Recent diocesan ordination

In addition to last month’s coverage, the Diocese of Victoria recently ordained six at Our Lady of Victory, Victoria. Fr. Philip Brune and Fr. Jasper Liggio have been appointed parochial vicars to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria. Dcn. summer assignments: Kristopher Fuchs, OLG; Scott Hill, OLV; Jacob Koether, Sacred Heart and Francis Nguyen III, OLG-Bay City.

Newly ordained priests, left to right: Philip Brune and Jasper Liggio.

50th anniversary ordination of Rev. Msgr. Gerard Cernoch

A Mass of Thanksgiving was held June 22nd at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Bay City honoring Msgr. Gerard Cernoch on the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Bishop Fellhauer accompanied Msgr. Gerry as both concelebrated the Divine Liturgy. Many visitors including priests, deacons, family members, friends, out-of-town guests, and parish members came to celebrate the occasion. Mass began with Dcn. Luan Van Tran giving a welcome and introduction. During the celebration, a skit was performed by children depicting events of Msgr. Gerry’s life from the time he was born on October 3, 1937 in San Antonio. Sunday readings were read by Joe Gonzales, Lety Ramos, and Lupita Montelongo. Prayers of the faithful were read by Dcn. Bill Key, Dcn. Joe Ramos and Bishop Fellhauer and Msgr. Cernoch gave a passionate homily. Several family members participated in the Mass by bringing offertory gifts and rejoicing in song with the church choir. Bishop Fellhauer and Msgr. Cernoch

Newly ordained deacons, left to right: Kristopher Fuchs and Scott Hill.

Newly ordained deacons, left to right: Jacob Koether and Francis Nguyen III.

Ordained ministers play an important role in helping Christians imitate Christ’s mission of love and justice through gathering the community, modeling Christ’s love for the poor, presiding at Eucharist, and evangelizing social realities.

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Most Reverend Bernard F. Popp died June 27, 2014 in San Antonio, TX at the age of 96. He was born December 6, 1917 in Nada, TX. He was the son of Ferdinand Popp Jr. and Anna Staff. He was ordained a bishop on July 26, 1983.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Augusta Popp Gerberman, Margaret Popp Swoboda, and Sr. Adelaide; and brothers, Lawrence and Joe.

Survivors include his Sr. Anna Marie of Victoria; sisters-in-law, Bernice Popp and Clara Brummer; cousin, Alfred Berger and wife Gladys; numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

After his priestly ordination, he served as parochial vicar in St. Agnes, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and St. Mary Magdalen churches in San Antonio. He also served a priest-secretary to Archbishop Robert E. Lucey for 23 years. He served as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen’s parish, founding pastor of Holy Spirit parish, in San Antonio; pastor of St. Mary’s parish, Victoria; St. Paul’s parish and San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio. He served as pro-synodal judge and appointed judicial vicar of the archdiocesan tribunal. He served as archdiocesan consultant for many years. He was director of archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries for 17 years. In 1983, he was appointed titular of capus and auxiliary to Archbishop Patrick F. Flores. During his years as auxiliary he served as director of personnel services, with emphasis as liaison to the priests’ personnel for the archbishop. Bishop Popp retired from administration and served as parochial vicar at St. Benedict's parish for 10 years. He retired to Casa de Padres in June 2003, while helping in parish ministry as needed. In 2008, Bishop Popp moved to Padua Place.

He is interred at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Nada. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Archdiocesan Designated Schools Endowment at the Chancery Office in San Antonio.
SUNDAY, JULY 20

Mass: Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Dinner: 11:00 A.M.

Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken & Trimmings
$8.50

Drive-thru & plates-to-go: 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Country Store
Cake Walk
Bingo

Auction Sale: 1:00 P.M.

Hamburgers, refreshments, and entertainment on the Moravia Parish Picnic Grounds!

Music During the Day and Night by:
Mark Halata & Texavia
Texas Sound Czech

Everybody Welcome - Fun for All!

Auction and activities under the pavilion!

Prize drawing: 8:00 P.M.

