



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Established April 25, 1980

The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Ruben Buller, V. G.
Pastor
Reverend Michael Beverung
Parochial Vicar
Mr. Robert Marcantel
Music Director
Mrs. Marlene Mullenix
Organist
Mrs. Carmel Fazzio
Bookkeeper
Mrs. Monica Broussard
Secretary/Youth Director
Ms. Karen Carso
Receptionist
Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
Mr. Brendan Howard
Maintenance
Mrs. Jacqueline Hebert
ICCS Principal

Cathedral office hours:

Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM–12:00 1:00–4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM–Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	8:00 AM 4:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
Monday–Friday	12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962) 7:00 AM St. Bernadette Oratory 12:05 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday–Thursday 11:30 AM–Noon
Friday 11:00 AM–Noon

Saturday 3:00 PM–3:55 PM

30 minutes before all Sunday Masses

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Tuesdays before 12:05 Mass

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 12, 2025**

My Dear People of God!

I will be leaving for vacation for the next two weeks returning on October 25th. Even though I will be gone, I will take you with me in my prayers and Masses that I will celebrate. Each week, the pastor of a parish must celebrate at least one Mass that is entitled *Pro Populo* (Latin for “for the people”). This is to ensure that your intentions are remembered at the Altar of God. Even on vacation, the pastor is still required to celebrate these Masses. I will be doing so, keeping you in my prayers each day. As the Catechism reminds us in speaking about the Mass intention at the Altar of God during the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the people of God are closer to each other than at any other moment because Christ is able to close the gaps of time and space and the other divisions that we create through sin and selfishness. Therefore, you will be with me at the Altar during those moments when I celebrate Mass for you, the Parishioners of the Cathedral, and in my daily prayers.

Last week, we considered the first reason that Pilate's name is mentioned in the Creed. This week, we will look at the second reason which is a reminder that Faith and politics do not make good bedfellows! Rather, Faith often makes the political atmosphere uncomfortable especially when it speaks of the Truth which is beyond the simple administration of fairness which is usually arbitrated by our laws. Faith and Truth points to eternal justice and everlasting life and desires a law that is based on it. In politics, we often fall short on this. We, as Christians, should never put our faith in politicians or systems. The mere observance of fairness cannot be the force that encapsulates our being. Otherwise, this mere observance of fairness (like the legalization of abortion or euthanasia or the enforcement of laws without consideration of human dignity) will fall short of faith. As a matter of principle, we should only have one label as Christians, and that is Christ and His Way. Beware of those who like to label themselves by political affiliation! Often times (although not always), it leads to the Pilate-effect who washed his hands of the matter. He was only keeping the law and doing what was fair. How often have we heard Christians who have entered the political sphere who say things like “Well, I am a Christian, but...” Everything after that usually gets us in trouble.

We should also keep our politicians in our daily prayers as well. As Saint Paul reminds us, we are to pray for our leaders (I Timothy 2: 1-4). We should not be harsh are trying to overthrow people. Christians are not earthly revolutionaries but like Christ we are called to recognize before Pilate and the world that our home is not of this world (John 18: 36). Our actions, lives, and duties are aimed toward that Kingdom to come where our true home lies.

This week, let us reflect on how we place our priorities. Do we place first the Kingdom of God and then allow all things to flow thereafter, or do we make the kingdom of earth our goal and wash our hands of things that violate our sense of fairness? As Christians, we can be good citizens of both heaven and earth, but this can only be done well if our vision lies on the one who the earth and its powers crucified and rejected. Let us look toward Christ who is our hope, our wisdom, and our love.

God Bless!

Father Ruben Buller

The Sanctuary Candle burns in
October for:
Cathedral: Charlie Viccellio and
James Dunham Shearman
St. Bernadette Oratory: Reverend
Monsignor Charles Dubois



In Loving Memory...
Dr John Cocchiara ~ September 28, 2025
Grandfather of Father Andy Derouen
We pray that he finds peace and joy in the
presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere
sympathies to his family and to all who
mourn his death.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you need to complete your sacraments?

Our Cathedral parish has an active Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Please contact the church office at 337.436.7251.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has Eucharistic Adoration in the St. Bernadette Oratory on Fridays during the school year — each Friday following 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m.

