able to provide discerning young adults with the tangible resources they need.”

Intended for men and women considering joining a religious community, discerners in the Vocations Outreach mentorship program will receive online formation by watching workshops and completing tasks designed to help them grow in their spiritual lives and deepen their understanding of consecrated religious life.



Workshops will feature talks from a variety of presenters, including religious from four different orders. Topics include: Theology of Religious Life, Monastic Practices, Obstacles to Discernment, Listening to the Holy Spirit, Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement, Personal Vocation, Lectio Divina and more.

Each discerner will be connected with a professed religious who will act as a mentor as they go through the formation program. Mentors will provide feedback on written tasks and will engage in long-distance, one-on-one communication throughout the program.

Roderick noted that it is important for young discerners to relate directly with those in religious life.

“Religious life isn’t like marriage or even the diocesan priesthood—many people don’t grow up seeing that vocation actively lived out. In order for people to discern religious life, they need to know what

it is, and the best way to help them understand that is through relationships with those already in religious life,” she said.

In addition, discerners will be paired with another program participant to whom they will talk with throughout the program. This is meant to give participants a spiritual, supportive friend who is on a similar level as them and to foster a sense of community.

Vocations Outreach uses content produced by the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute, with the online formation workshops hosted on the Catechetical Institute’s online learning management system: FranciscanAtHome.com.

This six-month-long program is free of cost. Vocations Outreach is currently accepting applications. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and actively discerning consecrated religious life.

To learn more or apply, please visit vocationsoutreach.org.

Precautions being taken at Manna House

Manna House’s commitment to our community is priority. We understand the concern and uncertainty all may be experiencing surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-1). We have a responsibility to keep our community, staff, and volunteers safe as the situation evolves. **At this time, Manna House will remain open to serve our community during the normal hours of 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

Staff are taking extra precautions for the safety of the community, staff, and volunteers which also includes following

CDC guidelines.

On Saturday, March 14, Manna house began serving “to go” lunches outside and will continue for the next several weeks. All are asked to be mindful of the social distancing guidelines as they are waiting in line. Sheriff Deputies are on-site to help manage the lines.

Manna House is operating with minimal volunteers at this time, valuing the health of our community and are asking volunteers to help stop the possible spread of contagious viruses.

As a precaution, please DO NOT:

- Enter the building if you aren’t feeling well, especially if you have a fever or cough;
- Enter the building if you or someone close to you have been in countries on the CDC watch list at www.nc.cdc.gov/travel/notices.

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- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough (and then wash your hands).
- Wave rather than hugging

or shaking hands.

- Follow updated best practices by visiting www.cdc.gov.

Manna House is asking for financial donations at this time to help with operating expenses as they have shifted to the “to go” model to feed those in our community who are in need. They also anticipate an increase in children over the next several weeks.

Financial contributions can be made by visiting www.givetomannahouse.com or www.diocesealex.org/donate, or by

mailing a check, money order, or gift card to Manna House, P.O. Box 6011, Alexandria, LA 71307.

As the situation continues to evolve, adjustments will be communicated to the public on a regular basis. Manna House thanks all volunteers and supporters in their mission to banish hunger in Central Louisiana. Please do not hesitate to call 318-445-9053 or email cenlamannahouse@gmail.com with any questions.

DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA OFFICE OF LIFE AND JUSTICE

The Diocese of Alexandria Office of Life and Justice now provides a list of social services available while the Corona Virus measures are in effect.

The Office of Life and Justice lists this directory as a public service. It does not recommend, support, or guarantee any of the mentioned services.

Each consumer should be vigilant and ask questions of each provider, including costs (if any), confidentiality of medical or personal information, and to whom they can address complaints if necessary.

Please visit www.diocesalex.org/latest-news/social-services-information/ for a directory of local services.

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.



ST. MEINRAD WORKDAY. Deacons from the Diocese spent the morning of Saturday, March 14 staining the new Stations of the Cross at Maryhill as part of the St. Meinrad workday.



*My God, my god,
why have you
abandoned me?*

Psalm 22: 2 | Responsorial Psalm for April 5

Father Nino Viviano dies

Father Nino Viviano, a priest of the Diocese of Alexandria, passed away on February 27, 2020 in Florida. The Funeral Mass was held at Maryhill on Tuesday, March 10 with Reverend William Gearheard serving as the celebrant and homilist. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, and may his soul and all of the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

CANCELLED:
Spring Come
and See originally
scheduled for
April 3-5

As more cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are being identified in the Greater New Orleans area, administrators at St. Joseph Abbey in Covington have made the decision to cancel the Spring 2020 Come and See Weekend.

We apologize for any inconvenience. If you should have any questions, please contact Jennifer Smith at 985-867-2241.

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Total	\$1,600.00

Parish Spotlight: St. Alphonsus, Hessmer Established 1898

In the summer of 1891, Bishop Antoine Durier wrote to Fr. Jean Chauvin of Mansura expressing his concern for the Catholic population of Norma, Louisiana. Fr. Chauvin knew the area well as he periodically visited the region as one of his mission stations. In due time, Fr. Alphonse Blomme was appointed to assist Fr. Chauvin with the sacramental needs of the newly forming parish. At last, the church parish was dedicated in 1898 by Bishop Durier and Fr. Blomme became the first pastor.

