



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Established December 8, 1869

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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
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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-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 19, 2025

My Dear People of God!

In our ongoing consideration of the Creed, today we look at the line in which we profess that Jesus suffered death and was buried. We may be familiar with the saying that there are two things in life that are inevitable, death and taxes. Well, we won't look at taxes today, we will consider death. Death is inescapable. It comes to us all and we can delay it, but we cannot outrun it. Our Blessed Lord in His earthly life also had to come to death. The Letter to the Hebrews will say that this is why Christ is a good God: He understands our plight in this world. He Himself suffered and died. The author of the Letter calls this the sympathy of God (Hebrews 4:15).

Death is not escapable, but how we face it is our choice of the Christian Life that we live. The Christian way will show us a hope beyond this one aspect of our life. And through it, we then can know that our God will understand our own fears and insecurities as we face those frightening moments.

Are we afraid? Christ asked if the cup of death might pass Him. Are we sad? Christ wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Are we lonely? Christ asked His disciples to spend just one hour with Him. Do we feel abandoned? On the Cross, Christ called out, "My God why have You forsaken Me?"

In professing that God, in professing that Jesus our Lord suffered and died, we are professing the hope in a God who remains with us in our weakness.

This week, let us turn to God in our weaknesses and so then come closer to sharing in Christ's glory in His resurrection.

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...
Gloria Trahan~ October 5, 2025
Kemble Guillory ~ October 11, 2025
We pray that they find peace and joy in the
presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere
sympathies to their families and to all who
mourn their 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 12, 2025	\$15,261.00
Offertory	\$11,361.00
Online	\$3,900.00

Upcoming second collections:
October 19—World Mission Sunday
October 26—Insurance Fund
November 2—All Souls Day

Readings for the Week ~ October 20-October 26, 2025

Monday: Romans 4:20-25 ; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 ; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 ; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18 ; Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 ; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23 ; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ; Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25a ; Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 ; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11 ; Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 ; Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 ; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ; Luke 18:9-14

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is held every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October. It is celebrated in order to bring to light the missionary work of the Church worldwide. The theme this year is “Missionaries of Hope among the peoples”.

It is the Church’s mission to proclaim the salvation of Christ to the ends of the earth. Pope Leo XIV urges the faithful to keep our gaze upon Christ, emphasizing that His mission continues through the Church: *“Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope.”*

Our second collections this weekend will support the work of the Church as the hands and feet of Christ in the world today. When we give generously in this endeavor, we are empowering the Church to continue the mission which Christ inspired with his Spirit: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (Jn 20:21)

2025/2026 Meeting Dates

October 26th
November 23rd
December 28th
January 18th
February 15th
March 22nd
April 12th
May 17th

Meetings will be held from 2 PM - 4 PM
Ave Maria Hall, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Children's Church: 11:15 AM Mass

The Cathedral's Catechesis (commonly called "Children's Church") for children who are 3 years of age through 2nd Grade, or its equivalent, is offered at the 11:15 am Mass (children must be potty trained!). The Catechesis is meant to help children better understand the Mass and the Scriptures. The catechists who are leading the program are Safe-Environment ("Safe and Sacred") Trained and use an approved text for the catechetical sessions.

Communal First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

7:20 a.m.—Devotion Prayers 7:30 a.m.—Rosary
8:00 a.m.—Mass, receive Holy Communion
8:30 a.m.—15 minute guided Meditation on the
Mysteries of the Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima requests that on the First Saturday of each month individuals go to Confession, say the Rosary, receive Holy Communion, and keep her company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist; with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to bring about world peace and the salvation of souls.

Although confession will not be available before Mass, one can make a good confession eight days before or after with the intention of offering reparation for the offenses against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, provided you are in the state of grace upon receiving Holy Communion.

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

The Diocese of Lake Charles has published a funeral brochure that includes important information regarding Cremation and Words of Remembrance, two issues that often surface when planning funerals. The brochures are in the Cathedral office if you should need one.



