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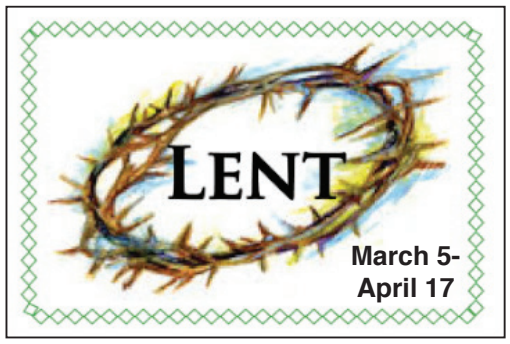

The traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households- fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ.

Lenten wish of Pope Francis

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

~2 Cor 8:9

Q & A:

Q: *Why do we say there are 40 days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.*

A: It might be more accurate to say there is the '40-day fast within Lent.' Historically, Lent has varied from 1 week to 3 weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The 40-day fast, however, has been more stable.

Q: *I understand all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I am not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?*

A: Abstinence laws consider meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q: *I understand Catholics, ages 18-59, should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?*

A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Saints for the Lenten season

March 3 - St. Katherine Drexel
March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
March 8 - St. John of God
March 9 - St. Dominic Savio
March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac
March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 22 - St. Nicholas Owen

For more information, visit **www.usccb.org**.

See page 4 for Lenten fast and abstinence regulations.

Pope names 19 new cardinals

by Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Stressing their role would be one of service rather than honor, Pope Francis named 19 new cardinals, including 6 men from Latin America.

New cardinals include: Italian Archbishop Pietro Parolin, Italian Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, German Archbishop Gerhard Muller, Italian Archbishop Beniamino Stella, English Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Nicaraguan Archbishop Leopoldo Brenes Solorzano, Canadian Archbishop Gerald Lacroix, Ivorian Archbishop Jean-Pierre Kutwa, Brazilian Archbishop Orani Tempesta, Italian Archbishop Gualtiero Bassetti, Argentine Archbishop Mario Poli, Korean Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung, Chilean Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati Andrello, Burkina Faso Archbishop Philippe Ouedraogo, Philippine Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, Haitian Bishop Chibly Langlois, Italian Archbishop Loris Francesco Capovilla, Spanish Archbishop Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, and St. Lucian Archbishop Kevin Felix.

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Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

March

8 5:30 p.m. Mass, Girl Scouts Religious Recognition Awards, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral

9 3:00 p.m. Diocesanwide Rite of Election, Call to Continued Conversion, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral

16 10:00 a.m. Mass, Call to Candidacy for Permanent Deacons and Institution of Lectors, St. Joseph Church, Moulton

18 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #1329 and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner, Knights of Columbus Hall, Victoria

19 2:30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery Office

4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office

20 7:00 p.m. Mother Elizabeth Seton Awards Dinner, Shiner

23 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Wharton, including St. Joseph Church, Boling, and St. John Church, Hungerford

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria

25 8:05 a.m. School Mass, St. Joseph Church, and 10:30 a.m. Blessing of new cemetery pavilion, Yoakum

29 1:00 p.m. Holy Cross Church ACTS Ministry Golf Tournament, Rio Colorado Golf Course, Bay City

30 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, East Bernard

3:00 p.m. Mass, celebrating Msgr. John C. Peters 40th Anniversary of Ordination, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville

31 10:00 a.m. Texas Bishops' meeting, Oblate Renewal Center, San Antonio

April

4 8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Michael Church, Weimar

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bay City

5 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church, New Taiton

6 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Victoria

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner

11 Annual Knights of Columbus Council #9088 Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria

DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

2013 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	$1,721,356.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	$939,348.13
Parish Contribution Totals:	$923,083.85
Number of Parish Families Participating:	3,703

Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	$ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	$ 12,890,354.90
Parish Contribution Totals:	$ 11,013,736.67
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,777

Official Appointments by Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

The **Rev. Robert Knippenberg** is appointed priest liaison to the new position of permanent deacons of the Diocese of Victoria.

Thank you notes

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

I offer my deepest thanks to you and the Diocese of Victoria for your contribution of $43,973.28 to the 2013 Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Because of your generosity, the collection continues to support pastoral projects and Catholic organizations. We were able to fund repair of the New Home Centre in Romania, run by The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, as well as an expansion to provide living quarters for children and a separate kindergarten. Your support is invaluable to the continuation of our funded projects. On behalf of the subcommittee, our many grantees, and the people they serve who benefit directly from this collection, I thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Central/Eastern Europe

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Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America, I write to thank you for the generous contribution of $7,804. It will be used to assist students who attend our university. We will steadfastly provide an excellent education to our students, offering them a path to pursue their vocations as good Catholic citizens and leaders of our Church in the decades to come.

