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Bishop's Golf Tournament

Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament was held Oct. 12 and all proceeds benefit the Seminarian Education Fund. Pictured with Bishop Robert Marshall, left to right, Fr. Luke LaFleur, director of Vocations, Dcn. Gabe Dowden, seminarians Matthew Kramer, Blake Bernard, Ryan Richard, Dcn. Blaine Phillips, seminarian Ty Schexnayder, Bishop Marshall, seminarian David Rubio, and Fr. Donnie Kuzma, Assistant Director of Vocations.

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Remembering our Loved Ones in Prayer

The names of loved ones, living and deceased, submitted with Annual Diocesan Applea pledges will be remembered at the All Saints' Day Mass. See the complete list beginning on page 2.

Making room for what matters most

As the holiday season approaches, are we fillling our calendars or making room for what matters most? Discover how small, intentional choices can strengthen our faith and families. Read the full reflection on page 6.

Beyond the Limits: Take Heart!

Junior high students are invited to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and discover God's purpose for their lives at Beyond the Limits on December 5. Read more on page 17.

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Live, Jesus, in our Hearts Forever

By Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr.

Beauty of the Sacraments

I recently traveled to Milwaukee with the other members of the USCCB Catholic Home Missions Subcommittee. Each year, we visit ministries funded by the annual CHM collection. This year, our visit took us to churches of several of the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church. These churches are in union with the Pope, but each have a distinct and historic way of celebrating the Divine Liturgy – what Roman Catholics call the Mass. We concelebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, the only Ukrainian Catholic church in the State of Wisconsin. They gave us a booklet of about 60 pages so that we could follow along – though the local pastor frequently made sure that we turned to the correct page. In spite of our occasional confusion, what was most evident was the deep faith of the congregation – some recent immigrants displaced by the Russian attack, others the descendants of those who had fled Soviet occupied Ukraine. Their liturgy was an expression of their heritage, a prayer for their war-torn homeland, and a comforting connection to our Lord who feeds us with his very Body and Blood.

As a priest, and now as a bishop, I have been privileged to celebrate or concelebrate Mass in many different settings: a Papal Liturgy in St. Peter's Square for the beatification of Pope John Paul I, Masses at the Basilica of St. Mary Major and at the Altar of the Chais in St. Peter's Basilica, the remarkable liturgies of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Indeed, I have celebrated Mass in large cathedrals and basilicas, in convention centers and gymnasiums, and in parish churches and missions of every size. I have also celebrated Mass very simply in nursing homes, prisons, campsites, and in small chapels. Some of these celebrations had spectacular music, while others were quiet. Sometimes I had the help of other liturgical ministers (deacons, lectors, sacristans and altar servers, for example), though at other times I fulfilled all of those roles. Wherever the celebration, whether simple or elaborate, what is common, what is beautiful is the proclamation of the Word, the offering of ordinary bread and wine, and the great gift of the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we describe beautiful liturgies, we tend to think of the elaborate celebrations that awaken in us a sense of the universality of the Church, a connection to the faith and culture of centuries, a true sense of the presence of the choirs of angels and the entire company of heaven. Those elements of beauty help to lift our hearts and minds to God and enhance our appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. But I suggest to you that the profound presence of God can be even more powerful, even more beautiful in those simple liturgies with those who are ill, with those who are incarcerated, with small isolated communities who are grateful for the opportunity to gather in prayer with others and to receive the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of the Savior of the world. May we appreciate the infinite gift of the sacraments and rejoice when two or three, or hundreds or thousands, are gathered together in the name of the Lord.

In Memory/Honor of our loved ones, living and deceased

These are names that were sent in with your Annual Diocesan Appeal pledge cards. They are listed in alphabetical order and will be included in the All Saints Day Mass, 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. As some last names were not provided, those names are listed at the end. We apologize for any misspellings.