With the assistance of the Catholic men of the mission, Fr. Blomme was able to erect a small chapel which served as a church until 1904 when a larger structure was completed. The building of the church and rectory was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Able Roy who donated over 9 acres for the site. In 1912, side transepts were added for additional seating.

Fr. Blomme died on December 12, 1927. Since that time 12 priests of the diocese have



ST. ALPHONSUS. Pictured above is St. Alphonsus Church's architectural award winning church in Hessmer.

served the parish. In Fr. Lawrence Bonin's time the old wooden rectory was torn down and a new brick rectory was built in 1951. Soon after, in 1955, the Village of Hessmer was incorporated, named after a rail depot that had served the area since 1902.

After Hurricane Audrey damaged the old wooden church in 1957, Msgr. Roland Bordelon began work on a new church. Built in cruciform style the

original design won a state award for modern architecture when it was completed in 1958.

A special center for handicapped children, the Ledoux Provosty Home, was opened as a parish project in 1982. A new hall was completed in 1976 but it was destroyed by fire on July 8, 1984. A new parish hall, the Msgr. Joseph Rateau Center, was completed in the summer of 1985.

Recent years have brought new renovations to the parish interior lighting as well as new marble tiling in the sanctuary. New stations of the cross were added together with hardwood flooring throughout the church. Four large mausoleums anchor the new section of the cemetery.

Resurfacing of the

cemetery drive together with the construction of a new concrete drive around the mausoleums have given greater access to the grounds. Outdoor stations have been added as well as extensive new landscaping throughout the plant. Over it all, the old statue of St. Alphonsus still presides lending an air of continuity to this faith community.



ST. ALPHONSUS. The interior of the church.



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Psalm 118: 1
Responsorial Psalm
for April 19




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SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES. On Feb. 8, Sharon Bourgoyne (left) made her First promise, and Ramona Rivers (middle) made her definitive promise to the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites is a religious association of the Roman Catholic Church composed primarily of lay persons and accepted diocesan clergy. Discalced Carmelite Seculars come from all walks of life, from every level of education, and from every type of work. They practice contemplative prayer while living lives of charity in their common occupations, and profess a promise to the Order to live according to the Rule of St. Albert.

Community members share in the Carmelite mission of knowing God, so God can be known, and praying for the sake of the church and the world.

Anyone interested in more information is invited to call Mary Jo McCoy, president, at 318-481-9638 or 318-346-6860.



MSGR. HENRY A THOMPSON HONORS VETERANS. Msgr. Henry A Thompson, Assembly 27, Meritorious 4th Degree and Msgr. Henry A. Thompson, Chapter 27, Ladies of Grace held their 4th Annual Veterans of Valor event on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Alexandria V.A. Medical System Hospital in Pineville. Sir Knights and Ladies of Grace entertained their guests of honor with great conversation and good brotherhood and sisterhood. Some 100 veterans were served food and presented with a special hat, thanking them for their service. Local TV station KALB captured the events for their news program. The Faith Navigator of Assembly 27 is Sir Knight Tommy Milo; Faithful Navigator of Chapter 27 is Gracious Lady Marjorie James; Chairman Sir Knight is Quentin Price, Sr.; and Promotions Sir Knight Tim Ford.

*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Psalm 118: 24 | Responsorial Psalm for April 12

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9418 CYLA RECIPIENTS. The Keelan Normand Memorial Catholic Youth Leadership Award sponsored by Fifth Ward / Moncla Knights of Columbus #9418 was presented to Myers Garvin and Sydney Bordelon for their outstanding contribution to their church and community. Pictured above is SK Kenneth Ducoite (CYLA Chairperson), Myers Garvin, Sydney Bordelon, and SK Michael Guillory (Grand Knight).

The journey to Holy Week



ST. MARTIN CHURCH COMPLETES ITS FIRST PILGRIMAGE. St. Martin Church in Lecompte completed its first ever group pilgrimage. The group traveled to Washington, D.C., and to religious and historic sites in and around the area. The trip was coordinated by Magnificat Travel in Lafayette, with Father Adam Travis serving as the spiritual director. (LEFT) The group stopped at Mount Vernon, Washington's home on the Potomac River. (RIGHT) The group visited the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.



PATRIOTIC ESSAY CONTEST. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council #2333 held a Patriotic Essay contest. Each participant wrote an essay on the theme of "American the Beautiful, In My Own Words." Ryan [redacted] won 1st place, receiving a \$200 check and a winner certificate. A runner-up award was given to Wesley [redacted] of Cottonport, who was awarded a \$100 check.

YOUNG AMERICAN WORKSHOP. Students from Saint Anthony of Padua School in Bunkie participated in the Young American workshop in Marksville, March 1-3. The Young Americans inspire the world through music with captivating performances, signature youth programs, and performing arts college.