Gratefully yours,
John Garvey, President
The Catholic University of America

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 February 26, 2014

TOTALS

— General Seminary Burse
Previously reported $103,969.00
In thanksgiving for religious vocations by an anonymous donor 1,000.00
Total $104,969.00

— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch
Previously reported $8,658.00
In memory of the 4th anniversary of Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch's death on April 4, 2010 by an anonymous donor 500.00
In memory of Agnes Olsovsky by Stazy Hajek and Georgia Cerny 25.00
Total $9,183.00

— Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Ann #369 Burse #2
Previously reported $10,058.99
In memory of Lucille Blazek by CDA Court #369 125.00
Total $10,183.99

— Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo and Edna-Ganado Branches Burse #2
Previously reported $3,050.00
St. Valentine's Day greeting for Bishop Fellhauer from a friend 1,000.00
Total $4,050.00

— Rev. Msgr. John Hanacek Burse #2
Previously reported $3,176.00
In memory of Beverly Kaspar-Smith by Margaret Kutac 20.00
Total $3,196.00

— Knights of Columbus Council #3204 Ganado Rev. Joseph Hybner
Previously reported $3,746.00
St. Valentine's Day greeting for Rev. Joseph Hybner from a friend 500.00
Total $4,246.00

— Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Victoria Burse #3
Previously reported $13,707.50
In loving memory of Shelton Dieringer by KC #1329 100.00
Total $13,807.50

— Rev. Joseph Koebel
Previously reported $8,138.00
In memory of Leon Meismer by parishioners of St. Mary's Nada 80.00
Total $8,218.00

— Rev. Greg Korenek
St. Valentine's Day greeting for Rev. Greg Korenek from a friend $500.00
Total $500.00

— Rev. Charles Kram
Previously reported $600.00
In memory of the 14th anniversary of Rev. Charles Kram's death on August 13, 2000 by an anonymous donor 500.00
Total $1,100.00

— Rev. Gabriel Maison
Previously reported $500.00
St. Valentine's Day greeting for Rev. Gabriel Maison from a friend 500.00
Total $1,000.00

— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #6
Previous reported $11,205.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters 40th ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Rev. Douglas Fater 100.00
Joseph and Elizabeth Zarsky 25.00
In memory of John Konvicka, Jr. by Frances Holley 20.00
Total $11,350.00

— St. Anthony of Padua Church, Palacios
Donations by parishioners $1,305.00
Total $1,305.00

— Rev. Marcus Valenta
Previously reported $3,139.55
St. Valentine's Day greeting in memory of Rev. Marcus Valenta from a friend 500.00
Total $3,639.55

— Rev. Edward Winkler
Previously reported $500.00
St. Valentine's Day greeting for Rev. Eddie Winkler from a friend 500.00
Total $1,000.00

Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to:

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
SEMINARY BURSES
P. O. BOX 4070
VICTORIA, TX 77903

CNEWA

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has helped the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe for more than 85 years. CNEWA concentrates on strengthening the church, upholding human dignity, lessening poverty, promoting dialogue, and inspiring hope. It is a papal agency of the Vatican for humanitarian and pastoral support. For more information or to obtain a copy of One magazine, visit **www.cnewa.org**.

See You There!

Bishop David Fellhauer
Invitational Golf Tournament
See pg. 9 for Sponsorships!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
The Club at Colony Creek - Victoria, TX

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #9088

Benefiting the Youth and Vocation Activities of the Diocese of Victoria

For more information, contact:
Monroe Rieger at (361) 571-6535 or Ron Sitka at (361) 550-1314

Happy Birthday!

Chase Goodman is in Pre-Theology I at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His home parish is Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. His birthday is March 22. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Chase Goodman, Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

James Dvorak is in College III at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His home parish is Sts. Peter and Paul, Frelsburg. His birthday is March 24. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: James Dvorak, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

Daylight savings time begins Mar. 9.

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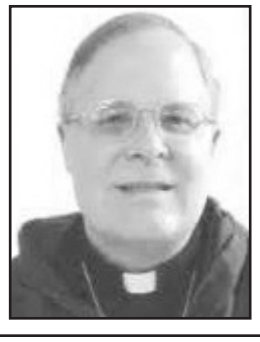
Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, parish mission
April 5-9, 2014



Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD is the co-founder with Fr. George Montague of the charismatic and Marian religious community, The Brothers of the Beloved Disciple.

He has been a high school religion teacher, youth minister and coach, a college Theology teacher, a pastor of a parish, and is now the director of the Catholic Center for the Charismatic Renewal in San Antonio, TX.

For more information, call (361) 798-5888.

Candlelight March for Life inspired many

The 2014 Candlelight March for Life was held in Victoria this recent January. It was the 27th year the event has been held. Rain and bitter cold allowed for a small group of faithful to attend initially, but as soon as the police escort started, people came from everywhere to show support. The Knights of Columbus #9088, participants Fran and Bill Yeary, and a group from Bill's Bikes passed around candles. Deacon Steve Borowicz offered a prayer for departure. There was a long procession of glowing candles from Deleon Plaza to Our Lady of Sorrows. Terry Breen said a welcoming and opening prayer.

Bishop David Fellhauer said this was his 23rd year of attending the march and he "was proud to see so many in attendance despite the cold weather." Fr. Patrick Knippenberg, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Victory, was the main speaker and told an inspiring story of his own life, or more accurately, his mother's life as she was adopted. He praised his grandmother, for her generosity and giving his mother life. He said because of that, "the Catholic Church now had two priests from that gift of life," referring also to his brother, Fr. Bob Knippenberg, pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton.

The emcee, Jack Mullins, gave a history lesson on the Hippocratic oath and how after 2,000 years the American Medical Profession stopped giving the oath without any explanation. The oath was a sworn statement by a doctor to do no harm nor perform any abortions.

Fr. Daniel Houde, of Our Lady of Sorrows, gave the closing prayer. He said he was, "overwhelmed at so many people braving the cold to show their support for life."

Officers of **KJZT Society #100 Our Lady of Snows**, Bay City, present Fr. Greg Korenek, a check for $1,912.50 from the 2013 Phantom Bake Sale. Left to right: Dorothy Saha, society president; Fr. Greg Korenek, pastor of Holy Cross Church and Margaret Hicks, society treasurer.

