



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
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Ms. Karen Carso
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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

My Dear People of God!

Last week, we looked at the Ascension of the Lord in the Creed. This week we consider the end of time when "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead..." Our creation that we currently experience will end. Like the death of individual humans, our world will end. But this should not be a reason for us to despair. Remember why God created the world and all that is around us: so that we could know a loving God who has established order and purpose. But everything does end.

At the end of time, we will see Christ revealed to the nations (all peoples) as the Savior and that will usher in the last judgement of the world for the living and the dead. No one will be able to escape this judgement. For those who have not died, it will be a chance to choose Christ or not. For those who have died, it is a chance to reveal all things. In addition, the Church will teach through the Saints that Purgatory will be done and fulfilled at that moment.

The judgement of Christ is not meant to bring us a paralyzing fear but a good fear. As Christians we speak of the gift of the Holy Spirit that is called the Fear of the Lord. This is a healthy respect and honor that is due to God. In the judgement of each person (the individual judgement of Christian and the general judgement at the end of time), we will look and see if our lives have been lived in respect toward the Holy Trinity or selfishly toward ourselves. We cannot hide from God, but if we have known Christ as the merciful and loving God that He is, why should we try?

The old translation of the Creed into English says that Christ will come to judge the "quick and the dead." I have always liked that because it reminded me that I should not run away from God. Often times we do; it is hard, after all, to have God's eyes meet ours when we have sinned. However, we should not be afraid. We should rather run toward Him so that we are not caught off guard!

This week, perhaps we could ask ourselves where are we running from God in our lives. Then we can stop and meet His mercy. We cannot, after all, out run Him. He is there relentlessly seeking us so that we can be seen by Him and also see Him.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

If you would like to be registered as a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, please visit our website at :

immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

or stop by the church office for a registration form.

Not sure if you are a registered parishioner?

Please call Monica Broussard at 337-436-7251 or
email

secretary@immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

The Sanctuary Candle burns in November for:

Cathedral: Sherman Solari

and JB Postell

St. Bernadette Oratory:

Patricia and Shelley Paul

Broussard, Sr.



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism
Welcomed into the Family of Christ
Hollis Dean Burks
Son of
Mary Claire and Kyle Burks

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

November 9, 2025

\$18,104.22

Offertory	\$13,009.22
Online	\$5,095.00
Online	\$4335.00

Upcoming second collections:
November 16-Priest Retirement Fund
November 30-Insurance Fund

DON'T MISS THE TAX BREAK

Your gift makes an impact while reducing your taxable income.



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA



Age 70 ½ or older



Distribution must be made by Dec. 31, 2025



Contribution must be sent directly from your IRA to your church parish



Other year-end gifts
— by check, online
donation, or
appreciated stock —
are also welcome.

A Qualified Charitable
Distribution (QCD) can
count toward your
Required Minimum
Distribution (RMD) if
you are 73 or older,
while reducing your
taxable income.

CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Readings for the Week ~ November 17-21, 2025

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 ; Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 ; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 ; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 ; Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 ; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 ; Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 ; Luke 19:41-44

Friday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 ; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd ; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: St. Cecilia 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 ; Psalm 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 ; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday: Christ the King 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 ; Colossians 1:12-20 ; Luke 23:35-43



Last weekend, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate for Andrew de Leo and Isabel Aroues. We also celebrated the Rite of Welcoming for Rita Barrow, Pedro Carlucci, Hal McMillin and Abbie Olivier. Through these Rites, the catechumens and candidates declared their intent to become members of the Catholic Church, and we, as a parish and as representatives of the Faith, welcomed them.

On Christ the King Sunday, Andrew will be initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. In addition, already one with us through Baptism, Abbie and Rita will be received into the full communion of the Church.

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they continue their catechesis through the OCIA process.

2025/2026 Meeting Dates for Little Flowers Club for Girls

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

Being the hands of feet of Christ...



Socks for the Homeless

Theresian Ministry is sponsoring a sock drive for the homeless. Simply purchase extra socks while you are shopping, and drop them off in the baskets at the Cathedral office or at the northside entrance of the Cathedral during November and December. The socks will be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution to our friends in need.



Christmas at Sea

The Stella Maris Seafarers Center is giving holiday treats and gift cards to sailors this year. To learn more, call 337-263-0317.



Cookies, cakes, candy and holiday breads are welcome. Gift cards to fast food restaurants like Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Crust Pizza, Chick-fil-A, McDonald's and Walmart, are perfect!

 Spread the love of Christ to sailors this year! 