S这条路 for tickets: Mary Ann Pfeiffer

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P. O. BOX 4070
VICTORIA, TX 77903

Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

As of June 30, 2014

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Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

they may rejoice with You in the next. We journeyed with us to this day. May you reward your generous service.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dan Morales

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth:

Dcn. Francis Nguyen III
Dcn. Jacob Koether
Dcn. Scott Hill
Dcn. Kristopher Fuchs
Fr. Jasper Liggio
Fr. Philip Brune

Loving Father, we give praise and thanksgiving to all who have guided us down this path to ordination as priests and deacons in your holy church. Thank you for the love and example of our parents who have made our lives possible and who first showed us how to love You. Thank you for the priests who have given us your sacraments and have inspired us to follow the vocation You have given us as Your priests. Please bless all who have journeyed with us to this day. May you abundantly bless them in this life so that they may rejoice with You in the next. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In gratitude,
Fr. Philip Brune
Fr. Jasper Liggio
Dcn. Kristopher Fuchs
Dcn. Scott Hill
Dcn. Jacob Koether
Dcn. Francis Nguyen III

From the Office of Vocations

On behalf of our two new priests, Fathers Jasper Liggio and Philip Brune and our four transitional Deacons Francis Nguyen, Jacob Koether, Scott Hill, and Kristopher Fuchs, I would like to thank the countless people who saw to the success of the day. Special thanks to Bishop Fellhauer and the Chancery staff, Fr. Tommy Chen and the seminarians, Fr. Gary Janak and the cathedral staff, KC Council #1329 for the rehearsal dinner, Otto Bleier, Debbie Vanelli, KC Council #9088, the Altar Society, CDA and volunteers from Holy Family for the reception, Fr. Wayne Flagg and the choirs from Frelsburg and Mentz, the Knights of St. Gregory and the 4th Degree KCs, and the countless others who worked behind the scenes and may have been omitted from this list. May God reward your generous service.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dan Morales

The Knights of Columbus #2490, Victoria, member Greg Witcher and wife Sherrie recently received the State Deputy's Fraternity Award at the 110th Knights of Columbus Convention. It is one of the four awards given based on the four principles of the order: charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism.

Standing, left to right: Adeline Dvorak, Johanna Spatafora, Bill Kirkpatrick, Sandy Del Vecchio, Cherrie Fonseca, Del Del Vecchio, Michael Fonseca, Maria Austin, Tim Austin, Al Henneke, Pat Henneke, Cynthia Priesmeyer, and Denise Couey. Sitting, left to right: Catherine Drapela, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Janet Harvey, Bettie Konvicka, Mary Cantu, and Imelda Howard.

Recently, at God’s Embrace Renewal Centers, St. Mary High Hill, 17 participants completed the 3-Year Formation Program and were honored with a graduation celebration. Graduates were welcomed by Dr. Michael Fonseca, founder-presenter of the program, his wife Cherrie, and Sandy Reese, program coordinator. A Mass for the graduates was celebrated in the newly remodeled St. Mary Adoration Chapel by Fr. Tim Kosler, pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg and St. Mary, High Hill. Liturgical music was provided by Fr. Wayne Flagg, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Frelsburg and St. Roch, Mentz.

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Through God’s Embrace Renewal Centers, it is our hope you will receive all the necessary help to satisfy your own hunger for God!

Year I – “Lead me into the Deep, Lord” (first 3 months)
“Teach Me in Your Ways, Lord” (rest of Year I)
Year II – “Mold Me as Your Disciple, Lord”
Year III – “Becoming God’s Covenant Family Through the Holy Spirit”

The program will meet twice a month for 2 1/2 hours for presentation of the session; brief discussion on what God was telling you through the presentation; sharing from journal notes on daily prayer with Scripture and spiritual reading at home.

Throughout the year, God’s Embrace Renewal Centers also offers: 4 weekend retreats, 5 one-day retreats, individual spiritual direction, weekly prayer sessions, and spiritual companionship training. If you are interested in becoming a participant in the 3-year Formation Program of God’s Embrace Renewal Centers or for more information, contact Sandy Reese at (979) 541-6881 or sandy.reese@godembrace.org.