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The **Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria** recently held a marketing presentation featuring Jay Gould of The Advancement Counsel. For all Catholic schools in the diocese and those in attendance, he provided marketing tools and tips for advancement. To further assist schools, internal and external communication techniques and public relations topics were discussed.

Diocese of Victoria 7th Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl

March 30, 2014

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Gymnasium at Our Lady of Victory

Teams are divided into 3 categories: Adult teams, teen teams, and family teams. Each team must have 4 team members.

Deadline to register is March 20th. $25 registration fee.
CKB t-shirts are available! $10 per shirt. Deadline to order is March 13th.

For study questions, registration forms, or more information, contact Margaret Pruett at: (361) 573-0828 x2224
catecheticalsec@victoriadiocese.org **www.victoriadiocese.org**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Regulations are as follows:

1. Fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those 14 years of age and older.

3. The law of the fast means only 1 full meal may be taken during the day. 2 light meals are permitted, but are not to equal 1 full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.

4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of which is turning away from sin and returning to God, includes some form of penance, in order for a Christian to remain on the narrow path and be saved. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has written: "[…]this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can so this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

Apart from the special Lenten activities of individuals and parishes, Lent also affords a special opportunity for families to grow deeper in their commitment to Christ. Within the family, penitential practices and devotions can be conducted, including the use of Scripture, the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other forms of family prayer and devotion.

May this holy season of Lent be a time of conversion and renewal for all of us.

In Christ,
Rev. Gary Janak, Chancellor

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.

(left) From left to right, Knights of the year for 2012-2013 plaques were presented to: Jed Henke, Jim Bujnoch, and John Henke, Jr.

(right) From left to right, John Henke, Jr. presented a Knight of the year for 2012-2013 plaque to Roy Schaefer.

KC Council #2433 presents service awards

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2433**, Hallettsville, presented Knights of the Year and Service Awards at their annual Christmas and Awards Night last December. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas joined the celebration. After a welcome and blessing by Msgr. John Peters, chaplain, a delicious roast beef meal was served.

John Henke, Jr., grand knight, presented the awards. Honorary life members included Franklin Bohuslav, Joseph Etzler, Jr., Tom Foyt, Leroy Janak, Leonard Lamza, and Tommy Sitka. 60-year members included Frank B. Bludau and Richard Donnelly. Eugene Janak was named a 50-year member. 25-year members included Gus Berkenhoff, Alvin Polasek, Chris Hermes, Jimmy Grahmann, and Leonard Lamza. Knights of the year plaques for 2012-2013 were awarded to Jim Bujnoch, John Henke, Jr., Jed Henke, and Roy Schaefer.

Also recognized with a plaque of appreciation for her untiring and unselfish support was Elsie Grahmann. Christmas gifts were presented to Msgr. John Peters, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Daniel Danso, assistant pastor, as well as the parish's deacons and sisters.

With more than 2 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides numerous volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. The Hallettsville Council has over 600 members and is currently the 2nd largest Knights of Columbus Council in Texas.

Catholic Daughters distribute donations

St. Agnes Catholic Daughters, St. Theresa the Little Flower Society #1350, Edna, recently distributed donations to numerous worthy recipients. According to Pat Kromka, regent, the annual Strudel Bake and Jumbo Raffle were the sources of the funds. The amount of money raised by these projects totaled $3,900.

Recipients included Accolade Hospice, Gabriel Project, Helping Hands, Hospice of South Texas, and Wounded Warriors Project. In addition, a share of the money will be given to current seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria on their birthdays as we support and appreciate vocations.

The society wishes to extend sincere thanks to the local H.E.B. store for their assistance and to all of those who ordered strudels and continue to support the organization.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Joseph #2475, Inez, held a Valentine's Day luncheon for singles 60 years of age or older. James Zak was crowned Valentine King and Bea Dieringer was crowned Valentine Queen.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #9088**, Victoria, honored members at their annual Holy Family KC Awards Banquet for outstanding service to the parish and community. Pictured in both is Clyde Svetlik, grand knight, who made acknowledgements and presentations. (1) Clarence Parkan was named Knight of the Year 2013. (2) The Family of the Year 2013 Award went to Theresa and Bill Spellacy.

The 2013-2014 **JCDA Officers for Court St. Paul #1604**, Shiner, are left to right: Emily Malinovsky, reporter and state secretary; Victoria Kusak, 2nd vice president; Kristin Schacherl, president; Abby Irvin, 1st vice president and Samantha Siegel, secretary.

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Edna recently sponsored 'Celebration of Life' in Jackson County. Seated, left to right: Madeline Novian, program chairperson; Lane Johnson, Gulf Bend MHMR Center; Karole Hinojosa, St. Agnes Catholic Church student and Stacy Milberger, Adult Literacy Council. At the podium is Janice Ohrt, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

4th ANNUAL BAY CITY ACTS 4 MAN SCRAMBLE
RIO COLORADO GOLF CLUB IN BAY CITY TX

Saturday March 29, 2014

Registration 10:45 a.m. Shotgun start 1:00 p.m.

$500 putting contest, cash prizes in each flight, raffle.

Cost is $280 per team. Includes 18 holes, range balls, lunch & refreshments.

Special guest player will be the Most Reverend Bishop David E. Fellhauer.

For more information, please contact: Mike Allison at 979-479-1370, Rene Villasana at (979) 476-0054, Bobby Perez at (979) 578-3358 or Kirk Carr at (979) 557-1359

YOUTH

(right) St. Michael Benefactor/Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

(left) St. Michael students enjoy playing bingo to close CSW.