RITE OF ELECTION. Father Scott Chemino welcomed thirty-one catechumens and thirty-four candidates into the Catholic Church during the Rite of Election ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, March 1. Also present were their family members, sponsors, godparents, and church parish religious education directors and coordinators.

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.



FR. TAYLOR REYNOLDS VISITS PERU. Father Taylor Reynolds was invited by the Missionaries of Jesus Word and Victim to facilitate their annual retreat to hear confessions, celebrate Mass, and present on canon law. (LEFT) The Missionaries, in their post-Mass, prayers, have an act of penance in which they put their arms like Jesus on the cross and offer themselves to God as missionaries. (MIDDLE) Fr. Reynolds visited the tomb of St. Rose of Lima.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA. Father Scott Chemino shared in a blessing and breakfast with the Newton families from St. Anthony of Padua School. The families celebrated all of Noah and Graham's Student of the Year accomplishments, and the families' history at St. Anthony School. Youth from St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie attended the Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference at the Randolph Riverfront Center in March.



ROBOTICS TEAM. Robotics teams from Holy Savior Menard High School competed in the F.I.R.S.T. Louisiana State Robotics Championships at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. Despite delays caused by the loss of power at the venue and the challenges of competing in the finals without power, Menard students won best team in the state, as well as the Control Award for best autonomous strategy and programming.



6:30 A.M. MASS. Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Renee Hicks, challenged her students to attend 6:30 a.m. Mass with her during Lent. The first Tuesday, March 3, she had twenty-three 4th grade students (and some of their siblings) show up to attend Mass. A few did not make the picture. Father Derek Ducote recognized the students during Mass, and told them how proud of them he was!

Cenla celebrates Autism Awareness Month with Chords of Blue benefit concert

The Centers for Disease Control suggests that 1 in 59 children born in the United States are diagnosed with autism. Families whose children battle the toughest ends of the spectrum often have limited resources to get the help their child needs in order to reach their fullest potential.

To honor Autism Awareness Month, The Chords of Blue Benefit Concert team aims to make a difference for Louisiana families challenged with the most difficult diagnosis. Presented by the Law Offices of Thomas B. Wahlder, the concert is bringing together our local community for a night of unforgettable blues music with a rising start in America's Blues music scene.

Headlined by semi-finalist from Season 15 of NBC's hit



television show, The Voice, Sarah Grace and the Soul; 100% of the concert's proceeds will

benefit St. Mary's Residential Training School and their Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Learning Center.

St. Mary's has been Louisiana's leader in caring for children with intellectual disabilities like autism for more than 65 years. Their ABA Learning Center is the only one of its kind located in a residential facility for young people with special needs. It provides the niche educational opportunities proven to promote the skills necessary for people with autism to excel in daily life.

"We are so excited to partner with the Chords of Blue Concert and the Law Offices of Tommy Wahlder," said Tamara McNulty, St. Mary's director of development. "Our

ABA Program has helped so many young children reach remarkable milestones. The interactive, one to one learning environment meets each child where they are and helps them reach their own personal goals... whatever they may be. Our ABA program staff have taught communication skills to once non-verbal clients; toileting skills to teenagers who were wearing diapers before the program; and in some of our best cases, the ability to read, write, and do simple math."

The concert will be held at Alexandria's Historic Hotel Bently on April 16, 2020. Seating is limited with just 260 seats being available. General admission tickets cost

\$50 and there is a VIP ticket option available for \$100 which includes a pre-concert cocktail hour and an exclusive opportunity to meet the artist prior to the show. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stmarysalexandria.org or by contacting St. Mary's at 318-445-6443, ext. 2144.

The Chords of Blue Benefit has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday, June 26.



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 The only bed was one of hay.
 To the glorious Mother, a Child was born.
 Into the world He came, and would
 receive much scorn.

His name was Jesus, a Savior for all,
 He was protected by Joseph, a mighty wall.
 An Angel led them to safety one night,
 With Joseph always there during the flight.

Thanks to St. Joseph, who was led by the dove.
 He protected the Savior, the God of Love.
 So I praise You, O Lord, from Your birth,
 You, the King of Heaven and Earth.

You came down from heaven to help us all,
 We who have sinned, because of the fall.
 Through Your goodness, You gave us new life,
 To handle problems, grief and strife.

Because of Your mercy and love for the lost,
 Another chance was given to all who were lost.
 We all confess and say from the heart.
 Forgive us Lord, and thanks for a new start.

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Making Holy Week new

By *Lindsay Schlegel*
Blessed is She Ministry

Soon, we enter into the holiest week of the Church's year. If you experienced God's love and mercy in a new and powerful way this Lent, Holy Week may be something you're looking forward to. But maybe you struggled to stick to your resolutions or didn't make really sound ones in the first place. Then, seeing "Palm Sunday," "Holy Thursday," and so on in your calendar may feel daunting. Or perhaps life threw you some curveballs lately, and you don't really know what to think about your relationship with Christ.