**There will be no 7:00 am nor 5:00 pm weekday masses this week.
The 12:05 pm daily masses will continue as scheduled.**

Youth Ministry NEWS

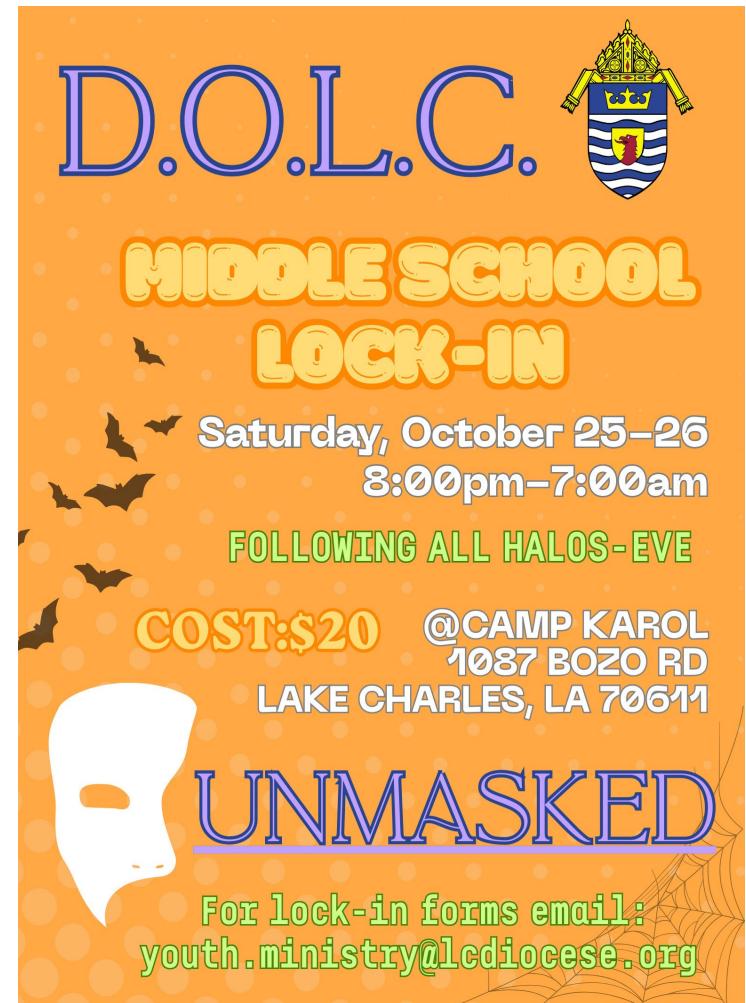


ALL HALO'S EVE

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



D.O.L.C.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

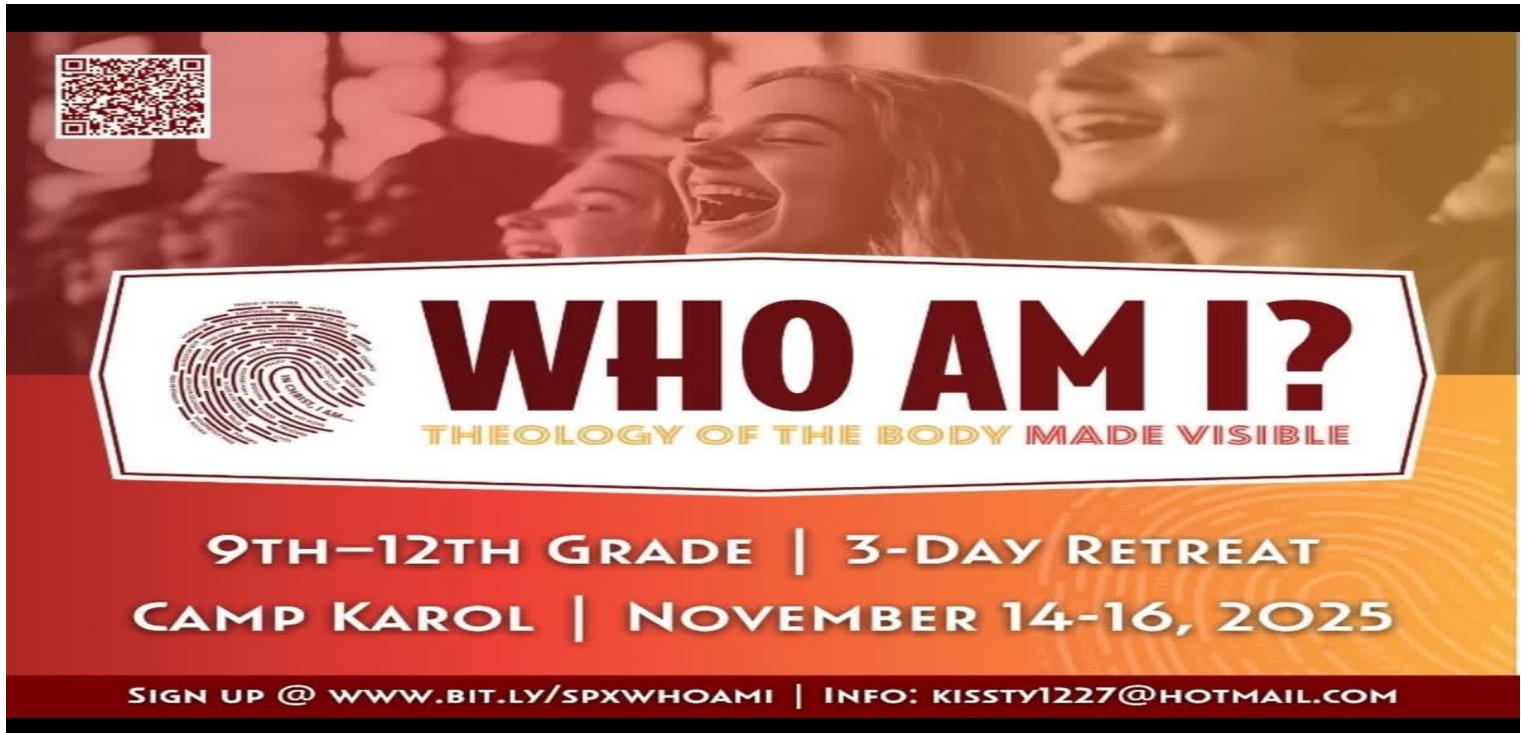
Saturday, October 25-26 8:00pm-7:00am

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



 **WHO AM I?**
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MADE VISIBLE

9TH-12TH GRADE | 3-DAY RETREAT
CAMP KAROL | NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025

SIGN UP @ WWW.BIT.LY/SPXWHOAMI | INFO: kissty1227@HOTMAIL.COM

POPE LEO XIV ASKS THE FAITHFUL TO PRAY A DAILY ROSARY DURING OCTOBER FOR PEACE



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:

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

Seminarians in the News

Michael DesOrmeaux, a seminarian for the Diocese of Lake Charles, was blessed with the opportunity to meet Pope Leo XIV with other students in Rome on Sunday, August 24, 2025. Pope Leo received seminarians during a private audience in Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace before leading the Angelus in St. Peter's Square. DesOrmeaux is continuing his studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome as he enters his first year of Configuration Stage. He is a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the son of David and Courtney DesOrmeaux.

When sharing the news of the papal visit with his family, he said, "I told them about the joy of hearing my spiritual father speaking in clear English. His message was truly impactful."

The Holy Father's message concerned the importance of praying for the virtue of perseverance, Michael said. "Pope Leo touched on other priestly virtues, but this one was the one that the Holy Father most wanted to hammer in for the American seminarians," he noted.

"The pope shared a story about how when he was young he worked with another priest who was in his eighties who prayed daily for perseverance," Michael shared. "He thought to himself, 'If that guy is praying for perseverance, then I had better get started!'"

While he is not certain about what is entailed on the academic side of things, Michael said that he will be focusing on adapting to life in Rome and learning to receive all that the Pontifical North American College has to offer.



Michael DesOrmeaux, a seminarian studying in Rome for the Diocese of Lake Charles, greets His Holiness Pope Leo XIV in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace on Sunday, August 24.

Did you know?