School also celebrated the 40th anniversary of CSW

St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar, opened Catholic Schools Week on Pro-life Sunday, Jan. 26th, by serving at all three Mass times for both St. Michael Church and the mission church, Saints Cyril and Methodius, in Dubina. Community members and public officials attended Mass and celebrated with the school in honoring the theme of *Faith, Knowledge and Service* in our parish and our nation.

The school family held a potluck dinner followed by an Open House, and a 'Valentines for Vets' service project where students joined the VFW Auxiliary in making Valentine's cards for hospitalized military veterans in Texas. Junior high students shared their love of reading with younger students during a 'Read to Me' event. The St. Michael Home and School Association showed their appreciation for teachers with a catered luncheon. The early childhood and elementary students and teachers were treated to a movie and popcorn in the gym. Also, the St. Michael Home and School Association and the 8th grade class served breakfast to a special group of volunteers, donors, substitute teachers, contract professionals, and non-professional staff for their hard work and many hours dedicated to the success of Catholic education. The 2nd grade class led Mass honoring the feast of St. John Bosco, patron saint of editors and young people. Newspaper editors and publishers were invited. Students played Bingo with Msgr. John Bily and special guests from The Homestead Residence. Junior high students attended a *Hats Off to Catholic Schools Week* dance. CSW closed with a 'no homework weekend.' For more information, call (979) 725-8461 or visit **www.stmichaelswords.org**.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Pre-K Class, Hallettsville, recently held a Pajama Party in celebration of learning the letter Pp. Students enjoyed wearing pajamas to school. They ate pancakes and drank pink milk with David Smolik, principal.

The **Sacred Heart Advanced Placement Biology Class**, Hallettsville, recently attended the 2014 Genetic Update Conference. The conference, hosted by Victoria College, was presented by Dr. Sam Rhine, a Lalor Foundation Fellow in Medical Genetics at Harvard Medical School and current professor at Indiana University. The conference, for biology teachers and students, was designed to teach the latest in genetic advances, new research areas, and career opportunities.

Lenten Puzzle

ASH WEDNESDAY

READING II – 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20—6:2

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: Brothers and sisters: / We are ambassadors for Christ, / as if God were appealing through us. / We implore you on behalf of Christ, / be reconciled to God. / For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, / so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. ¶ Working together, then, / we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. / For he says: ¶ *In an acceptable time I heard you, / and on the day of salvation I helped you.* ¶ Behold, now is a very acceptable time; / behold, now is the day of salvation.

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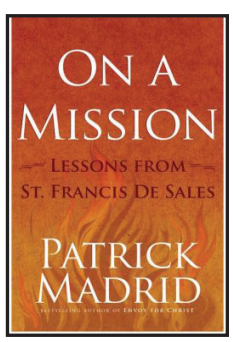
Elie has released 4 books available at: **www.searching-for-jesus.com**, **www.amazon.com**, as well as Incarnate Word Gift Shop and Hasting's in Victoria, Badda Bling, Rendezvous, and Cuero Community Hospital Wishing Well Gift Shop in Cuero. For more information, contact Elie's Spiritual Treasures at (361) 894-7274 or elies_spiritual_treasures@yahoo.com. *Join Elie at a book signing March 22 from noon until 4:00 p.m. at Hasting's!*

Puzzle contest winner

The winner of the March contest will win *On a Mission, Lessons from St. Francis de Sales* by Patrick Madrid. The book presents the ultimate representation of the enthusiasm, spiritual principles, and manner of how one should live and share faith. It also describes one's faith more astutely and demonstrates how to communicate it more competently.



If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed March puzzle form by March 26, 2014 to *The Catholic Lighthouse*, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!

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From the experience of Dcn. Philip Brune

The purpose of this series is to share our pilgrimage, called The Way of St. James or in Spanish, *El Camino de Santiago de Compostela*, of walking 500 miles from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela.

For over 1,000 years pilgrims have come from all over the world to pray at the tomb of the Apostle James in northwestern Spain, who was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. After Pentecost, tradition states St. James took a ship to Spain and began to evangelize. He returned to Jerusalem around 44 A.D. and according to Acts 12:1-2 he was beheaded by Herod Agrippa. For this reason, our first martyred apostle is often portrayed with a sword, the instrument of his death.

Map of the *Camino*.

After his martyrdom, St. James' body was brought by boat to Spain and buried in order to keep it safe during tribal warring. Nearly 700 years later, a shepherd saw a shining star in a field, *compostela* means 'field of stars', over the apostle's tomb and notified the bishop, who verified it was the body of St. James and built a church on that very spot. Since then, Catholics began to visit the tomb asking for St. James' intercession. By the year 1,000, the pilgrimage to Santiago became as large as the pilgrimages to Rome and Jerusalem, especially for the Germans and French. Also around this time, the current church housing St. James' remains was built.

So many pilgrims visited his tomb that pilgrimage routes developed across Spain

Statue outside St. James Cathedral

and Europe to help pilgrims on their way. The first guidebook ever written during the Middle Ages was about the pilgrimage. As more and more miracles occurred through the intercession of St. James, the *Camino* or path, came to take on a life of its own. The spirit of St. James is felt not only at his tomb, but along the *Camino* as well.

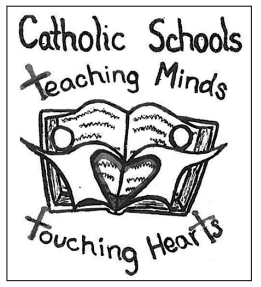
Literally following in the path of millions of pilgrims, I came to have a greater appreciation of the universal church. In one day I met people from every continent who were searching for God and direction in their lives. This pilgrimage allowed us to journey together, physically and spiritually. The Way of St. James is a tremendous way to encounter God's grace, grow in self-knowledge, and grow in holiness- the least it can do is change your life. It certainly changed mine.