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Archbishop 'grateful, honored' Indianapolis chosen to host 2029 National Eucharistic Congress

by Natalie Hoefer
Our Sunday Visitor



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS. Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minn., left, and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette, Ind., concelebrate with principal celebrant Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of Indianapolish at a Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolish Oct. 20, 2026, prior to a dinner during which it was announced that Indianapolish would host the 11the National Eucharistic Congress in 2029. (OSV News photo/Natalie Hoefer, The Criterion)

INDIANAPOLIS (OSV News) — The people gathered for a dinner in Indianapolis Oct. 20 erupted into cheers and applause when Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, made the announcement: "I'm privileged to announce that in 2029, the 11th National Eucharistic Congress is going to be back here in Indianapolis."

The dinner at the Omni Severin Hotel followed a Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis, with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson as principal celebrant.

"As we look toward the 11th National Eucharistic Congress in 2029, we do well to keep before us the continued outpouring of graces and blessings stemming from the National Eucharistic Revival that continues to bear fruit throughout the Church, local and universal," Archbishop Thompson said in his homily.

Before announcing the location, Bishop Cozzens, board chairman of National Eucharistic Congress Inc., spoke of the impact of the 10th congress, held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024.

"Everywhere I go now, people tell me stories about how the congress impacted them," he said. "I really want to say thank you to the people of Indianapolis and to your role in that."

A press release announcing the 2029 congress identified impacts of the 2024 gathering, including renewed participation in Eucharistic adoration and confession, greater reverence at Mass, increased confidence among clergy in preaching about the Real Presence, and growth in parish evangelization and service.

The congress also has resulted in new adoration chapels, flourishing local Eucharistic initiatives, growing seminarian enrollment, new religious vocations and increasing numbers of people entering the Church, the release said.

To "really have an impact on the country," Bishop Cozzens said the plan is to hold a National Eucharistic Congress every four years in various cities.

In deciding where to hold the 2029 congress, several aspects were considered, including centrality, facilities, accessibility, hospitality and a proven ability to host national events.

"We looked at several potential hosts … but Indianapolis just came out on top again," said Bishop Cozzens.

Of particular note was the "Hoosier hospitality here in Indianapolis and the way that you all welcomed the whole country here" in 2024, he said.

Returning to the city "really helps us to build on what we've done already," he added. "We expect it to be an event that will affect a generation of Catholics."

Archbishop Thompson also shared his gratitude for Indianapolis hosting the 2029 congress.

"We are grateful, we are honored to celebrate, to serve and to be the host," he said.

Several speakers noted the impact of the last congress, which Archbishop Thompson connected to the closing words of every Mass: "Go forth."

He spoke of the "co-responsibility" of "every baptized person to take their role in that mission," noting that the National Eucharistic Congress must "always be connected to service" and to the larger Church.

Bishop Cozzens called the 2029 congress a "launching point" for two major anniversaries for the Church.

First is the 500th anniversary of the 1531 apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, followed by the 2033 jubilee marking 2,000 years since Christ's crucifixion and the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

"It's part of why we chose the rose as the logo (for the next congress) with the Eucharist there at the center, because we want the congress actually to be a moment for us to devote to Mary and to teach us how to love the Eucharist," said Bishop Cozzens.

"So, we want to help prepare the country for these two moments," he said. "In 2029, you can think of it as a launching point for what we hope will have a great impact on the evangelization of the world."

Seminarian Antonio Harbert, a senior at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, is "really stoked" for that moment

The college seminary, which accepts men from the archdiocese and four other dioceses, had 18 new seminarians enroll this fall. Last year, there were 20 seminarians total.

"We've almost doubled in seminarians from last year to this," Harbert told The Criterion, the archdiocesan newspaper. "I would say that fruit comes from the Eucharistic Congress."

Hosting the 11th National Eucharistic Congress will take effort, Archbishop Thompson noted.

"Whether it's time, talent or treasure, it takes a lot of people to make this happen," he said, adding that he is "eager" to start the process.