Celebrating Holy Week

No matter where you've been, Holy Week can be a fruitful and hopeful time for your spirit. Consider the Apostles during that first Holy Week: Jesus told them what was going to happen, but they couldn't fathom His predictions coming to fruition. It seemed too farfetched, too unbelievable, too impossible. And yet we know that all things are possible in Christ—even rising from the dead!

The Church lives and breathes, in large part, on tradition. You may have practices that you turn to in this season each year that continue to be fruitful and life-giving. But even if you do, I echo my own pastor's challenge from the Sunday before Lent began: make this Holy Week



different from any you've experienced before.

Open your heart a little wider. Create a little more space for God to move in your life. Let His grace call the shots and, inspired by our Blessed Mother's fiat, say "yes" to wherever He may lead you this week.

Ideas for Holy Week

To get you started, here are some ideas to live each day of this Holy Week with intention. Remember, even in darkness, even in despair, Christ makes all things new.

Palm Sunday

Before you plan your meals

for this week, take stock of your pantry. What food do you already have? Canned soup? Tuna? Rice, quinoa, couscous? Look in your freezer as well. Frozen vegetables? Meat? Microwave dinners? Too often, we take what we have right in front of us for granted. This week, be nourished by the sustenance God has already provided for you. Use the money you had budgeted for groceries to provide meals for someone (an individual or an organization) who is in greater need.

Holy Monday

Go to Confession. Many parishes have additional hours during which the Sacrament is offered this week (and if you're not comfortable with a priest you know, normally there are some new faces present!). To prepare, work through an Examination of Conscience. Often resources are available near the confessional, but you can also find versions online or simply work your way through the Ten Commandments. How have you abided by or broken each one since your last Confession? Once you do receive the Sacrament, begin incorporating a nightly Examination of Conscience into your prayers to better prepare for next time.

Holy Tuesday

Replace your typical evening activities with a viewing of The Passion of the Christ. After the film, take a few moments to write about the scenes that moved you. If you've seen the movie before, what struck you differently this

time? What might God be telling you through this reflection? Share your thoughts and pray together for increased hope and trust this week.

Holy Wednesday

Wed your prayer time to creativity and color your reflections. A number of adult coloring books are available that incorporate religious images and phrases, some specifically for Lent. Brew a pot of tea and invite friends over to bring their pencils, pastels, and paints over. Try Coloring Lent: An Adult Coloring Book for the Journey to Resurrection, The Mysteries of the Rosary: An Adult Coloring Book, or The Stations of the Cross: Catholic Coloring Book Devotional.

Holy Thursday

Participate in your diocese's Chrism Mass, which takes place either on Holy Thursday morning or an evening earlier in the week. The priests of the diocese gather with the bishop for this Mass, where three oils that will be used in sacraments throughout the year—the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm, and holy chrism—are blessed. In the evening, plan to attend Holy Thursday Mass as well. Here, witness the washing of feet and the consecration of the Eucharist.

Good Friday

In addition to the traditional Good Friday service, pray the Stations of the Cross either with a group or on your own. St. John Paul II prayed the Stations every Friday! Experience these fourteen

moments on Christ's road to Cavalry in a new way with Soul Core, a method that integrates body and soul in a "a gentle path to grow in virtue and interior peace." Today is also the day to start the Divine Mercy Novena, so that it finishes on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday following Easter Sunday). Sign up with Pray More Novenas to get the prayers delivered to your inbox each morning.

Holy Saturday

Attend your parish's Easter Vigil. This Mass is a special opportunity to pray with and for those candidates entering the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Mass begins with a darkened church, a tangible sign that Christ is "the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5). The time of waiting has passed. Now we rejoice!

Easter Sunday

He is Risen, alleluia! Easter is such a big deal that the Church celebrates it for eight days! Make the octave of Easter special by continuing to incorporate prayer into each day. Put 3 p.m. next Sunday on your calendar, too, as it's prime time to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. Look for a local parish that may incorporate adoration into a sung chaplet—you'll never look at 3 p.m. the same way again. The revelations St. Faustina Kowalska received from Jesus in the early twentieth century assure us that God wants us to pray for His mercy, to be merciful to others, and to totally trust in His son. As Lent comes to a close, hopefully you have experienced these truths in a new and resonating way.

Now, we are called the same way the first disciples were at Pentecost: go out and spread the good news!

How do you celebrate Holy Week? Are you incorporating any new forms of prayer or celebration this year?

Lindsay Schlegel is a daughter of God who seeks to encourage, inspire, and lift up the contemporary women to be all she was created to be. She's the author of Don't Forget to Say Thank you: And Other Parenting Lessons that Brought Me Closer to God.

Upcoming VIRTUS sessions

All VIRTUS sessions have been cancelled until further notice.

For more information
call 318-445-6424, ext. 213.



Upcoming Retreats

All ACTS Retreats have been cancelled until further notice.

Please contact individual retreat organizers for more information about rescheduling.

Information will be updated periodically on the Diocese of Alexandria website as well.

A list of ACTS Retreat dates can be found at www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/acts/.