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

October 4, 2025	\$24,609.00
Offertory	\$18,917.00
Online	\$5,692.00

Upcoming second collections:
October 12-BSA
October 19—World Mission Sunday
October 26-Insurance Fund

Readings for the Week ~ October 13-October 19, 2025

Monday: Romans 1:1-7 ; Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25 ; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: St Teresa of Jesus Romans 2:1-11 ; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 ; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Romans 3:21-30 ; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab ; Luke 11:47-54
Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch Romans 4:1-8 ; Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11 ; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday: St Luke 2 Timothy 4:10-17b ; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 ; Luke 10:1-9
Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13 ; Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ; Luke 18:1-8

Saintfest 2025

This October, join others across the Diocese of Lake Charles in celebrating the lives of the saints in a fun, faithful way!

Each day, two saints will be paired in a friendly matchup. Get to know them, some familiar, some new, pray with them, and cast your vote for who will advance to the next round. On the Solemnity of All Saints

Day, Nov. 1, one will be crowned our *Blessed Intercessor* for the upcoming liturgical year. It is set to be a great daily encounter for individuals, families, and classrooms to grow in love for the Church's vast cloud of witnesses! Join in the fun and follow along at saintfest.wordpress.com or scan to QR code to get started!



 **SCAN ME**

Little Flowers Girls' Club

Little Flowers Girls' Club Meeting in the
Cathedral Ave Maria Hall

To learn more please contact Jessie Dupre
225.776.4139.

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic club for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



October 20th is the last day to preorder Pecans!

The Catholic Daughters,
Court Lady of the Lake #695 will be available after
all masses Oct. 18-19th to place your order.

Pecan halves - \$12.50 per 1-pound bag
Pecans will arrive in time for your holiday baking
and Christmas gift giving!

To place an order by phone, call/text:

Connie @ 337-794-0689

Cash, check (payable to CDA Court #695), and
Venmo accepted. Payment by Venmo at:



Consuelo Nodier
@Consuelo-Nodier



Proceeds from CDA fundraising support the following :
ICCS Tuition Fund ~ SLCHS Tuition Fund ~ SLCHS Foundation
Seafarers' Center ~ March for Life ~ Catholic Charities ~ Camp Karol
New Life Counseling ~ St. Nicholas Center ~ Autism Services of SWLA
CDA Education Contest ~ Diocesan & Cathedral Parish Events

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"

"Women of the Bible" for women—a monthly presentation
led this month by Father Michael Beverung:
Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
on **Saturday, October 18th**. Fr. Beverung will speak on
Our Lady of the Rosary.
A light breakfast will be served and there is no need to RSVP.

Cathedral Altar Society...making a difference every day!

Our Cathedral Altar Society works to provide and care for all the things associated with our altar and sacristy needed to celebrate Mass. The Altar Society provides for our daily Masses, five weekend Masses, the St. Bernadette Chapel, the Seafarers Center, ICCS, St. Louis Catholic High School and our homebound parishioners.

The core mission of the Altar Society remains as it always has - provide and care for the bread, wine, vessels, linens, vestments, candles, flowers and anything else needed for the altar of worship.

They are the members (women and men) who volunteer to take home the linens and towels used at Mass for cleaning and pressing. They are the Sacristans who set up for Mass and take down after. They polish and clean the vessels, press and mend the vestments, water the plants, and more. Their "behind the scenes" involvement is often unnoticed but vital to our church parish.

Your yearly dues of \$25 per family, or contributions to our Altar Society, will guarantee that our Cathedral Parish will continue to have its needs provided. If you donate or join by check, please write "Altar Society" on the memo line. You may also make a donation online by noting "Altar Society." Please contact the church office at 436.7251 for more information.

Catholic Daughters Court Lady of the Lake #695 -
3rd Monday of each month (September to June) at 6:00
in the Ave Maria Hall

Cathedral Council 1207, Knights of Columbus -
4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ave
Maria Hall