Is God calling you to the priesthood?

For more information, contact:
The Office of Vocations
(361) 573-5304
vocations@victoriavocations.org

Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other church personnel, you can register a complaint.

• Call the bishop or the chancellor at the Chancery at (361) 573-0828;
or
• Call Rev. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach;
or
• Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
  Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903
Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.

If you are unsure about bringing forth a complaint or need more information, please contact: Rev. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.
Sunday Readings from July 13 to Aug. 3

July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 55:10-11; PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
ROM 8:18-23; MT 13:1-23

July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
WIS 12:13, 16-19; PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
ROM 8:26-27; MT 13:24-43

July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 KGS 3:5, 7-12;
PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130;
ROM 8:28-30; MT 13:44-52

Aug. 3 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 55:1-3; PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18;
ROM 8:35, 37-39; MT 14:13-21

All daily and Sunday readings, as well as a daily reflection video, are available at:
www.usccb.org/bible/readings

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Summer short-term classes

July: 15, 16, & 17 Getting Started as a Catechist, Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
15 & 17 Scripture at the Chancery, Victoria, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
16 Roles of the Catechist at Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
17 Person of the Catechist at Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
22 & 23 The Learner at Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
22 & 24 Church at the Chancery, Victoria, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
24 Methods 1-8 at Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
25 & 30 The Learner at the Chancery, Victoria, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
29 & 31 Sacraments at OLV, Victoria, 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 6:00-9:00 p.m.
August: 5 & 12 Prayer & Spirituality at the Chancery, Victoria, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
5 & 12 I Believe/We Believe at St. Philip, El Campo, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
11 & 13 Catholic Morality at the Chancery, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
13 Methods 1-8 at OLV, Victoria, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Holy Mass - 8:45 A.M.
(coffee & donuts served after Mass)

Meal: $10 large $6 small - Drive-thru & plates-to-go: $10
(Hamburgers, nachos, & snacks available after 3:00 P.M.)

Served at 11:00 A.M.

For more information, call (979) 732-3430 or (979) 732-0257.
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This summer, Sts. Cyril & Methodios Catholic Church Youth Ministry, along with assistance from the Pastoral Council and the Assistance Ministry, held the first Shiner Youth Workcamp. It consisted of 50 participants and 6 worksites. 5 houses and a non-profit organization building were scraped and painted. Also, siding was replaced, ramps were repaired, and flowerbeds were added. Objectives included leading participants in service, witnessing Christ in others, and spiritual growth. Mass and Eucharistic adoration were held each day.

Above, left, workcamp participants replace siding. Above, right, participants apply fresh paint at one of the worksites.

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Meet a Deacon
(a TCL series)

by Dcn. Joe Machacek

I was born in New Braunfels, TX on March 10, 1948. After a year, my parents moved to Shiner, TX. I was blessed with a Catholic education at St. Ludmila Academy and graduated from St. Paul High School, Shiner, in 1966. I married Mary, a Houston native, in 1968. We started our family of 3 sons and 3 daughters. We lived in Point Comfort until 1975. We then moved to our current country residence in Shiner. After working for Alcoa in Point Comfort for 30 years, I took an early retirement and have since worked at Kaspar Wire Works and the Yoakum Community Hospital. In January 2008, I accepted a position as business manager for Sts. Cyril and Methodius parish.

When asked why I became a deacon, my answer is: to serve others. Although trying, I believe the academic studies to the deaconate to be superb. The spiritual direction helped my conviction in the Catholic faith.

My blessings are abundant, and my wife Mary tops the list, after the merciful goodness of our triune God. My children have given me 15 wonderful grandchildren.

Being a part of the great parish in Shiner and seeing so many organizations and their members generously giving time, talents, and making sacrifices to sustain the message of God’s kingdom both in heaven and here on earth, fills me with enthusiasm to join them. I have never seen a more vibrant and inclusive parish than Sts. Cyril and Methodius and I am most pleased to be a servant in it.