Planning is just beginning, with specific dates, speakers and additional details to be announced.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION THIS HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.
You are still the Master of land and sea.
We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control;
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.
During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father.
Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid,
and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son of our behalf
so that spared from the calamities common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.
Amen.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1985 - 1981)
Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956 - 1973),
following Hurricane Audrey in 1957



Keep Your Lamp Lit

by Sandy Lemoine
Author of "The Woman Underneath" devotional book and parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral



Nobody in Louisiana needs a lesson in getting ready. We know the drill: water jugs in the closet, fresh batteries in the flashlight, the generator filled before the lines start at the gas station. When Tropical Storm Edouard came ashore near Johnson Bayou on September 1, more than 150,000 homes and businesses lost power, and those who had prepared were glad they did. Hurricane season officially ends on November 30. As it closes, this month's Sunday readings ask a deeper question. Our pantries may be ready, but are our souls?

November turns our eyes toward the last things. The Lord told us plainly that He is coming back, but He did not tell us when. These readings are not meant to frighten us. They ask us to stay ready the way a mother keeps supper warm for whoever is still on the road: faithfully, every day, out of love.

November 1: All Saints. The clocks fall back this morning, and we spend our extra hour with the saints. St. John writes, "We know, that, when he shall appear, we shall be like to him: because we shall see him as he is." The saints were not born holy. Most were ordinary people who simply stayed ready, like the grandmother who never let a day pass without her Rosary, or the man who served the early Mass for forty years without being asked twice. The next day, All Souls, we pray for our own beloved dead, that they too may soon see Him face to face.

November 8: The Ten Virgins. Five bridesmaids brought extra oil, and five did not. When the bridegroom came at midnight, the foolish ones tried to borrow some. Anyone who has gone looking for a generator the day before landfall knows how that story ends. Faith cannot be borrowed in an emergency. It is stored up a little at a time: in morning prayers, in Sunday Mass, in a good Confession. "Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour." For those who are grieving, St. Paul offers comfort that same morning: we need not be sorrowful "even as others who have no hope."

November 15: The Talents. The servant who buried his talent did not lose it. He just never used it. Staying ready means putting our gifts to work, and retiring from a job is not retiring from the Lord's work. Teaching a grandchild the Hail Mary, sitting with a sick friend, cooking for a funeral repast: these are talents too, and the Master notices. That same Sunday, Proverbs asks, "Who shall find a valiant woman?" Many of us found her at our own kitchen table, and we owe our faith to her. May each of us one day hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

November 22: Christ the King. On the last Sunday of the Church year, the Lord tells us what will be on the final exam. Did you feed the hungry? Did you visit the sick? Did you welcome the one nobody else would? It is like a teacher handing out the test questions ahead of time. "As long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." Thanksgiving falls that Thursday. Look around your own table, and then look around the parish. Someone may be waiting for an invitation and a seat.

November 29: The First Sunday of Advent. The Church year begins again, and the first purple candle is lit on the Advent wreath. Our Lord says, "Watch ye therefore… lest coming on a sudden, he find you sleeping." Isaiah gives us a prayer for the new season: "We are clay: and thou art our maker, and we all are the works of thy hands." A new year is a fresh start, and our Maker is not finished with any of us yet.

So how do we keep our lamps lit this month? Here are a few simple ways.

- Pray for the Holy Souls every day. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them." Say the names of your own beloved dead.
- Go to Confession before

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ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CREATES "UNBOX THE FAITH". Another grant funded project through *Catholic Extension's Parenting and Caregiving initiative*: St. Mary's Assumption in Cottonport encourages parents to "Unbox the Faith" at home. Parents receive monthly boxes containing items to help them pass on our beautiful Catholic faith to their children at home. The kits contain lessons, prayers, stickers, crafts and more. Boxes distributed monthly from September through May.

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Advent. Top off the oil in your lamp.