**There will be no 7:00 am weekday masses this week.
The 12:05 and 5:00 pm daily masses will continue as scheduled.**

Youth Ministry

NEWS



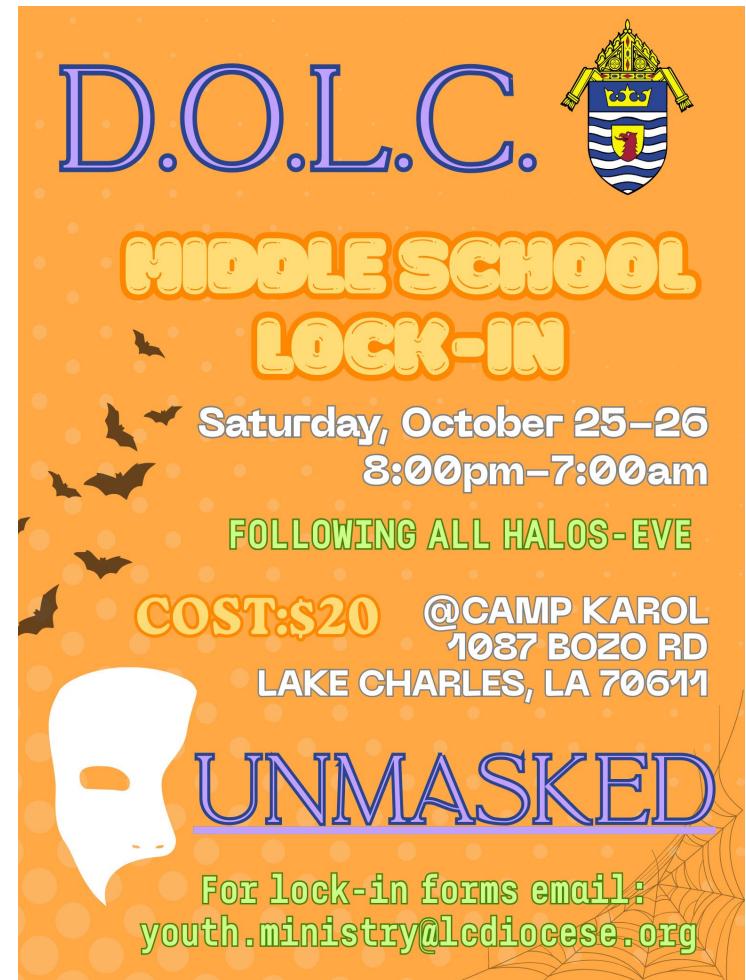
ALL HALO'S EVE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25
5:00-7:30

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
FILLED WITH FUN ACTIVITIES, TRICK-
OR-TREATING, FOOD, AND MORE!
FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS OF ALL
AGES!

@CAMP KAROL
1087 BOZO RD
LAKE CHARLES, LA 70611

Three lit candles are shown at the bottom left.



D.O.L.C.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Saturday, October 25-26
8:00pm-7:00am

FOLLOWING ALL HALOS-EVE

COST: \$20 @CAMP KAROL
1087 BOZO RD
LAKE CHARLES, LA 70611

UNMASKED

For lock-in forms email:
youth.ministry@lcdiocease.org



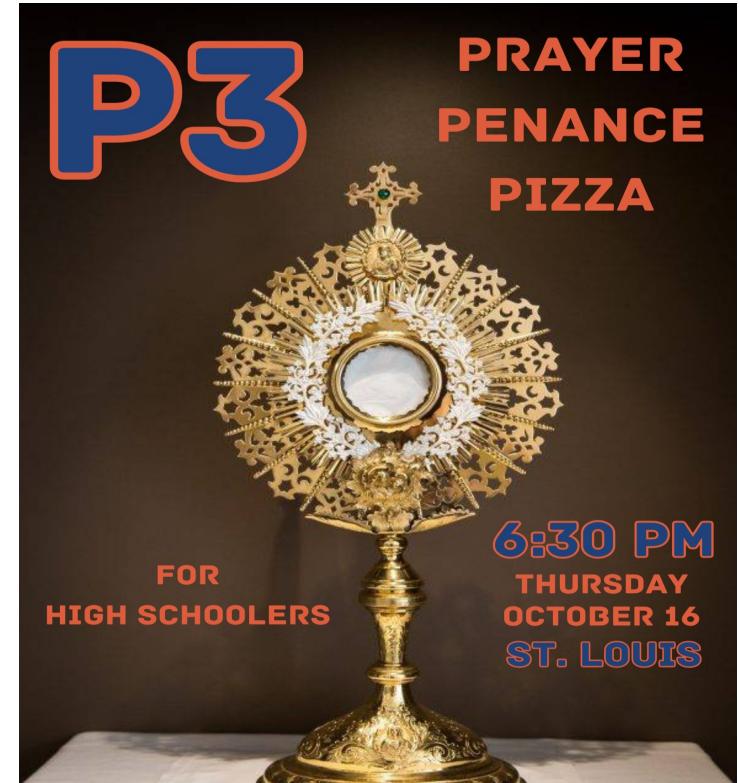
COFFEE WITH CHRIST



2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF THE
MONTH

CAMP KAROL RETREAT CENTER

4PM - 8PM



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PRAYER PENANCE PIZZA



FOR
HIGH SCHOOLERS

6:30 PM
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 16
ST. LOUIS

Volunteers Needed for Lake Charles Distribution
Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is seeking volunteers for monthly food distributions at 1225 2nd Street in Lake Charles from 8:30 am-11:00 am on the following dates:

October 17

November 7 & 14

December 5 & 12

Volunteers are needed to greet clients, assist with check-in and registration, direct traffic, organize food allotments and load food packages in vehicles in the drive thru line.

For more information, or to sign up to help, please contact Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator at (337) 439-7436 ext. 208 or by email at volunteer@catholiccharitiesswla.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Take the first step for healing after abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled the weekend of October 17-19, 2025, at Saint Charles Center, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway. The retreat, sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles, is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

If you are a parent, grandparent, sibling or friend affected by abortion, and you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret, or other difficult emotions from an abortion, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat.

For more information or registration, contact Marjorie Long, site leader for Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, at 337-489-2473, or email rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org. Inquiries are confidential.

***Are you being called to help the poor?
The second collection this weekend, June 22,
is for our Cathedral Outreach***

For over 35 years, our Cathedral Outreach program has supported local individuals and families in need when they are without food, can't keep the electricity on, can't pay for basic family funeral expenses...and much more. Every single day our parish directly helps people in need and your financial contributions fund this important work of mercy.

Our Outreach is connected to *Charity Tracker*, a powerful, cloud-based service being used by thousands of churches, charities, and entire communities to maximize efficiency while helping others.

Please consider donating to our Cathedral Outreach Program so that we may continue this work of mercy.

Did you know?

The Bishop's Services Appeal supports the Saint Charles Retreat Center and its ministerial work in the diocese. The Saint Charles Retreat Center has hosted numerous retreats and faith formation opportunities since it opened its doors in 1995. Currently, it is home to retreats such as D.E.E.P. Retreats, Silent Preached Retreats, Grief To Grace Retreats, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, Men and Women's ACTS Retreats and the True Presence Retreats. In addition to these retreats, Deacon Soileau also hosts weekly adoration along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Supporting the BSA supports faith formation and ministry for adults in our diocese!

PRAYER FOR SAFETY IN HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, Hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

**+The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
2nd Bishop of Lafayette**

Explore the convenience of online giving at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com and set your tithe to automatically occur when, how often, and in the amount you would like to give. After your account is set up, you will always have access to it to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or having cash on hand for the offertory! **Remember, you can easily access your online payment account at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/payments**

JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by

the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Can We Bring Jesus to You or Your Loved One?

If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office at 337-436-7251 and we will contact you.

Looking for something??

The Cathedral office has a Lost and Found...if you are missing your Missal, rosary, keys, sunglasses, reading glasses, mantilla, umbrella, etc. please stop by and see if we have it!

You must be able to identify your item.

Our church office gladly hands out Snack Bags, as available to anyone who comes to our door, **no questions asked**.

We also have an active Outreach Ministry, as well as Catholic Charities, to help those in need.

Come And See Seminary Weekend

On October 3-5, ten young men from our diocese visited St Ben's Seminary for a weekend of discernment. Included in this group were Dominic Reeves and Andrew Broussard from our parish. Many thanks to Father Michael Caraway and the Seminary for hosting this event. Please continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.



ENDOW Study

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a small group study on St John

Paul II's *Letter to Women*. The group study, for single women ages 18-35, meets on the first Tuesday monthly for dinner and discussion at the Sisters' convent, 1414 Martha Street. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) seeks to educate women toward a more profound understanding of their God-given dignity through study in small groups of faith and friendship.

Please contact the Religious Sisters of Mercy to register or for more information: Call 337-564-0030 or email lakecharles@almamercy.org

Melchizedek Project: Vocation discernment groups

The Melchizedek Project hosts meetings for young men in high school and college in an environment where they can freely consider God's plan in their life. The vocation discernment groups meet bi-weekly, and food will be provided. For more information on meeting times and locations, visit <http://lcvocations.com/discrimennt-groups>.

