



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

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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 12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962)
Monday—Friday	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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

My Dear People of God!

Bishop Provost has asked that all the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles join him in prayer for the new Bishop beginning today and lasting until December 8th (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Please take a prayer card and as a parish community we will be also praying this prayer at the end of each Mass through that period of time.

As we begin the Holy Season of Advent, we appropriately move the third section of the Creed today when we profess “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life...” The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, but the Person of the Trinity who it is most difficult for us to speak about. However, there are a few things that we can gleam directly from this one line that we reflect on today.

First, the Holy Spirit is the Lord, meaning that He shares the full divinity with the Father and the Son. As such, we know and profess the Holy Spirit is God. Second, He is the Giver of life. The earliest reference to the Spirit is found in the opening lines of the Sacred Scriptures when in Genesis we are told that God breathed His Spirit upon the waters and from there life began. For this reason, many of the saints would call our Lord the Holy Spirit the Breath of God that gives us meaning and purpose. We therefore will often say that we are inspired by the Holy Spirit who moves us to life in God.

However, I have always found the word that Saint Thomas Aquinas used to describe the Holy Spirit as appropriate. Saint Thomas calls Him the “nexus” a word that is translated as connection but means more than that. But looking merely at this idea of “connection,” we can say that the Holy Spirit joins us to the Life of the Blessed Trinity, connecting us to God and the God-Life.

Although we might have a hard time describing the Holy Spirit, we can definitely recognize His work. Let us therefore remain connected to Him so that we can remain in the Life of God.

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.



Welcome

The newest members of our Cathedral Parish

Whitney Curole,
Olivia Romero,
and Alaina & Madison Crain

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

November 23, 2025

\$17,219.86

Offertory	\$13,504.86
Online	\$3,715.00

Upcoming second collections:
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 ~ December 1-7, 2025

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6 ; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Celebration of the
Sacrament of Matrimony
United in Holy Matrimony
November 22, 2025
Kelli & Zachary Amy

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—For those who are interested in completing sacraments or inquiring about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Cathedral office at 337.436.7251 for information about the Sacraments.

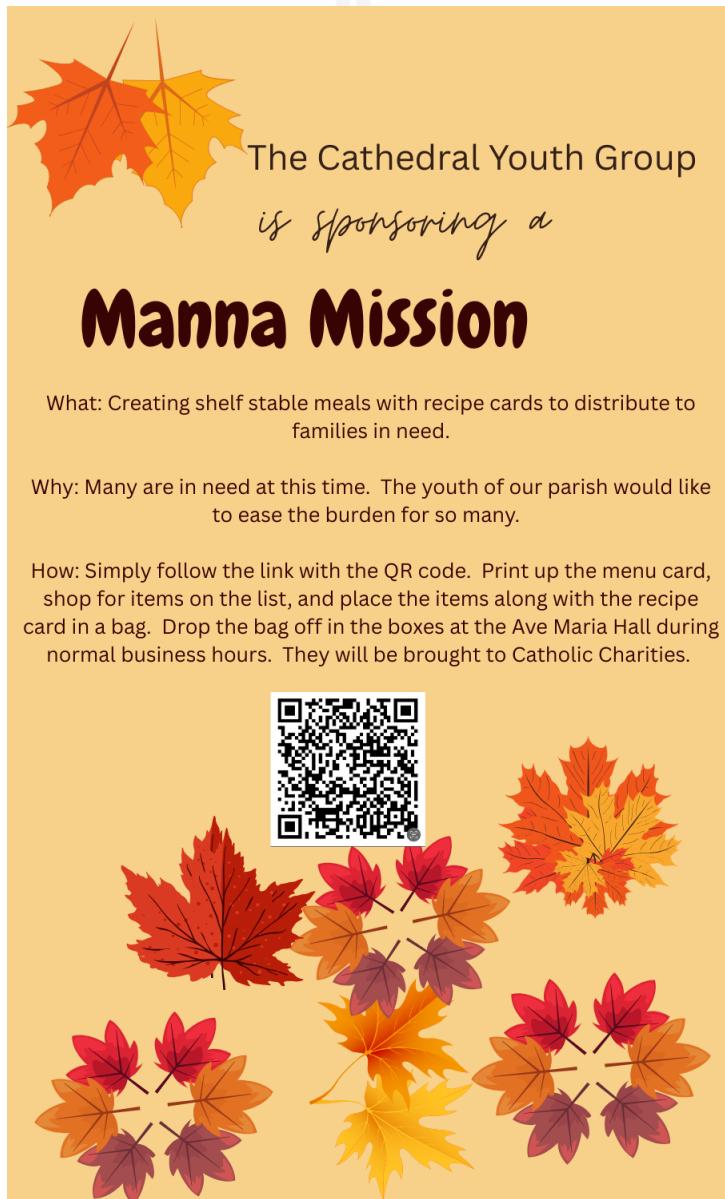
We encourage those who wish to join our Cathedral Parish to complete a Family Registration form.

Due to the Teen ACTS Retreat next weekend, there will be no 7:00 AM Mass on December 4 & 5. Please keep our team and the teen retreatants in prayer. Their return mass will be on Sunday, December 7th at 11:15 am in the Cathedral.