With over 700 families in the parish and over 300 students in Shiner Catholic School, grades PreK-3 through 12, I am kept quite busy. On any given day working in the parish office, my business skills and my deaconate ministry go hand-in-hand in serving the body of Christ.

Dcn. Joe Machacek and family last Nov. Since then, the family has added new member and 6 week-old Andrew Cole Machacek.
YOUTH

The opening reception of the 4th Annual St. Anthony Student Art Exhibition recently took place at the Live Oak Art Center in Columbus. Over 300 pieces of students’ high quality artwork were displayed. The Student Council attends each year to assist with the reception and to answer questions about their artwork. Left to right: Elena Cantu, Caleb Miksch, Rebecca Boulware, Zoe Berger, Isabel Theut, Jami Pfughaupt, Hedy Hartigan, Madeline Schmidt, Delores Mullen, art teacher and Maison Schobel.

Back row, left to right: Haley Reyes, Briana Rodriguez, Skylar Clark, Alexandra Sandman, Beth Bigham, Lety Martinez, Amelia Scherer, Haley Charbula, Chappy Chapman, and Hailey Miller.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, students Andres Ramos and Benjamin Corpuz were named State Handwriting Champions for 5th and 3rd grades, respectively, in the 2014 Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. More than 300,000 students nationwide in grades kindergarten-8th participated in the contest this year. Front row, left to right: Andres Ramos and Benjamin Corpuz. Their teachers, back row, left to right: Nancy Ives and Teresa Aupperle.

The 6th grade Religion class at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Hallettsville, brought a year of study to conclusion by conducting a play for the 4th, 5th, and 7th grades. Sr. Emiliana wrote the play based on the story of Esther from the Old Testament. Students worked hard outside of class making props and gathering costumes so they could spend class time perfecting their parts in the play. The role of Queen Esther was played by Elise Lackey. Connor Popp played the role as King. Haman, the highest official of the King, was played by Nolan Steffek. Jacob Fawbush played the role of Mordecai. His line, “I cannot honor man the way I honor my God,” taught the students a valuable lesson of faithfulness and courage. Luke Renner played the King’s servant. Brett Hermes was the Queen’s maid. Ella Harper was Haman’s wife. Karlye Bujnoch and Blake Shimek were Persian friends of the Queen. The palace was guarded by Ryan Mudd. Mordecai’s fellow Jews were Derrick Janak and Joshua Steffek. Competition for the new Queen was provided by Savannah Baker and Heidi Ortolon. Dalton Gråmann was narrator. Raven Smolik created artistic designs for the castle and was assisted by Olivia Renner. John Cesarz painted the King’s throne. Maddie Weber and others helped paint. Prop movers were Blake Rother and Lane Leopold. The costume committee, consisted of Shelby Haas, Savannah Mullen, and Carley Haas.

The St. Joseph High School, Victoria, Cheer Squad showed their support during Warriors Weekend. Front row, left to right: Jane Lehman, Abigail Gwosdz, Elissa Kraatz, Jillian Chapa, Reina Balboa, Haylea Selcer, Kathryn Janecek, and Gabby Kirkpatrick.

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AIR CONDITIONED!

YOUTH

The Catholic Lighthouse
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Harvest Feast Celebration
Sunday, August 10

Veteran’s Memorial Park - 11:00 a.m.
Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner
Adults $9.00 - Children $4.50 (12 & Under)
Drive-thru & plates-to-go $9.00

Drive-thru take home plates will be available at St. Michael Family Center only!

Raffle Drawing
9:00 p.m.

Hamburgers ★ Cold Drinks ★ Train Ride ★ Cake Walk ★ Treasure Chest Booth ★ Country Store ★ Ring Toss ★ Fish Pond

Free Dance: Czechaholics 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Red Ravens 3 - 7 p.m. and Hitmen 7 - 11 p.m.