• Use one talent for someone else. Make a phone call, bring a covered dish to a sick friend, or teach a grandchild a prayer.

• Remember the empty chairs at Thanksgiving. When you say grace, say the names of those no longer at the table.

• Set up your Advent wreath before November 29.

On the last Sunday of November, a single candle will be lit on the Advent wreath. It is a small flame, but it is ready, and soon others will join it. The prayer we offer for the Holy Souls asks God to let "perpetual light" shine upon them. May that same light burn in each of us, so that whenever the Bridegroom comes, at midnight or at dawn, He finds our lamps trimmed and our hearts awake.



KNIGHTS DISTRICT ERE DONATION. Mr. John Morovich, Diocesan Coordinator of the Fourth Degree Knights, presented two checks to Bishop Robert Marshall, Jr., on behalf of the Knights of Columbus' District ERE Program and on behalf of Monsignor Piegay General Assembly #0328. These funds will aid religious education in the diocese.







Making room for what matters

An invitation to enter the busiest season of the year with a little more intention and a lot more grace.

by Cari Terracina

There is a particular kind of tired that comes from trying to do all the things.

The work deadlines. The laundry. The school activities. The appointments. The grocery lists. The people who need us. The things we've committed to, the things we've forgotten, and the things we keep promising ourselves we'll get around to.

And somewhere in the middle of it all, we're trying to be good wives, mothers, friends, employees, parishioners, and followers of Jesus.

It's a lot.

As November approaches and the holiday season begins to fill our calendars, it's worth asking a question we don't always make time for:

Are we making room for what matters most, or simply making room for whatever comes next?

In Luke's Gospel, we meet two sisters, Martha and Mary, who welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha was busy with the preparations, while Mary sat at the Lord's feet, listening.

When Martha expressed her frustration, Jesus gently reminded her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing" (Luke 10:41–42).

I wonder how many of us need that reminder.

Martha wasn't wrong to serve. Her work mattered. But somewhere along the way, the preparations had become more important than the *Person* she was preparing for.

Sound familiar?

We can spend so much time managing our lives that we forget to actually live them.

We can fill our calendars with good things and still leave little room for the things God is asking of us.

And we can convince ourselves that we'll finally slow down, pray more, connect with our families, or pursue that dream God placed on our hearts when life gets a little less busy.

But what if we didn't have to wait?

What if, instead of trying to do more this season, we became a little more intentional about what we're already doing?

Before the holiday rush begins, consider taking thirty minutes to sit down with your calendar, your responsibilities, and the Lord.

Ask yourself:

What matters most in this particular season of my life?

What has God entrusted to me right now?

Where am I spending time and energy that doesn't reflect those priorities?

What can I simplify, delegate, or graciously say no to?

What is one small thing I can do this week to make room for what matters?

Not everything needs to change. And certainly not everything needs to happen before Thanksgiving.

Maybe it's protecting Sunday afternoons for family. Maybe it's making time for daily prayer before reaching for your phone. Maybe it's finally scheduling that coffee with a friend, getting your finances in order, or simply allowing yourself to rest without feeling guilty.

Small decisions matter. They shape our days. And our days, eventually, shape our lives.

The goal isn't a perfectly organized calendar or a beautifully managed home.

The goal is a life that reflects what we say matters most.

So as we enter this season of gratitude, preparation, and celebration, let's remember that we don't have to do everything to be faithful.

We simply have to be willing to do what God is asking of us.

And sometimes, that begins with making a little room.

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SEMINARIAN GRAHAM DESCANT. On Thursday, Oct. 1, Archbishop James Checchio of New Orleans, presided at the Mass for the Institution of Lectors. The Rite of Institution of Lectors is one of the ministries a seminarian must receive before ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood. Those given the ministry of Lector are entrusted with reading the Sacred Scriptures during Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Archbishop Checchio instructed 15 seminarians, "Take this book of Holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." The new lectors will now proclaim the readings of Sacred Scripture at Mass for the community. Diocese of Alexandria Seminarian, Graham Descant, is pictured above on the right at the end of the third row from the front.