Seminarians Philip Brune, Jacob Koether, Scott Hill and James Dvorak

Local school artist wins logo contest

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria recently held a month-long contest to update and rebrand its logo. The new one will be used, initially, for Catholic Schools Week 2014. All currently-enrolled students in Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria were invited to submit artwork to be considered for the new logo. Dozens of submissions from the 13 schools of the Diocese of Victoria, were mailed, e-mailed, and faxed to the Office of the Superintendent. After careful judging by the Chancery employees, a finalist was chosen whose drawing captured the motto: *Teaching Minds, Touching Hearts*.

The winning entry was made by Casey Menis, an 8th grader at St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar. When asked how she came up with the idea, Casey replied, "I just began thinking about the children that attend our school… I noticed that when their hands were joined, they could make a heart!" The crosses signify the religious aspect of Catholic schools, the book signifies both religious teaching and other subjects within their schools, and the children holding hands signify the heart of Catholic school education is the dedication to its students…the future of our communities, our world, and our eternal salvation!



As the winner, Casey will receive a $25 Wal-mart gift card, 2 t-shirts with the new logo, and the satisfaction of seeing her rendering in future publications, websites, and paraphernalia produced by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. As per contest rules, the artwork becomes the sole property of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. Bishop David E. Fellhauer gave congratulatory remarks to Casey and wished her much success in her future high school experience.

For more information on other successes of St. Michael Catholic School, contact the school at (979) 725-8461. The National Blue Ribbon School is proud of its more than 120 years in the Weimar community. Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Victoria share the vision of providing a F.I.R.S.T.-Class Education… for all… *for life!*© (*Faith~Integrity~Respect~Scholarship~Tradition*)

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification Texas 2nd District Our Lady of Guadalupe Province recently honored Rev. Msgr. Sir Knight John C. Peters as a faithful friar of the Yoakum Assembly #1128, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, parish, and school in Hallettsville, and dedicated supporter of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years and a Sir Knight of Columbus for 38 years.

Sir Knights, recently installed, along with Rev. Sir Knight Patrick Knippenberg: Charlie Aleman, Andrew Bordovsky, James Bujnoch, Joe Cash, Steven Dolezal, Daniel Driskell, Patrick Fawbush, Max Flores, Pablo Gonzales, Robert Grahmann, Jr., Dennis Haas, Brian Halata, Dale Halata, Daniel Halata, David Halata, Jr., Gary Hlavinka, Timothy Kleihege, Dr. Felix Lao, Stephen Lesak, Eddie Longoria, Eric Lugo, Johnnie Martin, Michael Pratka, Michael Ramirez, Christopher Rodgers, Kendrick Rother, Johnny Scherer, Jr., Arlyn Seiler, Julian Sepulveda, John Solis, Jr., Dwight Taylor, Gregory Tieken, Michael Vance, and Lane Zumwait.

Casey Menis of St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar, recently won the logo contest sponsored by The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. Among dozens of entries, Casey's rendering of a new logo was selected. Above, left to right: Carolanne McAfee, school principal; Casey Menis, and John Quary, diocesan superintendent of schools.

FAITH & FAMILY

The Spiritual Renewal Center has openings for 2014!

Most dates are on holiday weekends. Other dates have tentative events. Contact us to schedule your event and to confirm openings!

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Dates include:
May 8-11; May 22-25;
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Apr. 13 - 2:00 p.m.
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Directed Overnight Retreats
Mar. 28-30, May 16-18, & Aug. 8-10
Include liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a retreat director focusing on the participant's experience of God and discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit.

Guided Retreats
Apr. 12 & May 3
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Include at least 2 presentations, liturgy or prayer service and time for personal prayer, walking, and reflecting. Lenten Theme directed by Fr. R.B. Williams, OP.

Lenten Vespers
Sundays of Lent: Mar. 9, 16, 23, & 30
Apr. 6 & 13
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Incarnate Word Convent

Prayer Circles
Tuesdays of Lent: Mar. 11, 18, & 25
Apr. 1, 8, & 15
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Amor Meus Prayer Room

Taizé Prayer
Apr. 3 & Aug. 26
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Originated in Taizé, France near the birthplace of the foundress, Jeanne Chezard de Matel, prayer is held in the atmosphere of quiet and candlelight. Includes chants, songs, scripture, and meditations.

For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at (361) 575-7111, amormeus@yahoo.com, or visit **www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org**.

Black Madonna visits Corpus Christi and San Antonio

St. Joseph Church and Our Lady of Corpus Christi recently hosted the traveling icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, *Matka Boska*, or the *Black Madonna*. The image was making its way on a worldwide journey to encourage prayer. Afterward, it departed to Panna Maria and then to San Antonio. The original icon is presumed to have been 'written' on the table top from the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth by St. Luke the Evangelist. Devotion to Mary in the icon has been attributed to numerous miracles and healings.

Sunday Readings from March 9 to April 13

March 9 — First Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
March 16 — Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9
March 23 — Third Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:3-7 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42
March 30 — Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
April 6 — Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
April 13 — Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

All daily and Sunday readings, as well as a daily reflection video, are available at:

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Attendees of the recent **Southwest Liturgical Conference** in Beaumont, TX from the Diocese of Victoria included: Cynthia Goerig, St. Philip Church, El Campo; Mary Kay Heffley, St. Anthony Church, Columbus; Joyce Muras, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn; Sr. Donna Bonorden, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria; Debbie Klam, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Dubina and Cynthia Sunderman, Parish of the Nativity Church, Eagle Lake. Not pictured is Deacon Chuck Glynn, St. Roch Church, Mentz.