Washer Pitcher Tournament - Sunday
Registration 3-4 p.m. • Tournament at 4 p.m. • Double Elimination
8th grade students from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Hallettsville, along with several 7th graders recently competed in the American Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge 2014; an online, timed, 100-question exam where students compete against other schools in the U.S. The test allowed them to demonstrate a variety of problem-solving skills and knowledge in many academic areas including math, science, history, and English. The exam also covered current events and news media. SHCS had 5 students score above the national average and receive certificates of merit. 8th grader, Grace Renner, was the 2014 Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge National Champion. She outscored over 20,000 students by answering 96 questions correctly. She received a trophy and the school received a plaque in her honor. (A) Grace Renner (left) is pictured with class sponsor, Brenda Etzler. (B) Students receiving certificates of merit, left to right: John Bludau, Erica Pavliska, Grace Renner, and Jacob Rivers. Not pictured is Kellen Opela.

6th grader, John Cesarz, was recently selected as the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship from the MathMovesU Middle School National Scholarship Program sponsored by Raytheon Company. In addition, SHCS received a $1,000 matching grant to enhance its math program. 6th-8th graders were asked: “Math is in the world all around us- morning, noon, and night- how does math move you or the world around you?” His presentation was evaluated on creativity, originality, time commitment, and the use of math equations. He was one of 150 winners. (C) David Smolik, principal of SHCS, congratulates scholarship recipient, John Cesarz.

Puzzle contest winners

The winner of the July contest will win Praise God and Thank Him by Jeff Cavins. The book contains biblical keys for a joyful life. Biblical praise is transform any challenge to a deeper trust. Author also provides bibilical explanation of what and how it can be effective, leading in God. The author practical tips to prayer life. Win puzzle contest from Columbus; Venerable Kalmus from year-old twins, Kate and Lauren Brown from Our Lady of the Gulf parish.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed July puzzle form by July 28, 2014 to The Catholic Lighthouse, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!
The Knights of Columbus Council #1329, Victoria, recently made a donation of $12,500 to Our Lady Victory School towards the purchase of a new school bus. The donation was from proceeds of the council’s gun raffle. (A) Left to right: Fr. Gary Janak, pastor of OLV; Gary Rangnow, council financial secretary; Chris Bludau, school board president of OLV; Sr. Laura Toman, principal of OLV; Lori Young, PTC president of OLV and Denise Cooper, development director of OLV. Also, KC Council #1329, Victoria, recently made a donation of $2,000 to St. Joseph Catholic High School towards student scholarships. $1,200 was donated to OLV. $1,200 was donated to Nazareth Academy. The donations were from proceeds of the council’s calendar raffle. (B) Left to right: Gary Rangnow, council financial secretary; Loren Hackbarth, grand knight; Bill McArdle, principal of STJ and Jeremy Martin, council co-chairman of the calendar raffle.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, competed at the 2014 Private Schools Interscholastic Academic (PSIA) State Meet in Fort Worth. Students earning medals were bottom row, left to right: Logan Rivera, 4th place tie, science; Ellison High, 6th place poetry interpretation; Shubham Kathpalia, 5th place number sense; Rishabh Kathpalia, 3rd place tie mathematics; Luis Ramos, 4th place tie music memory and Pranav Jain, 1st place tie music memory. Top row, left to right: Matthew Janak, 3rd place dictionary skills; Ricky Gonzalez, 6th place poetry interpretation; Kelsey Ellett, 6th place number sense; Andres Ramos, 1st place tie music memory; Alex Corpuz, 4th place on-site drawing; Teresa Nguyen, 1st place on-site drawing and Alisa Novosad, 6th place calculator applications. Earning perfect scores on their tests were Pranav Jain and Andres Ramos.

The Office of Safety Environment recently celebrated a 10-year anniversary. Bishop Fellhauer presided over the Mass. During the recommitment ceremony, participants renewed pledges in implementing a safe environment for youth-involved programs in parishes, schools, and religious education classes. Afterwards, a workshop was held providing new materials and updates.