BISHOP VISITS OUR SEMINARIANS. On Thursday, Oct. 8, Bishop Robert Marshall was in New Orleans attending the meetings of the Boards of Trustees of St. Joseph Seminary College and Notre Dame Seminary. While there, he took the opportunity to join the seminarians for lunch. Bishop Marshall pictured seminarians Deacon Gabe Dowden and Deacon Blaine Phillips. (Graham Descant was ill.)

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and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.



BLESSING OF THE PETS AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH. On Friday, Oct. 2, Blessing of the Pets took place with pastor, Fr. Taylor Reynolds. Pets of all kinds, big and small were blessed.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, ECHO. Children and teachers of St. Francis DeSales Church in Echo gathered in the Rosary Garden to offer a reflection on the lives of Jesus and our Blessed Mother and to lift-up the intentions of our families, school, parish, and community.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, WINNFIELD. Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield celebrated Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Oct. 11, presenting pastor, Fr. Louis Sklar, with a love offering from the parishioners.



ST. JULIANA KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER AUXILLIARY. Yashena Gillard, Grand Lady of the Knights of Peter Claver, Court #268, distributed 175 personal hygiene packets to female students at Arthur Smith Middle School and Acadian Middle School in Alexandria. Pictured are Asst. Principal, Mimi Bolden; Grand Lady, Yashena Gillard; Mr. Bubba McCall, Rapides Parish School Board (Dist. D); and Asst. Principal, Kim Guidry.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, WINNFIELD. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield participated in the nationwide America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10.

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Psalm 63: 2
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ROSARY RALLY, MANSURA. On Saturday, Oct. 10, about 40 gathered for the Rosary Rally prayed at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura. Three Rosaries were recited: the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.



ST. RITA NOVENA. A special novena to the Blessed Mother was prayed daily for 9 days in October in the St. Rita Prayer Garden at the church, pictured above. It culminated with a Fatima Public Square Rosary on Saturday, Oct. 10 in front of the St. Joseph Catholic Center on Coliseum Blvd.

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The Annual Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament was held at Links on the Bayou in Alexandria on Monday, October 12. Thank you to all of our sponsors and everyone who participated this year. All proceeds benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT. Father Louis Sklar, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Winnfield; and Father Charlie Ray, pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport, get ready to tee-off for the annual Bishop's Golf Tournament at Links on the Bayou in Alexandria.

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Pope's October prayer intention: 'For mental health ministry'

This year, the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development issued a message recognizing mental health as an "urgent pastoral challenge," and invited the Church to engage with people struggling with their mental health. In his monthly prayer intention, Pope Leo XIV prayed for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church and encouraged overcoming the stigma and discrimination often shown towards people with mental illnesses.

by Lynn Roy, P-LPC, Restore Counseling Center

This month, Pope Leo's prayer intention calls us to reflect on a beautiful and necessary mission: that the Church may be an "open house" where people facing mental health challenges find welcome, dignity, and hope.

The very definition of Catholic is universal. We are called to embrace all people, not only those whose lives appear to be going well, but also those who are struggling emotionally or mentally. Our faith calls us to recognize the dignity of every person and to meet one another with compassion rather than judgment. This includes those living with anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, grief, loneliness, and the many other challenges that affect mental health.

An increase to the availability of support

For many years, conversations about mental health were often accompanied by stigma, silence, or misunderstanding. People sometimes suffered privately, afraid that admitting they were struggling would be viewed as a weakness. Thankfully, that is beginning to change. We are becoming more willing to speak openly about mental health, seek professional support, and recognize that caring for our emotional well-being is an important part of caring for ourselves.

As we learn more about the brain, how we process life experiences, and how our emotions, thoughts, and beliefs interact, we are better equipped to understand the complexity of mental health. We are also learning that asking for help is not a sign of weakness. It is an act of courage and an important step toward healing.