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 3-12, 2020

Join Father Bino Jacob of Sts. Francis and Anne Church in Kolin and travel from Alexandria, LA to the Holy Land, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. This all-inclusive journey includes air travel, breakfast, and dinner daily. A post tour to Rome from May 12-15 is also available as an add-on. For more information, visit www.pilgrimages.com/frbino.

Holy Land

Medjugorje Pilgrimage, May 19-27, 2020

Space is limited! Reserve your place now for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Dubrovnik with Father Derek Ducote and Fred Schoonover. The 9-day trip includes daily Mass, breakfast, and dinner daily. English speaking guide, lodging in Medjugorje and Dubrovnik, airfare from New Orleans, airport transfers. Be in Medjugorje for the Feast of the Ascension and Our Lady's Message to the World on May 25! Cost is \$2,969 per person. For more information

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Special Collection - April 10 (Good Friday)

Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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

France

Magnificat Travel Website at <https://holytravels.org/tours/>.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 15-23, 2021

Join us for a journey of a lifetime on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Scriptures will come alive as you visit our Lord's homeland. It is an encounter that has changed the lives of many pilgrims, and it is an act of faith and prayer. The spiritual director for this trip is Father John Wiltse, pastor of St.

Holy Land

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

While we face the coronavirus pandemic, let us turn to the face of God in prayer and ask for His healing, His help, and His protection. Join in the Coronavirus novena at www.praymorenovenas.com, praying for all who are affected, all who are sick suffering, for all those who work in the medical profession, and for those who have died as well as for their grieving family members.

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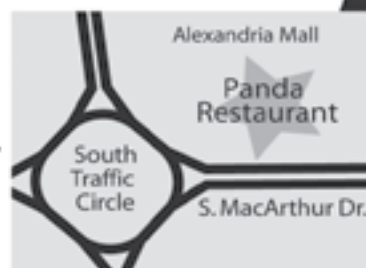
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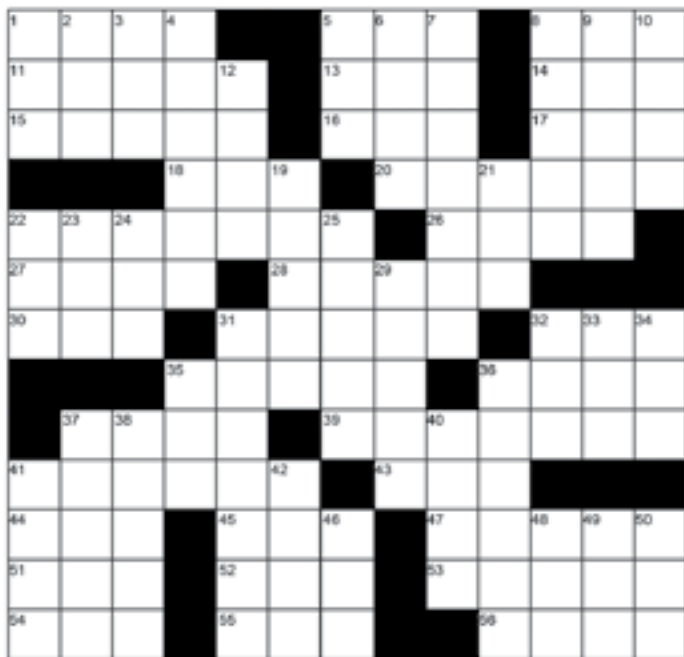


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The Cross Word

April 5 and 12, 2020



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Readings: Is 50: 4-7; Ph 2: 6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 and Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9

ACROSS

- 1 Swiss-like cheese
- 5 Kimono sash
- 8 Extremity
- 11 Light purple flower
- 13 "They both ___" to the tomb
- 14 Card game
- 15 Newly baked
- 16 Insect
- 17 However
- 18 Attack
- 20 Loosen up
- 22 Cab
- 26 At his, all knees shall bend

- 27 First letter of Arabic alphabet
- 28 "___ of Nazareth"
- 30 Next Vatican Council
- 31 Drink
- 32 Gone by
- 35 Biblical food
- 36 Type of tea
- 37 Ace
- 39 "Did not deem equality something to be ___"
- 41 A fit
- 43 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 44 Used to anoint
- 45 Dialectic word for "my mother"

- 47 Shred (2 wds.)
- 51 Dined
- 52 Reference for God
- 53 "And under the ___"
- 54 Jesus chose 12 ___
- 55 Compass point
- 56 Mind

DOWN

- 1 Folklore character
- 2 Director (abbr.)
- 3 Monastery brew
- 4 A group of mountains
- 5 Christ the King holds
- 6 Data transmission rate
- 7 Innocent young woman
- 8 Record
- 9 "Speak a word that will ___ them"
- 10 Remove this from brother's eye
- 12 Stylish
- 19 Type of food
- 21 Foreign Ag Service
- 22 Thai
- 23 Arabic name for "champion"
- 24 Past Pope Pius #
- 25 God is a divine ___
- 29 Ascot
- 31 Jazz musician
- 32 American College of Physicians (abbr.)
- 33 "To the right!"
- 34 Abnormal
- 35 Not max
- 36 OT Prophet
- 37 Make a letter
- 38 St. ___, mother of Constantine
- 40 Crusader stronghold
- 41 Froth
- 42 A boredom reflex
- 46 Kitten's cry
- 48 Before (prefix)
- 49 Shoshonean
- 50 Doctoral degree

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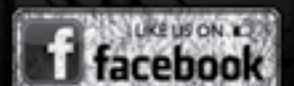


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April is National Child Abuse Prevention month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. Here are ten tips for protecting children and offering outreach to victims and survivors.