The Office of Catechetical Ministry recently held Basic Formation in Catechetical Leadership, a 24-hour training for parish catechetical leaders, at the Chancery. Sessions included: The Ministry of Catechesis, Program Development and Administration, Sacramental Programs, and Leadership. Fall sessions are Aug. 9 & 23 and Sept. 6 & 20. Fee is $100. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2224, e-mail pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org, or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Betty Reck, junior high science teacher at St. Philip Catholic School, El Campo, was awarded Conservation Teacher of the Year in Area III in the State of Texas at the recent Area III Conservation Awards Banquet. Area III is comprised of 46 counties.

Nancy Peters, journalism instructor at St. Joseph High School, Victoria, was selected as a publication judge for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s 2014-15 Critique. She will evaluate publications from different parts of the U.S. to assist other yearbook staffs and advisers. She was selected because of past success with the association.

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #9088, Victoria, recently presented scholarships to 6 Catholic, graduating seniors for 2014. Left to right: Clyde Svetlik, grand knight; Gabrielle Hise, Christina Haynes, Juhree Rodriguez, Braden Frazer, Melody Riley, Fr. George Henninger, parochial vicar of Holy Family Catholic Church and Jason Richter, scholarship chairman. Not pictured is scholarship recipient, Kristin Sontheimer.

The San Luis Parish, Yorktown, recently celebrated their annual Jamaica event. Guests enjoyed carne guisada, games, music, a horseshoe tournament, and an auction.
Amarillo—34th Las Fiestas de Amarillo July 19-20 at Our Lady Guadalupe Church. For more information, call (806) 372-1128.

Dubina—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Feast July 6. Fried chicken and sausage dinner 11:00 a.m. $8.50 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Mark Halata & Texavia, and Incredible Music Makers.

Moravia—Ascension Parish Picnic July 20. Stew and kettle-fried chicken 11:00 a.m. $8.50 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction. See ad on pg. 3.


Victoria—Knights of St. Gregory the Great’s annual charity banquet will be held July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Victoria Country Club. Benefits several Bishop Fellhauer charities. For more information, call (361) 575-5884 or (361) 649-5750.

Frelsburg—Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Country Festival Aug. 3. Fried fish 11:00 a.m. $6 p/p small. $10 p/p large. 1:00 p.m. auction. See ad on pg. 5.

Goliad—KC Council #7512 hosts charity fundraiser Something Different Weekend Aug. 8-10. Activities for young adults include cycling, kayaking, swimming, golf, camping, tours and much more. For more information, visit www.somethingdifferentweekend.com.

Hillje—St. Andrew Summer Festival Aug. 17. Prime beef BBQ, sausage, and trimmings. 11:00 a.m. $8 p/p. 12:30 p.m. auction. There will be a country store, bake sale, cake walk, games, raffle, music, and more.

Port O’Connor—KC Council #9088 Fishing Tournament Aug. 1-2. Proceeds benefit Nazareth Academy. See ad on pg. 5.

Victoria—CDA Court St. Ann #369 Games Party Aug. 18 at the KC Hall on 3610 N. Ben Wilson. 6-8:00 p.m. $7 admission. For reservations, call Joan Schranek at (361) 485-2387 or (361) 935-7319, Delores Schrroller at (361) 575-6111, or Jo Ann Jalufka at (361) 575-6045.

Victoria—KJZT Society #101 Mass for living and deceased members Aug. 10 at Our Lady of Victory. 7:30 a.m. Catered breakfast served afterwards in the cafeteria. For reservations, call (361) 573-2669.

Victoria—Our Lady of Sorrows Jamaica Aug. 3. BBQ brisket, sausage, rice, beans, and more. $7 p/p. There will be an auction, cake walk, games, and raffle.

Weimar—St. Michael Harvest Feast Celebration Aug. 10. Fried chicken and stew. 11:00 a.m. $9 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction. See ad on pg. 8.

Yoakum—St. Joseph Alumni Reunion Aug. 2 at the Family Center. 5:00 p.m. Mass. Reception and dinner to follow. $15 p/p. $5 children 12 and under.

Yoakum—St. Joseph Picnic Aug. 3. Picnic stew, sausage, and trimmings. 10:30 a.m. $8 p/p. Mexican food also available. 12:30 p.m. auction. See ad on pg. 8.