We are learning to listen more carefully, to be present for one another, and to recognize when professional care may be beneficial. These are encouraging developments, and it is a blessing to see the Church recognize the struggles so many people carry.

Mental Wellness

Awareness alone is not enough. We must also change the way we approach mental health. I encourage us to consider it through



the lens of mental wellness.

Think about physical health. We go to the gym to become stronger and healthier. When we are physically ill, we seek treatment and take steps toward recovery. We do not assume that caring for our physical health is unnecessary simply because we are not in perfect condition. We understand that our bodies require attention, exercise, rest, and care.

Our mental health deserves that same intentional attention.

Mental wellness is not simply the absence of a mental health condition. It is the ongoing practice of caring for our thoughts, emotions, relationships, and overall well-being. It means developing healthy habits, learning to manage stress, making time for rest and reflection, nurturing supportive relationships, and seeking professional counseling when needed. For Catholics, prayer, the sacraments, and a relationship with God are also meaningful sources of strength and hope. These spiritual practices can complement professional mental health care, not replace it when such care is needed.

Of course, some challenges are greater than others. A person grieving the death of a loved one may feel as though life will never be the same. Someone living with bipolar disorder may face ongoing challenges that require professional treatment and support. Another person may be struggling quietly with anxiety, loneliness, or circumstances they do not know how to explain.

Whatever the challenge, we must resist the temptation to ignore it or pretend it does not exist. Avoidance can leave people feeling even more isolated, while acknowledging a struggle creates an opportunity to begin addressing it.

Consider what happens after a powerful storm leaves fallen limbs scattered across a yard. We do not pretend the damage is not there. We begin picking up the pieces, clearing what has fallen, and restoring what we can. The work may take time and sometimes we need help from others.

Mental wellness can require that same patience and determination. We acknowledge what has happened, accept that the road forward may be difficult, and take the next step toward healing. We do not have to do it alone.

When one of our own is struggling mentally or emotionally, we have a responsibility as Catholics to respond. We can reach out, listen without judgment, help someone find appropriate resources, and walk alongside them as they seek wellness. We can remind them that they are loved by God and that their struggles do not diminish their dignity or their place in the Church.

Pope Leo's prayer intention challenges each of us to help make the Church an open house—not simply through our words, but through our actions.

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Bishop Marshall Appoints Kenneth Wasmer Interim Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana

Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. has appointed Mr. Kenneth Wasmer as Interim Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana. Although serving in an interim and unpaid capacity, Wasmer assumes the full responsibilities of Executive Director.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska with a degree in accounting and finance, Wasmer has extensive business experience, having operated a financial consulting firm with his wife, Charlotte, and owned more than a dozen companies.

Ken and Charlotte are active in their parish community. Ken previously served as Director of the ACTS Missions Chapter of Alexandria and currently serves on the board of Fullness of Truth. They enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.

In his new role, Wasmer will oversee Catholic Charities' operations and outreach, including mental health counseling, disaster relief, and basic needs assistance. Building upon the foundation established by Fr. John Brocato, Wasmer hopes to expand services throughout the Diocese while strengthening the organization's long-term sustainability.

Bishop Marshall expressed his gratitude to Wasmer for his willingness to serve the Church and those in need throughout Central Louisiana.

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Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

Kaitlyn “KK” Michelle Gallagher

Kaitlyn “KK” Michelle Gallagher, 24, of Alexandria, died in the line of duty on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, while responding to the Broken Creek Fire on the Kisatchie National Forest in North Louisiana.

Born April 26, 2002, to Michael and Debbie Gallagher, KK was a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, friend and mentor whose life was marked by her Catholic faith, love for others and heart for service.