The family that prays together, stays together

by Colleen Rasmussen

We have all heard the phrase "the family that prays together, stays together." It is lived at St. Philip Catholic School (SPS), El Campo. SPS has been blessed to have 3 teachers that are family. Connie Hlavaty; her sister, Lena Tupa and Mrs. Tupa's daughter, Natalie Irby. All bless SPS with their teaching skills, faith, and truly embody the prayerful phrase in their daily lives.

SPS employees and family members, left to right: Connie Hlavaty, Natalie Irby, and Lena Tupa.

How has their Catholic faith helped them in their teaching methods, ideology, and curriculum? Lena stated, "When you have a strong faith, you want to put Jesus first and foremost, and I want every child to feel the importance of Jesus in their own lives. I teach them daily that Jesus always loves them and they can talk to him anytime." Connie added, "I try to follow the liturgical seasons of the church as a guideline. I also try to share my devotions to Mary, St. Francis, St. Anthony and the other saints to share my traditions with the class." Natalie commented, "Having a strong Catholic foundation allows me to bring this background to the classroom to share with my students. I am able to speak of our beliefs as Catholics and attempt to pass on or at least educate the students in regards to what we believe."

As co-workers and family members, what is it like teaching together? Natalie shared, "It's a BLESSING! Family is so important to me, because even when the material things in life let you down or sickness creeps in, my family has never left or forsaken me. It is a joy for me to get to work side-by-side with some of the people I love most in this world. These women are true role models to me and I am blessed to be in their presence daily." Connie and Lena both agreed, "It is fun! After teaching together as sisters for the past 10 years, in side-by-side classrooms, we are growing closer each year. We have the same thoughts and ideas, so we can instruct these young minds in Jesus' way. We even dress alike some days!"

What is your favorite part about teaching at SPS? Connie and Lena agreed- it is the children. Connie commented, "It is such a pleasure to watch their innocent faces light up when they complete a task, or when they learn about their guardian angel. One of my proudest moments will be seeing my first Pre-K 3 class graduate in 2014-15. I am proud of their parents who made the commitment to keep their children in Catholic education." Lena added, "These little ones can make you happy on a sad day and they tell amazing stories (most of them are true). It melts my heart when they come up to me and tell me, 'I love you.' To me, one of the most special things is when I look out the window and see the cross on top of the church- it makes my day." Natalie shared, "Everyday is like a gift to me. I get to spend my Friday mornings with our Lord in Mass and I get to visit Jesus in the chapel during Eucharistic Adoration. I get to teach some of the brightest, most kind-hearted children daily and I get to work with amazing staff members who feel like family. I am blessed beyond measure to see my very own children learning and smiling each and every day."

St. Joseph High School hosts *A Closer Look*

St. Joseph High School will host *A Closer Look at STJ* April 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take a campus tour and learn about advanced placement/dual credit courses, tuition assistance, athletics, STJ summer camp registration, and have ice cream sundaes with the Flyer Family. For more information, contact Jen Korinek, at (361) 573-2446 x217, jkorinek@stjvictoria.com, or visit **www.stjvictoria.com**.

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17th Annual Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament will be held at 1:00 p.m. on April 11, 2014 at The Club at Colony Creek in Victoria, TX.

The tournament is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #9088. Funds from the tournament will benefit youth and vocation programs that have enriched the spiritual lives of many young people of our diocese. The average cost to educate one seminarian for a year is $35,000. Currently, the diocese has 16 seminarians- by far the highest number ever!

Sponsorship levels:

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Sponsorships can be mailed to:
Diocese of Victoria, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903.
Deadline: April 2, 2014.
Please view poster sample and selection of seminarians below.
For more information, contact Monroe Rieger,
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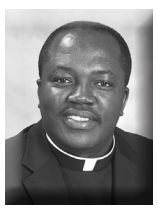
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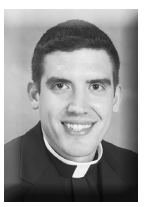
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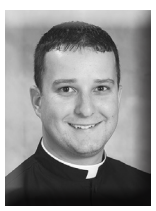
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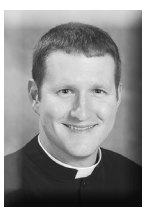
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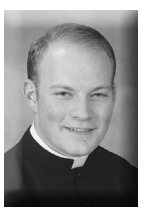
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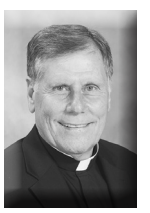
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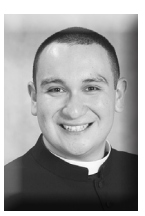
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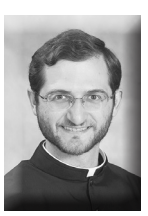
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March is Women's History Month

Honoring women's history

St. Catherine University was recently awarded a $3.3 million grant to launch Catholic Sisters Week as part of Women's History Month. The project hopes to bring awareness of the lives and contributions of Catholic sisters. Areas of focus include: education, healthcare, social change, the church and spiritual life, and leadership. For more information, visit **news.stkate.edu/articles/ncsw-2014.html**.