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School and St. Louis Catholic High School Subsidy Requirements

The minimum donation per year to qualify for a subsidy for ICCS is \$500 and for St. Louis it is \$600, along with the requirement of being a registered, active parishioner of the Cathedral Parish

Being the hands of feet of Christ...



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.



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@lcdioocese.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



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.

Youth Ministry NEWS

NCYC - I AM

Twenty-four Cathedral parishioners joined the diocesan delegation for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Within the Cathedral delegation, there were 14 high school youth group members and 10 adult chaperones. The group joined a larger delegation of 100 youth and chaperones from our diocese.

The conference, which took place from Thursday, November 20–23, began with a concert by Christian artist Sarah Kroger. Each night focused on the name of God from the Old Testament—I Am, and explored the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The evening sessions were held in Lucas Oil Stadium, where 16,000 participants gathered for keynote addresses, music, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass.

The teens also witnessed history in the making as Pope Leo XIV, the first American-born pope, met with them in real time during the first-ever digital encounter of its kind. He answered questions from several teens in attendance.

During the day, participants gathered in the Indianapolis Downtown Convention Center for breakout sessions that offered something for everyone. There was also an adoration chapel and a side chapel that displayed relics of Sts. Teresa of Calcutta, John Vianney, Alphonsus Liguori, Joachim and Anne, Carlo Acutis, Catherine of Siena, and Francis Xavier. Chaperone Michael Lanthier said, “It was great to see how many young people were in the chapel trying to deepen their prayer life, bringing Christ their pain and hurts and joys.”

Participants also toured the Exhibition Hall, where Catholic speakers, artists, Catholic universities, and numerous religious brothers and sisters were available to meet, along with fun challenges and games. Senior Ruth McCain attended NCYC for the second time this year and had the following to say about the experience: “I loved NCYC. This was my second time, and it’s new experience each time. From hearing the different Catholic Music Artists to being exposed to all the religious brothers and sisters—the Holy Spirit is constantly burning visibly and soulfully. We met teens from all over that are on fire for Jesus dancing and praising Him all together. Meeting Pope Leo XIV in real time and listening to the speakers ripped off the band-aid of our broken world. Pope Leo reminded us that we are not only the church of tomorrow but of today. I loved every bit of it!”

The experience deeply touched all who attended, leaving them changed by their time at the conference. The teens are once again grateful for the support of the Cathedral Parish, which helped make it possible for them to attend.





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.

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.



In Loving Memory...

**Michael Higdon~
November 15, 2025**

brother of parishioner Ruby Guidry.
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.

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.

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.

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:

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

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DIOCESAN NOVENA

FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP

O most Holy Virgin, whom the Lord was pleased to make His Mother, immaculate in body and soul, unwavering in faith and ardent in love, look kindly upon us as we implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, who by the first moment of your Immaculate Conception did crush the head of our ancient foe, we humbly beseech you as suppliants to receive our prayers as we implore you to present at the throne of God the favor we now request: **that a faithful and zealous shepherd be chosen as the next Bishop of Lake Charles.**

O Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Mother of God, you did have influence with your Divine Son while upon this Earth. And, since your most powerful persuasion has in every way come to fullness now in Heaven, pray for us and obtain from Him, Whom you rightly call your own Son, the granting of our petition according to the Divine Will, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*

To be prayed November 30 – December 8, 2025

First Sunday of Advent through the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Image: From the Apse at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles

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.

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

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 29... (8:00 AM)...Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin (4:00 PM)—Elizabeth Dimaline; Hebert & Pronia families; Dallas Grimmit; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau

SUNDAY, November 30... (7:30 AM)...“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—Michael Scimemi; Sherman Solari; Micah Buller (11:15 AM)—The Crosby Family (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Theresa Schmidt

MONDAY, December 1... (7:00 AM)...“Pro Populo” (For the People) (12:05 PM)—Merlene Bolluck (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Grimmett Family

TUESDAY, December 2... (7:00 AM)...Kenneth & Emily Lavelle (12:05 PM)—Kaicey Miller (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Minor Family

WEDNESDAY, December 3... (7:00 AM)...Michael Duane Higdon (12:05 PM)—Carl Ardoin (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Melvin Dugas

THURSDAY, December 4... (7:00 AM)...Teen ACTS Retreat (12:05 PM)—C.A. Miller, Jr. (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Kelly Terry

FRIDAY, December 5... (12:05 PM)...Luke Marcantel (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Lily Racco

SATURDAY, December 6... (8:00 AM)...Brad Foreman (4:00 PM)—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Ted Gauthreaux; Kate Ortego Thomas; Shelia Cola; Beau Styron; Earl Hudgins; Scalisi & Barone Families; Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois

SUNDAY, December 7... (7:30 AM)...“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—James Dunham Shearman; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Sam Reed; Tyler Family; Betty Dimaline; Bob McCall (11:15 AM)—Hiram DuRousseau (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Phillip Conner

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; Houston G. Boyer; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan 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; 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)