A graduate of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Elementary School and Holy Savior Menard Catholic High School, KK was a member of Menard’s basketball and softball teams and the Menard Apostles for Christ Ministry team.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Health and Fitness Studies from Louisiana State University at Alexandria in December 2023. At LSUA, she played women’s basketball and participated in the Kinesiology Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Catholic Student Organization and campus internships.

KK joined the U.S. Forest Service as a Wildland Firefighter Apprentice in 2025, serving on the Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming and the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. Her adventurous spirit, love of the outdoors and dedication to serving others made her a valued member of the Forest Service.

A fearless disciple of Christ, KK was passionate about sharing her faith and mentoring young people. She served as a youth leader at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and coached girls basketball and softball at Holy Savior Menard Catholic High School.

KK is survived by her parents, Michael and Debbie Gallagher; sister, Maddie; and brother, Shawn, all of Alexandria; paternal grandmother, Betty McClain Fair of Bossier City; paternal grandfather, Ed Gallagher (June) of Warner Robins, Georgia; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Jim and Linda Tryniecki, and paternal grandfather, Fred Fair.

A U.S. Forest Service Honor Memorial Service was held October 21 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church’s Divine Providence Center in Alexandria. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated October 22 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, followed by interment and a celebration of life. Memorial donations may be made to the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church youth group or the Wildland Firefighter Foundation at give.wffoundation.org/donate.

Kramer Funeral Home of Alexandria handled arrangements.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23: 1 | Responsorial Psalm for November 22
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Upcoming Retreats:

November 5-8
Womens ACTS Retreat
hosted by St. Augustine Church

November 12-15
Womens ACTS Retreat
hosted by St. Rita Church

November 19-22
Womens ACTS Retreat
hosted by
Sacred Heart of Jesus

All retreats are held at Maryhill Renewal Center.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' SUPERINTENDENTS' RETREAT. Superintendents from Louisiana's Catholic schools met Sept. 21-24 at Maryhill Retreat Center for their annual retreat. The theme was "Be Still and Know that I am God." Sylvia Davis, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Alexandria, says that the intention of the annual retreat is to reflect, to refresh, and to remember our Divine Purpose. Pictured are Mrs. Kimberlee Gazzolo from the Diocese of Lake Charles, Dr. Cindy Ryals from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Sister Carol Shively from the Diocese of Shreveport, Mrs. Amy Vaccarella from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodeaux, Sister Elizabeth Holmes who served as the retreat facilitator, and Mrs. Sylvia Davis.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT LSUA CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER. A free lunch offered every Wednesday during the semester at the LSUA Catholic Student Center brings students together for a meal and a chance to connect during the school week. The lunches are often supported by local groups. Knights of Columbus members from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward, St. Francis de Sales Church in Echo and St. John the Baptist in Moncla, prepared and served lunch on Sept. 23, following the Holy Mass. Their participation is one way the parishes support students on the Louisiana State University of Alexandria campus.

CABRINI YOUTH ATTEND HOPE FEST. St. Frances Cabrini Church Youth Group attended the Hope Youth Festival on Saturday, Oct.10 held at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center. Over 600 youth attended the event which is a Catholic ministry for 7th through 12 graders designed to promote discipleship and foster growth in Catholic identity among the young Catholic Church of today.





To see daily meal menus and school holidays please visit the Catholic Schools calendar: https://www.diocesealex.org/events/category/school/

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Beyond the Limits: An invitation to take heart

by Cari Terracina



Middle school is a season of big questions, growing independence, and figuring out where you belong. Between friendships, family expectations, school pressures, and a world that constantly tells young people who they should be, it can be difficult to hear the one voice that matters most.

This December, hundreds of junior high students will have an opportunity to step away from the noise, encounter Jesus Christ, and be reminded of a truth worth holding onto: God knows their hearts, loves them deeply, and has a purpose for their lives.

The Diocese of Alexandria invites students in grades 6–8 to Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference, taking place Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Menard Central High School in Alexandria.