1. Sexual abuse is about the victim.

Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3. No one has the right to have access to children.

No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4. Common sense is not all that common.

Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5. Child sexual abuse can be prevented.

It is critical to build safety

barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm - such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies

and procedures, and safety training programs.

6. Feeling heard leads toward healing.

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns

are taken seriously, and a victim / survivor's suffering, pain, and anger are acknowledged.

7. You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone

who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

8. There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.

Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10. Background checks are important.

Background checks in churches, schools, and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.

For more information on the Safe Environment program of the Diocese of Alexandria, please visit www.virtus.org, www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/safe-environment, or call 318-445-6424, ext. 213.



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Suggested activities and events for Child Abuse Prevention month

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Create a "blue ribbon tree" at your parish or schools, encouraging children and adults to tie a blue ribbon around a specific tree (the trunk and the branches) in honor of child abuse prevention. Encourage each person to say a prayer for those who have been abused as they tie on their ribbon.

Have a "Wear Blue Day," encouraging adults and children to wear blue to raise awareness about child abuse prevention.

Participate in "Five Days of Action," organized by the YMCA, April 13-17, in which throughout the week, organizations across the country will come together to spread prevention messages on social media, host events to train parents and community

volunteers, and educate the community about keeping kids safe from sexual abuse.

Post social media messages every day or every week throughout April to raise awareness about abuse prevention.

Share the USCCB resources on abuse prevention throughout the month.

Share child abuse prevention resources from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Schedule time throughout the month to say a rosary for victims and survivors of abuse.

Celebrate a Holy Hour for Healing for victims/survivors of abuse and reconciliation for the Church.

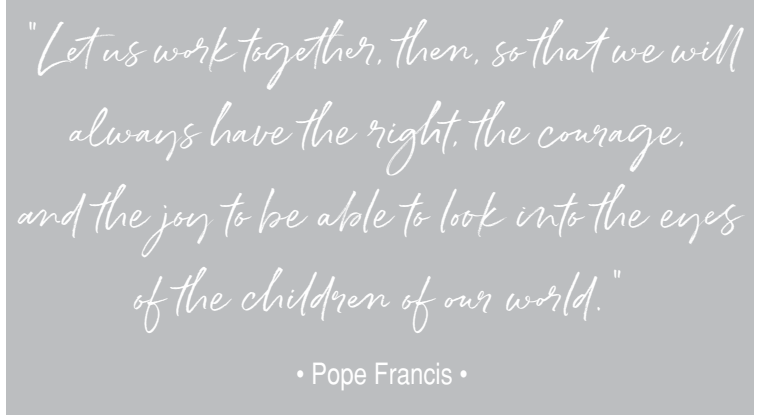
Host a special safe environment training class for members of the parish, school,



and greater community.

Bring in a local speaker to present to all diocesan, parish, and school leaders regarding the prevention of abuse. Contact CASA for any training options available.

Hang the posters with the name of our diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator and their phone number (also in Spanish) in every parish and school.



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Life after Beyond the Limits

Like many in my community, Jesus made His first appearance in my life - rather, I first opened my eyes to Him - at a Catholic youth event. This life-altering experience was the beginning of my lifelong commitment of faith to Christ.

Almost 300 youth and adults recently attended our diocesan Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference. That's 300 adults and middle to junior high school youth who laughed, played games, learned more about our Catholic faith, and, ultimately, were able to have a personal encounter with Christ by simply stepping away for the weekend, and reserving that time for God. There's ultimately one thing to know about retreats like this: teens do not come back the same. The Holy Spirit shows up, works on their hearts, and, regardless of the still-present eye rolls and clothes scattered all over their rooms - slowly begins to change the lives of these youth.

Because of this, it is crucial to follow up with them afterwards. As a youth minister, chaperone, parent, or adult volunteer, there are many things you can do to help your youth remain in tune with the workings of the Holy Spirit, and keep them coming back to Christ and His Church.

Have a follow-up meeting with them.

Your teen needs to be able to debrief and find the support they need to make any changes they feel that God is calling them



JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE. The Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference took place March 6-8 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. Almost 300 youth, grades 5-8, from across the state and their chaperones took part in talks, music, and worship during the annual event.

to make after a conference like Beyond the Limits. It might be small changes or something along the lines of giving up a habitual sin. Whatever it is, your teens need the time and space to figure out what steps the Holy Spirit might be calling them to take.

If possible, check in with your teens once a month, and offer any advice or assistance as

needed.

Get them connected to other ministries.