The Bishop's Service Appeal plays a vital role in supporting the mission of priestly formation by helping fund tuition, housing, and formation programs for our seminarians. Seminary education is essential for forming future priests who will serve God's people with wisdom, holiness, and compassion. It provides spiritual, intellectual, pastoral, and human formation so that seminarians may grow into faithful shepherds after the Heart of Christ. Through the generosity of parishioners who give to the BSA, our diocese ensures that those called to the priesthood can focus on their vocation and preparation for lifelong service to the Church.

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 a 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.

Pray for
VOCATIONS

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A Heart-to-Heart with Christ and the Sisters of Mercy

Unmarried women, ages 18 and up, are invited to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy at their Convent on the first Tuesday of the Month. These evenings consist of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Dinner, and Discussion.

The schedule is as follows:

4:55 pm Holy Hour

6:15 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Conclusion

Address: 1414 Martha Street

Lake Charles, La 70601

RSVP to 337-564-0030

The Discernment Year

The Discernment Year is designed to bring clarity to vocational discernment by showing a young man how to discern. The Discernment Year is for young men who are juniors in High School through 25 years old.

If you are interested in learning more about the discernment year, please contact Father Michael Caraway at 337-439-7400 ext. 226 or email michael.caraway@lcdioocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, October 20... (12:05 PM)—Bruce Dauphin

TUESDAY, October 21... (12:05 PM)—Elizabeth Dimaline

WEDNESDAY, October 22... (12:05 PM)—Amanda Douga

THURSDAY, October 23... (12:05 PM)—Carl Ardoin

FRIDAY, October 24... (12:05 PM)—Lorita Dauphin

SATURDAY, October 25... (8:00 AM)...Bishop Glen John Provost (4:00 PM)—Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew, & Arthur Yearby; Collin & Brittany Racco family

SUNDAY, October 26... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—JB Postell; Dallas Grimmit; Sam Reed; Tyler Family; Logan McGuirk; Charlie Viccellio; Stephen Broussard (11:15 AM)—Lorraine Fazzio **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Peter Gagnon

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; Denver Keller; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; Wilton “Butch” Lee; James Leger; 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; Nikolas Stanko US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC
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