El Campo—Mass with a healing prayer Thursday, Aug. 7, at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m. with Fr. Robert Guerra. For more information, call Gwen Edwards at (979) 637-0277 or dennis1@sbchgloabal.net; Joan Dornak at (979) 541-3609 or jan.hair@sbchgloabal.net.


San Antonio—Catholic Women’s Conference Sept. 19-20. It is a ministry of the Pilgrim Center of Hope. The mission of the conference will be to foster an appreciation for the personal dignity of women, to encourage women to know and love God, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society. For more information, visit www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org.

San Antonio—St. John’s Assumption Seminary Centennial Celebration will have several events throughout the year. Opening Mass Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at San Fernando Cathedral. Gala Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Omni SA Hotel. Golf tournament Sept. 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Club at Sonterra. For more information, contact Mike Davis at (210) 734-5137 x1414 or mike.davis@archsa.org.


The Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Blessing, presented Bibles to 5 council scholarship recipients for the academic year of 2013-2014. Pictured are members of the council and front row, left to right: Beatrice Sandoval, Hailee Lorraine Hurta, Fr. Peter Yevboha-Amanfo, council chaplain and pastor of St. Peter Church; Kady Lynn Lezak, and Robin Kay Krenek. Not pictured is Carson Michael Havel.
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There will be several workshops throughout the day. Clergy, religious, and lay presenters will offer a variety of workshops in English and Spanish. Everyone is invited to attend this one-day diocesan event. Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to shop for Catholic articles, materials, and resources from many vendor exhibits.

Conference topics offered are catechetical, spiritual, educational, and in Spanish. Presenters include: Bishop David Fellhauer, Fr. Bob Knippenberg, Sr. Digna Vela, Sr. Miriam Perez, Dcn. Chuck Glynn, Janice Berger, Ron Friedel, Adrian Herrera, Charleen Katra, Miguel Mejia, Bill Smith, and Maria Aparac Smith.

About the keynote speaker

Gerard Thomas Straub is an award-winning author and filmmaker. One of his seven books, The Sun and Moon Over Assisi, was named the Best Spirituality Hardcover Book of the Year by the Catholic Press Association in 2001. His latest book, The Loneliness and Longing of St. Francis of Assisi, was published in the summer of 2014 by Twenty-Third Publications. Gerry is a former network television producer at all 3 major TV networks, working in Hollywood and New York. Gerry has written and directed 22 documentary films, most of which explored global and domestic poverty; 3 of the films were broadcast on most PBS stations. He is the founder and president of Pax et Bonum Communications, a non-profit Franciscan ministry that strives to serve the poor through the power of film. In the last dozen years he has given over 220 presentations at churches, high schools and colleges across the U.S. as well as in Canada, France, Italy, and Hungary. He taught a course on film writing and directing at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. His work on behalf of the poor has earned Gerry honorary doctorate degrees from 3 Catholic universities. His ministry has been written about in The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, as well as numerous Christian publications including the National Catholic Reporter and Sojourners magazine; Gerry has been featured in stories that have aired on Religion and Ethics Newsweekly (PBS), Life & Times (KCET-TV, the PBS station in Los Angeles), and News Conference (KNBC-TV News in Los Angeles). He lives in Burbank, California with his wife Ecarlatte, an artist from Haiti. During the 90-minute keynote, Poverty and Prayer, Gerry will share the dramatic story of his going from a Hollywood television producer and atheist to making films on poverty in the worst slums on earth featuring people who are living examples of the self-emptying love of Christ. The presentation will feature scenes from many of Gerry’s films, with an emphasis on Uganda, Kenya, Peru and Haiti. This compelling presentation will be appealing to those interested in social justice and deepening their prayer life.

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The KJZT #53
St. Zdislava, Wied, recently achieved diamond status from the state’s office Fraternal 100 Project and presented a $100 check to the Diocese of Victoria for seminarian education. Left to right: Katherine Kahanek, Bishop Fellhauer, Molly Peters, and Margaret Dornak.