Make more room for women without crowding out family

by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Women should play a greater role in society and the church without sacrificing their essential attention and contribution to their families, Pope Francis said. The "finesse, particular sensitivity and tenderness" women possess "represent a genuine strength not only for the life of families, for creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony," but for the whole of humanity too. The critical question for each woman, the pope said, is to discern the right balance of work, community and family. "How is it possible to expand an effective presence in so many areas in the public sphere, in the world of work and in the places where the most important decisions are made and at the same time maintain a special presence in and preferred attention for the family?" he asked.

Women have an "irreplaceable role within the family," he said, particularly in handing down to future generations "solid moral principles" and the Christian faith.

Wellness committee members.

The **Wellness Committee of the Diocese of Victoria** meets semi-annually to share ideas and improve existing school wellness policy programs. Initially starting because of federal school lunch programs, the committee goes beyond that in playing a critical role in student health. The purpose of the committee is to promote student health and help schools incorporate strategies in developing healthy students as nutrition and well-being are significant. Poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and obesity are key areas of change. With help from members of various backgrounds such as doctors, principals, nurse practitioners, teachers, heads of cafeterias, and students- practicing good health habits and creating a healthier environment can happen not only at school, but at home as well. Members, attending a recent meeting at the Chancery, included Suzanne Krejci, Dianne Alebis, Sr. Evelyn Korenek, Kay Bluntzer, Briana Rodriguez, Luke Wenske, Linda Balderaz, Yvonne Wagner, and Martha Sawyers.

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program has new twists: an app, recipes, contest

by Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Five recipes, one for each week of Lent, and short videos about them by Fr. Patalinghug, a Baltimore archdiocesan priest, are available on YouTube or the CRS website and feature low-cost, meatless ingredients, as explained by Joan Rosenhauer, CRS executive vice president for U.S. operations.

In addition to the recipes, CRS has a free Rice Bowl app available for smartphones and tablets. It allows users to schedule delivery of daily reflections during Lent, to set and track progress toward a Lenten goal, and view the recipes or see stories about people whose lives have been changed by the program.

Also this year, CRS will host a photo contest in conjunction with Rice Bowl. Weekly winners will receive a small fair-trade prize and a grand prize winner at the end will receive an Easter basket full of fair-trade items.

The app can be downloaded at iTunes and the Google Play Store or at **crsricebowl.org/app**. For more information, visit **www.crsricebowl.org**.

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Centennial to be celebrated

From August 2014 to October 2015, St. John's/Assumption Seminary in San Antonio will celebrate its 100 years of leadership in educating and preparing men for priestly ministry for dioceses in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and California. The St. John's/Assumption Centennial Committee is inviting former students to participate in this celebration. This will be a year-long celebration beginning Aug. 14, 2014 and concluding Oct. 2, 2105.

The seminary was founded in October of 1915. To be placed on the mailing list for celebratory events, contact Mike Davis at mike.davis@archsa.org or send your address to 2600 W. Woodlawn Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78228.

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Operation Rice Bowl - Sundays of Lent and Easter

Ministries • Ongoing Activities

Catholic Family Services–To find listings of e-mail/websites of Catholic organizations that focus on family, visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at **www.nacflm.org**.

Courage–Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit **www.couragerc.net**.

Engaged Encounter–2014 dates: April 11-13 and Sept. 26-28. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2230 or visit **www.victoriadiocese.org** and click on the Ministries tab followed by Family Ministry.

Gabriel Project–Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy-an alternative to abortion. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or barbaramccain85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or visit **www.gabrielproject.com**.

Grief Group–Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in conference/brides' room at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Before attending, call Sharon at (361) 578-7572.

Natural Family Planning–Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS) featuring NaPro technology: Apr. 6, Aug. 3, and Oct. 12 at Holy Family Church, Wharton. All sessions are at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Susanne Koch at (505) 710-0903 or susannekoch614@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning–NFP is the only Church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the sympto-thermal method in the Victoria area and NFP class schedules, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com.

Presidio La Bahia Museum and Visitor Center–The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic Church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. The Quarters is available for overnight stays. For rates and more information, contact (361) 645-3752 or visit **www.presidiolabahia.org**. The 29th Annual Goliad Massacre Living History Program is Mar. 29-30.

Raphael's Refuge–RR's mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. This ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are also available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. For more information, visit **www.raphaelsrefuge.org**.

Retrouvaille–Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the diocese to couples in difficult marriages. Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or (361) 580-2770; call (800) 470-2230; or visit **www.helpourmarriage.org** or **www.retrouvaille.org**.

That Man Is You–This men's group transforms men, families, and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive. Holy Cross, Bay City, Fri. 5:45-7:15 a.m.; Holy Family, Victoria, Wed. 5:45-7:00 a.m., St. Peter Parish Hall; and Assumption, Ganado, Wed. 5:30-7:15 a.m., JPII Family Center. Visit **www.thatmanisyou.org**.

To Love as God Loves–The Diocese of Victoria's 1-day marriage preparation program designed for couples 40 years of age and older, couples seeking convalidation of their civil marriages, and couples entering a second marriage. Mar. 16, July 27, and Oct. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. For more information, contact the Office of the Chancellor at (361) 573-0828 or visit **www.victoriadiocese.org**.

Events • Picnics

March

Blessing–KC Council #4307 Lenten Fish Fry 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mar. 9 at St. Peter's Church Parish Hall. Fried catfish, trimmings, dessert, and drink. $8 p/p. Auction and raffle will be held during event.

Inez–CDA Court #2475 Games Party Mar. 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Parish Hall. $7 p/p donation. Bring your players and games! There will be door prizes, raffle, and refreshments. Meal includes King Ranch chicken, salad, and rolls. Drinks include coffee and tea. Reservations required. For more information, contact Kathy Prukop at (361) 575-3559 or Donna DeBault at (361) 935-3890.