It's important for teens and adults to be able to use their God-given gifts to serve the church and their local communities. If your teen likes speaking, ask them if they would like to serve as a lector at Mass. If they are musically gifted, ask if they

would like to join the choir. If they are gifted with younger children ask if they would like to help in the church nursery.

As younger teens, they often don't realize the options available to them to be of use to the larger community. A simple invite can open up a world of possibility to them.

Allow them to share their story.

I once heard that the greatest

story you could ever tell is the story of Jesus; but, the second greatest story is the story of how you found Him. Give your youth a chance to tell their story. Reserve 2 -5 minutes in their religion class at school, in their CCD class at church, or a few minutes after Mass to allow youth to share the story of their weekend experience. If that's not possible or you have a teen who is more comfortable writing than speaking, reserve space in your parish bulletin or even on your church's facebook page for your teens to share just a paragraph outlining their experience and how they plan to continue their walk with Christ.

Help them to find supportive community.

Jesus sent His disciples out two by two, and He asks us to do the same today. It's critical that your teens find a community of friends who they can grow with in the faith. Prayer and community in their own age group can tremendously help a pre-teen navigate the waters of junior high school, and find and develop their own relationship with Christ.

Retreat experiences can change your youth's lives forever - in the best way possible. We will be praying for you - youth ministers, adult chaperones, moms and dads - during these trying weeks ahead that we can build villages of community right where we are. For more information on future retreat dates, please email centraloffice@stuebenvillesouth.com.

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?? Catholic Trivia Answer ??

Elizabeth Ann Seton, born August 28, 1774 in New York, died January 4, 1821. Founder of the Sisters of Charity, in 1809 Seton moved the community to Emmitsburg, Maryland where they provided free education for the poor girls of the parish - an act later considered by many to be the beginning of Catholic parochial education in the United States.

Church.
American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born

Answer:

Schools implementing alternative instruction measures

Our Catholic school students are our precious jewels. We are entrusted by Jesus Christ and these students' parents to educate their children. We take this responsibility very seriously, and, during the current COVID-19 crisis, are determined to continue educating our pupils, as best as we can.

Accordingly, our schools are implementing instructional activities and exercises utilizing technology resources, as well as paper and pencil tasks. Administrators and teachers at each school have created a plan and will communicate this plan to students and their parents

through emails, school websites, and/or their social media pages. Please visit the individual school websites, listed below, for more information on how they are handling distance learning materials.

Rapides Parish:

Holy Savior Menard Central High School:
www.holysaviormenard.com

Our Lady of Prompt Succor School:
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St. Mary's Assumption School:
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Natchitoches Parish:

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School feeding sites

During the closure of our schools, the students from the Diocese of Alexandria Catholic Schools are eligible to receive meals (breakfast and lunch). Below are the feeding sites in Avoyelles, Natchitoches, and Rapides Parish. This information is subject to change. Please visit each of these school's social media pages for any changes and new or updated information. For more information, please call Janet Burgess, Child Nutrition Supervisor at 318-445-6424, ext. 234.

Avoyelles Parish School Board -- We are pleased to announce that we will be providing all children 18 and under breakfast and lunch at no charge for the duration of the closure.

Breakfast and Lunch will be given simultaneously between 10:30 and 12:00 Tuesday-Friday

This will be "grab and go" only (students are not allowed in our facilities during the closure, per Governor's orders). We will have drive-through lines open at the 7 locations that will be providing these meals.

The 7 locations providing meals will be: Avoyelles High; Bunkie High; Cottonport Elementary; Lafargue Elementary; Marksville Elementary; Plaquemine Elementary; Riverside Elementary

Children must be present in the vehicle to be served.

Remember, this is for all students- even if they are not in our school system- under the age of 18.

Natchitoches Parish School Board -- School Board sets up Feeding Program while students are out of school:

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 any child who is 18 years of age or younger will be able to pick up breakfast between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 am. Lunch will be offered between 11:00 am and 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at ten schools. Staff will be available during these times at the front of each school to provide meals to go.

Parents can simply drive through for pick-up or children can walk to the feeding site; however, children must be present to receive the meals. They do not have to be a student at the school to receive breakfast or lunch.

The following sites will serve breakfast and lunch Monday, March 16, 2020 -Friday, April 9, 2020: Cloutierville; East Natchitoches; Fairview; Goldonna; Lakeview; Magnet; Marthaville; NCHS; Provencal; Vaughn.

Feel free to contact us at 318-352-2358.

Rapides Parish School Board -- The following sites will be open Tuesday, March 17, and continue to be open every Monday-Friday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

until further notice:

Acadian Elementary; Buckeye High School; Julius Patrick; Northwood; Poland; Alexandria Middle; Carter C. Raymond; Lessie Moore; Oak Hill; Ruby Wise; Alma Redwine; Cherokee Elementary; Martin Park Elementary; Peabody High School; Tioga High School; Ball Elementary; Forest Hill; Mary Goff; Phoenix; Bolton High School; Glenmora; Nachman Elementary; Pineville Elementary; Brasher; J.I. Barron; North Bayou; Plainview.