Call Ray Fontenot, Director, at 337-263-0317, or email stella.maris@lcdiocese.org to have items picked up. Or, you may deliver them to Stella Maris Seafarers Center, 150 Marine St., Box 10, Lake Charles, LA 70601



The Cathedral Youth Group

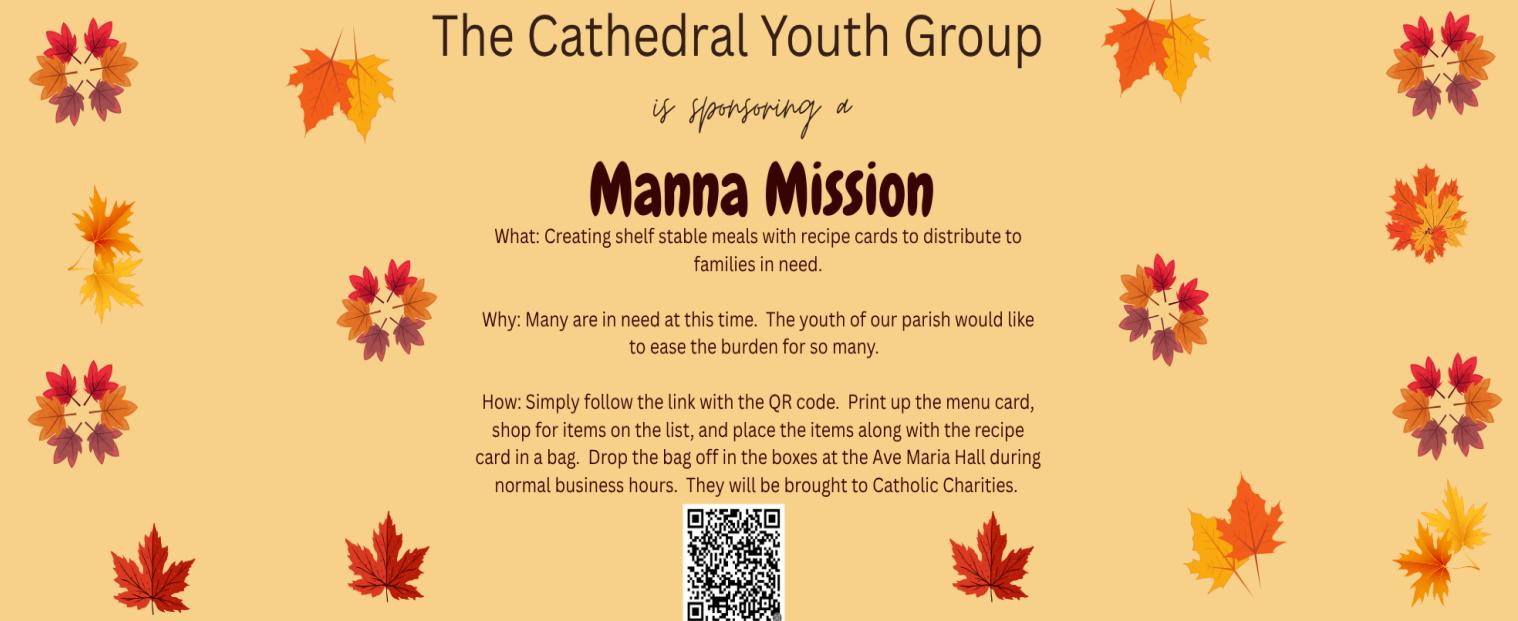
is sponsoring a

Manna Mission

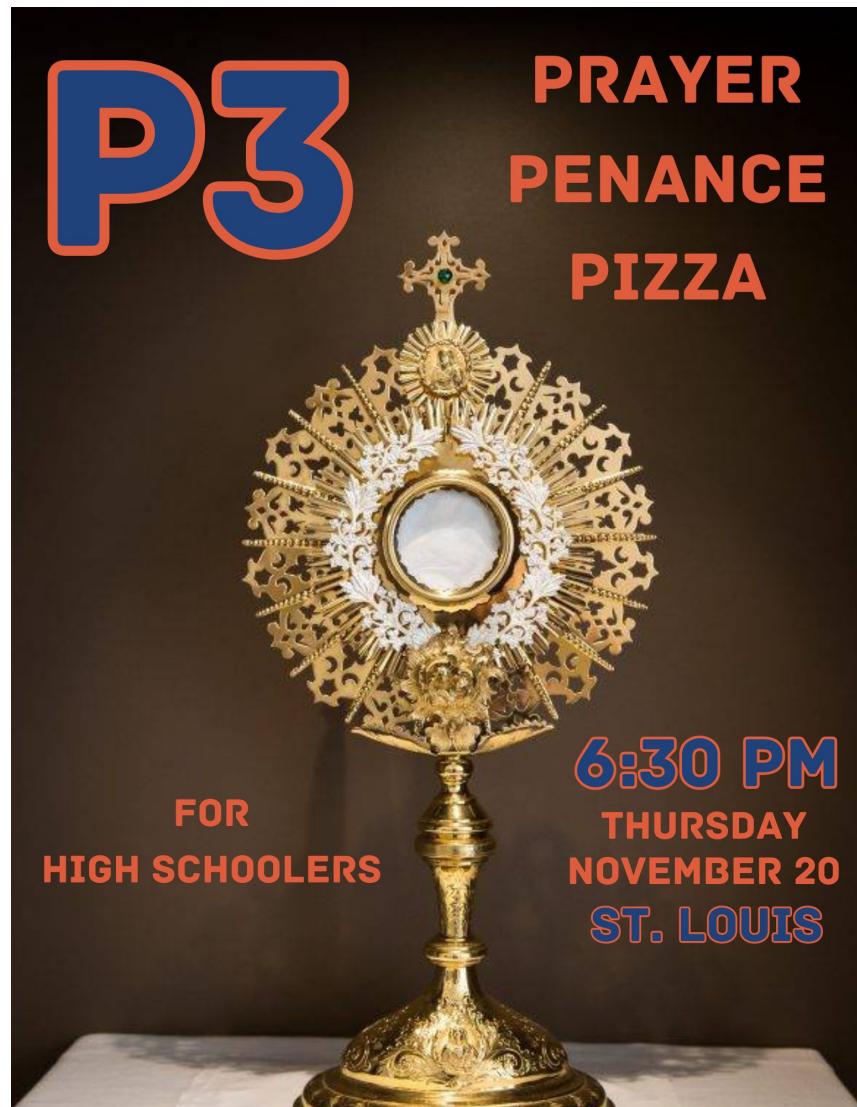
What: Creating shelf stable meals with recipe cards to distribute to families in need.