New Taiton–St. John's Altar Society Chicken Dinner and Spring Festival Mar. 9 at the Taiton Community Center. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. Fried chicken plates include homemade dressing. $8 p/p. Dine-in or plates-to-go available. 12:30 p.m. auction. There will be games, cakewalk, and country store.

Schulenburg–St. Rose of Lima Spring Festival Mar. 9 at KC Hall. Turkey dinner served 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. $8 p/p.

Victoria–KJZT Society #101 Bake Sale Mar. 22-23 at Holy Family Church. Proceeds to benefit Christ Kitchen.

April

Blessing–CDA Court #2546 Chicken Spaghetti Meal Apr. 6 at St. Peter's Church Hall. Serving begins at 10:30 a.m. Meal includes salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Carry out only. $8 p/p. Canned drinks $1 each. Proceeds benefit CDA scholarships and charities.

Hallettsville–Sacred Heart parish mission Apr. 5-9. For more information, call (361) 798-5888 or see p. 3.

Victoria–*A Closer Look at STJ* Apr. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take a campus tour. Learn about advanced placement/dual credit courses, tuition assistance, athletics, and STJ summer camp registration. Enjoy ice cream sundaes with the Flyer Family. For more information, contact Jen Korinek at (361) 573-2446 x217, jkorinek@stjvictoria.com, or visit **www.stjvictoria.com**.

Victoria–Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament Apr. 11 at The Club at Colony Creek. Sponsored by KC Council #9088. Benefits youth and vocation activities of the Diocese of Victoria. For more information, contact Monroe Rieger at (361) 571-6535 or Ron Sitka at (361) 550-1314. See pg. 9.

Weimar–St. Michael Spring Festival Apr. 27 at Veterans Memorial Park. Fried chicken and sausage dinner. $8.50 p/p.

Yoakum–St. Ann Mission Church Kettle-Fried Steak Dinner Apr. 13. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Family Center. Plates to go only. $8 p/p. Also, a country store outside. Proceeds to replace church fence.

May

Shiner–Spring Picnic May 25. For more information, visit **www.sscmshiner.org**.

Victoria–KJZT Society #101 hosts KJZT District 9 gathering May 18 at OLV Cafeteria. 11:00 a.m. registration. Noon lunch. For more information, call Irene Brosch at (361) 573-2669.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats

ACTS Retreats–For information, visit **www.actsmissions.org**.

Austin–Catholic Charities of Central Texas *Spreading the Seeds of Hope* 8th Annual Creating Hope Benefit Apr. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Guest speaker will be Jeannette Walls. For more information, call Christina Vehar at (512) 651-6103 or visit **www.ccctx.org**.

Houston–American Federation Pueri Cantores Student Choral Organization of the Catholic Church Regional Festival and Mass Mar. 29 at 5:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. A combined chorus of more than 350 singers, to sing music of the Church spanning 1500 years, is anticipated. Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak, celebrant. John Robinson, conductor. For more information, visit **www.pcchoirs.org**.

Houston–The Diocese of Beaumont Youth Convention June 25-28 at Hyatt Regency. For more information, visit **www.dioceseofbmt.org**.

Irving–*Walking Together in Faith* 8th Annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference Oct. 23-25 at the Irving Convention Center. For more information, visit **www.txcatholic.org** or **www.udallas.edu/udmc**.

La Grange–*Quo Vadis?* Vocation Retreat July 6-9 at Cooper's Farm for Catholic young men ages 15-21. It will include discussions on discernment and be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. $65 includes food and lodging. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Morales at (361) 573-5304, vocations@victoriavocations.org, or visit **www.victoriavocations.org**.

Port Lavaca–OLG Altar Society Women's Lenten Retreat Mar. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Fr. Patrick will be the facilitator. 8:30 a.m. registration. $6 includes morning refreshments and light lunch. For more information, contact Susie Daigle at (361) 935-5812 or Georgia Mikesh at (361) 552-6844.

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–*Come and See* Weekend Mar. 14-16 at the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate Motherhouse. For women ages 18 and older who want to know more about religious life and vocation discernment. For more information, contact Sr. Gabriel Hession at (210) 533-5149, sghession@hotmail.com, or visit **www.shsp.org**.

St. Benedict, Lousiana–*Come and See* Discernment Weekend Retreat Apr. 11-13 at St. Joseph's Seminary College. Learn more about seminary life, seminary formation, prayer, and more. There is no cost or fee to attend. Bring bed linens, pillow, towel, and personal items. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Morales at (361) 573-5304, vocations@victoriavocations.org, or visit **www.victoriavocations.org**.

Tivoli–Our Lady of Guadalupe Church celebrates the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the 1st Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. at 501B William St. with Rev. Paulson Panakal. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, call (361) 237-3634.

Victoria–*Come and See* Discernment Weekend Apr. 12-13 for single Catholic women 18-50 years of age at Incarnate Word Convent. For more information, call (361) 575-7111, e-mail iwbsvoc@yahoo.com, or visit **www.iwbsvictoria.org**.

Victoria–Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Fr. Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

Victoria–Spirit Wind Ministry hosts *Mirroring the Greatness of Life* Retreat April 25-27 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. $190 p/p. Grants available. Led by lecturer, columnist, and author Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. He currently serves as president of the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio. For more information, contact Susan Oakley at (361) 576-1515, (361) 649-6391, or smoak53@msn.com.

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