**The Vianney House—206 Aqua Drive,
Lake Charles**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, October 11...(8:00 AM)...Mr & Mrs Bruce Dauphin (4:00 PM)—Dr. Charles Mackey; Hebert & Pronia Families; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Scalisi & Barone Families; Luke Marcantel; Sheila Cola

SUNDAY, October 12...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—McComb Family; Amanda Palombo Welch; Tyler Family; Claire Orton; Ted Gauthreaux; Bob McCall; Douga Family; Bobbie Soileau (11:15 AM)—Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Carl Lynn Stampley

MONDAY, October 13... (12:05 PM)—Eula & Bennie Buller (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Claire Orton

TUESDAY, October 14...(12:05 PM)—Robert Richard (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Douga Family

WEDNESDAY, October 15...(12:05 PM)— Tom Delahoussaye (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Stephen Broussard

THURSDAY, October 16...(12:05 PM)— Caius McGuirk (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Maura Casey

FRIDAY, October 17...(12:05 PM)—Clay Ward (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Kellegn Leger

SATURDAY, October 18...(8:00 AM)...Hannah & John-Patrick Broussard (4:00 PM)—Kate Ortego Thomas; Annette Pronia; Gladys & Delma Devillier; JB Postell; Earl Hudgins; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau; Seeburn & Pinkie Chaumont; Bessie Richard

SUNDAY, October 19...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—Michael Scimemi; James Dunham Shearman; Sherman Solari; Jean Warren; Patricia Mains; Raymond Richard; Donovan Dupuis Family; Kara Leger Racco; Charlie Viccellio (11:15 AM)—Hiram DuRousseau (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Jon & Elisa Schnur

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Melissa Anderson; George Ange; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Guy Barré; David Batchelor; Dale Bayard; June Benoit; Andre Boudreault; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylian Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Pearl Cole; Betty Collins; Helen Credeur; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Carolyn Denison; Vickie Denison; Gwen Thomas Dowden; Larry Dugas; Sherry Dugas; Sadie Dunn; Claudia & Curtis Dyle; Charles Elter; Ann Eustis; Chad Fazzio; Tony Fazzio; Nicholas Fletcher; Sundra Fontenot; Nelson Francisco; Kathleen Gallow; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Debbie Gauthreaux; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Mary Lois Harst; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Peggy Heideman; Brenda Hoback; Allen Hoffpauir; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia Ieyoub; Heather Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Christy Papania-Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Denver Keller; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; Wilton “Butch” Lee; James Legier; Michael Lee; Marshall Leiber; Della Lemaire; Catherine Lorenzi; Elizabeth Louviere; Melanie Lupo; Vincent Lupo; Judy Marcantel; Megan Marcantel; Zoë Dyle May; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Kai McKinney; Raven McKinney; Melanie Moreno; Elaine Morrow; Jerry Nichols; Dr. John Noble; Randy Nunez; Shawn O’Guinn; Carol & Larry Ortego; Janie Pago; Larry Parker; Larry Parker, Jr.; Ben Perry; Robert Perry; Susan Prejean; Seth Priola; Demi Rainwater; Clifford Raleigh; Rena Reed; Kendall Richard; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Silas David San Miguel; Sheila Sanders; Leslie Sayne; Marie Scimemi; Doug Shearman; Sue Spears; Marlena Spell; Jaxson Spikes; Rob Stephens; Jackie Stevens; Gary Swain; Jude Theriot; Cole Thomas; Fayette Thomas; Stanley Thomas; Warren Thomas; Chad Trahan; Darla & Patrick Trahan; Ted Trahan; John Tucker; Rebecca Turner; Jo Ann Van Gossen; Larry James Vidrine; Billy Ward; Clay Ward; Clyde Weber; Aly & Riley Wilkins; Remi Wissinger; Margaret Wukovits; Andrew Yearby; Ronda Yearby; Gay Young; Martha Young.

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 337.436.7251

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Bishop Provost~ Let us pray for the safety and protection of the unborn and a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...Michael Buller, USN; Daniel Breaux, US Army; Cade Camel, US Army; Anthony Deshotel, US Navy; Gabriel Emerson, USAF; LTC John Harrell; Cpl. Wyatt LeJune, USMC; Noah Keller, US Army; Ross Painter, US Army; Lt. Col John Robichaux; Col. Steve Rodriguez, USAF; Joey Russell, USMC; Rick Ruot, Army National Guard; Macy Shearman, USMC Reserve; Nikolas Stanko US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC (To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)