Why: Many are in need at this time. The youth of our parish would like to ease the burden for so many.

How: Simply follow the link with the QR code. Print up the menu card, shop for items on the list, and place the items along with the recipe card in a bag. Drop the bag off in the boxes at the Ave Maria Hall during normal business hours. They will be brought to Catholic Charities.



Youth Ministry NEWS



The Cathedral has a thriving Youth Group for both High School students and students in Middle School. Middle Schoolers meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 5-6:15, and the High Schoolers meet on the first and third Wednesday from 6-7:30. Both groups meet in the Ave Maria Hall. Interested? Use the QR codes below to sign up on our Group Me High School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our high school youth group



Middle School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our middle school youth group



Eagle Scout Projects

Dedicated Catholic Eagle Scouts have been working on beautifying our Cathedral grounds as part of their Eagle Scout Project. Ramsey and Remy Vincent, who are Cathedral Parishioners, have been giving the Cathedral Prayer Garden a restoration. They began by killing all of the grass and weeds with a herbicide. That was administered three times over a nine week period. A machine was brought in and about 3" of the top surface of the entire garden was removed. During that same time the two trellis structures were built at the Vincent house. The two trellis frames were then installed and the Crepe Myrtles were planted. Once that was complete, the shrubs were planted and the sod was installed. The last task was planting the climbing roses. The boys continue the watering of the shrubs and sod every 2-3 days depending on rain. We are grateful for the care and attention that these young men have taken to beautify our grounds.



A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26 at 1:30 pm in the Cathedral for **Dr. John Cocchiara**. There will also be a gathering afterwards in the Ave Maria Hall.

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 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

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.

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.

How to keep in touch!

Flocknote— You can either visit flocknote.com/iccathedral or text **ICCATHEDRAL** to **84576** from your cell phone to subscribe.

Facebook—*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

Web—immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

Listen to our Sunday 9:30 AM mass on the radio! Tune in to **KLCL AM 1470** or **KJEF AM 1290**.

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

Cor ad Cor

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

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, November 15... (8:00 AM)...Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin **(4:00 PM)**—Dr. Charles Mackey; Lillian Ravia; Kate Ortego Thomas; Hebert & Pronia families; Gladys & Delma Devillier; Ted Gauthreaux; JB Postell; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau

SUNDAY, November 16... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; James Dunham Shearman; Sherman Solari; Bob McCall **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau
(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Logan McGuirk

MONDAY, November 17... (7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Bruce Dauphin
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Jimmy Thompson

TUESDAY, November 18... (7:00 AM) Marla & Michael Baldwin **(12:05 PM)**—Lorita Dauphin
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Seeburn & Pinkie Chaumont

WEDNESDAY, November 19... (7:00 AM) Nick Drummond **(12:05 PM)**—Craig & Cindy Soileau
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Cheryl Casey

THURSDAY, November 20... (7:00 AM) Hannah & John-Patrick Broussard **(12:05 PM)**— Erika Carlisle
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Dominic Rumore

FRIDAY, November 21... (7:00 AM) Teen ACTS **(12:05 PM)**—Caius McGuirk
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Phillip Conner

SATURDAY, November 22... (8:00 AM) Bishop Glenn John Provost **(4:00 PM)**—Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew, & Arthur Yearby

SUNDAY, November 23... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—JB Postell; McCombs Family; Sam Reed; Tyler Family; Charlie Viccellio; **(11:15 AM)**—The Douga Family **(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; 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; Jason Thompson; 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 NOVEMBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community.

Bishop Provost~ Let us pray for a profound and deeper sense of gratitude for God’s many gifts to us.

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
(To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)