Both breakfast and lunch will be served at the same time (2 meals).

Food will be distributed in to-go containers without anyone having to enter buildings.

All students 18 or younger are eligible for free meals.

It does not matter which school you attend, go to the closest feeding center.

If someone has an issue reaching a feeding location, please call 442-0910.

The list of school feeding sites can be found at www.diocesealex.org/latest-news/school-feeding-sites/



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY SEMIFINALIST. The National Geographic Society named Eli [REDACTED], an 8th grade student at St. Frances Cabrini School in Alexandria, as one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2020 National Geographic GeoBee State Competition. The contest was scheduled to be held at the Tracy Center in Baton Rouge on Friday, March 27.

This is the second level of the National Geographic GeoBee competition, which is now in its 32nd year. To determine each school champion, GeoBee competitions were held in schools throughout the state with students in grades 4-8. This year, an estimated 2.4 million students competed in the GeoBee, with 8,661 students becoming school champions. School champions also took an online qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. Up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and U.S. territories were invited to compete in the State GeoBees.

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Maryhill Renewal Center is closed until further notice. If you were to attend an event or retreat at Maryhill, please know that it has been cancelled. Contact your event organizer for more information about rescheduling.

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

As more cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are being identified in the Greater New Orleans area, administrators at St. Joseph Abbey in Covington have made the decision to cancel the Spring 2020 Come and See Weekend. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you should have any other questions, please contact Jennifer Smith at 985-867-2241.

St. Frances Cabrini Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fundraiser - April 3

Come by St. Frances Cabrini Church on April 3 between 5:00-7:30 p.m. for a plate of fried fish! Also includes french fries. Take outs available. Cost is \$8.00.

POSTPONED: The Chords of Blue Benefit Concert originally scheduled for April 16

The Chords of Blue Benefit Concert has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday, June 26 at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria. For more information, contact St. Mary's at 318-445-6443, ext. 2144.

DIOCESAN BRIEFS

Taste of St. Joseph's Food Fest, Cheneyville - April 25 (Tentatively still scheduled)

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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.

Q. Are there exemptions other than age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

A. 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.

For more frequently asked questions about Lent, visit the USSCB website at www.usccb.org.

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April 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 PRAY FOR FR. G. KROSFIELD	31 CANCELLED VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m., Minor Basilica, Natchitoches PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI	APRIL 1 PRAY FOR ARCHBISHOP AYMOND	2 PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUMPURAM	3 Fish Fry Fundraiser 5:00 p.m., St. Frances Cabrini Call 318-445-4588 for updated information. CANCELLED Come and See Weekend - St. Joseph Seminary FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. S. KWEBUZA	4 FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. L. LAFLEUR	5 PALM SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. M. LAIRD
6 PRAY FOR FR. P. LAPALME	7 PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS	8 Decisions about Chrism Mass will be forthcoming. PRAY FOR FR. D. MEADE	9 PRAY FOR FR. M. NOEL	10 PRAY FOR FR. K. OBIEKWE	11 PRAY FOR FR. J. O'BRIEN	12 PRAY FOR FR. D. O'CONNOR
===== HOLY WEEK =====			===== EASTER TRIDUUM =====			
13 EASTER MONDAY PRAY FOR FR. B. MILLER	14 PRAY FOR FR. C. MORGAN	15 PRAY FOR FR. C. NAYAK	HOLY THURSDAY of the LORD'S LAST SUPPER PRAY FOR FR. L. MELCHER	FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Good Friday) PRAY FOR FR. A. MESSINA	HOLY SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. J. MICHALCHUK	EASTER SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. K. MICHELS
16 PRAY FOR FR. M. NOEL	17 PRAY FOR FR. K. OBIEKWE	18 PRAY FOR FR. J. O'BRIEN	19 PRAY FOR FR. D. O'CONNOR	20 PRAY FOR FR. C. OGBONNA	21 PRAY FOR FR. A. PALAKKATTUCHIRA	22 PRAY FOR FR. B. PALLIPPAMBIL
23 PRAY FOR FR. J. PALLIPURATH	24 PRAY FOR FR. J. PARDUE	25 St. Joseph's Food Fest 5:00 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Cheneyville PRAY FOR FR. C. PARTAIN	26 PRAY FOR FR. T. PAUL	27 PRAY FOR FR. R. RABALAIS	28 PRAY FOR FR. C. RAY	29 PRAY FOR FR. T. REYNOLDS
30 PRAY FOR FR. J. ROBLES-SANCHEZ	MAY 1 PRAY FOR ARCHBISHOP AYMOND	2 PRAY FOR FR. E. RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ	3 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Bino Jacob Through May 12 PRAY FOR FR. J. RYAN			

Save The **New Date**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2020

for CHRISTUS ST. FRANCES CABRINI HOSPITAL'S

**70TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

at this year's

CABRINI BALL

EDWARD G. NED RANDOLPH RIVERFRONT CENTER

Cocktail Reception 6:30pm
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
for the Cabrini Breast Health Center.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit
christuscabrinifoundation.org/cabrini-ball