This year's theme, "Take Heart," draws inspiration from the life of David, a young shepherd who was overlooked by others but chosen by God. David's story reminds us that while the world often measures our worth by appearances, accomplishments, or popularity, God sees something entirely different.

He sees the heart.

And that's a message our young people desperately need to hear.

Headlining this year's conference is nationally known Catholic speaker, musician, and author Chris Padgett, whose humor, energy, and passion for sharing the Gospel have inspired audiences across the country. Through engaging presentations, powerful worship, and authentic conversations about faith, students will be challenged to discover what it means to follow Jesus with courage and confidence.

But Beyond the Limits is about more than listening to great speakers.

Throughout the day, students will experience dynamic sessions, music, fellowship, and opportunities to encounter Christ through the Sacraments, including Reconciliation and the celebration of Holy Mass. The conference will also feature Eucharistic Adoration, offering students an opportunity to quiet their hearts and spend time with Jesus.

For some, it may be their first experience of faith outside their home parish or school community. For others, it may be the moment they begin to recognize that their relationship with Christ is something they can claim as their own.

And for all of them, it is a reminder that they are not walking this journey alone.

Beyond the Limits is designed to help young people build friendships, grow in faith, and discover that following Jesus isn't something reserved for adulthood. God is calling them right now, right where they are.

Registration is now open for parish, school, and youth ministry groups. The cost is $85 per student and includes lunch and dinner.

Youth ministers, catechists, school leaders, and parents are encouraged to help make this opportunity available to the young people in their communities.

Don't wait for our young people to grow up before inviting them to encounter Christ. Their hearts are ready now.

For more information and to register, visit steubenvillesouth.com/register.

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80: 4 | Responsorial Psalm for November 29 | The First Sunday of Advent

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Feast for Good - November 2

Feast for Good is back, Monday, Nov. 2 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program start at 7:00 p.m. Join us for "Strange Delight comes from New York to Cenla" featuring Anoop Pillarisetti and Chef Ham El-Waylly. This year's Feast for Good is shaping up to be a really special night! Join us for incredible food, our Appetizer Cookoff, live chef demonstrations, the auction and a celebration of the people who make St. Mary's such a special place. If you've joined us before, you know Feast for Good isn't your typical fundraiser. And if you've never been, this is a great year to see what it's all about. Every dollar raised this year will be matched!

https://stmarysalexandria.networkforgood.com/events/97041-2026-feast-for-good?hid=NDIzODIxNzk=&utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_4819767

Seminary Come and See Weekend - November 6-8

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Fall Come and See weekend from November 6-8. This is a great opportunity for any male 16 years old or older to come and see the seminary campus and what seminary life is like. For more information, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Luke LaFleur at frllafleur@diocesealex.org or the Associate Director of Vocations, Fr. Donnie Kuzma at frdkuzma@diocesealex.org.

Texas Roadhouse fundraiser for Cabrini School - November 10

Dine in at Texas Roadhouse any time between 3:00-10:00 p.m. on Nov. 10, mention St. Frances Cabrini School and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total receipt to the school!

The Blue Mass - November 13

The Blue Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 13 at 12:05 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. All law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical emergency providers, are invited to attend as the special honored guests. The Mass is also open the public.

Discalced Carmelite meeting - Nov. 14

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. If you plan to attend, please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

DIOCESAN BRIEFS

Menard Open House - November 17

Holy Savior Menard will hold an Open House at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the school gym. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curriculars available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the 2027-2028 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

Cookies to Cassseroles...and In-Between - November 21-22

The "COOKIES TO CASSEROLES…AND IN-BETWEEN" fundraiser, ponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Church's Sanctuary Society will be held in the Activities Building on Saturday, Nov.21 before and after the 4:30 Mass [between 3:30 and 6:00 PM] and on Sunday, Nov. 22 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come by and shop for choice items that can be added to your Thanksgiving table. There will be a wide assortment of casseroles, soups and gumbos to sweets and other delicious items.

Beyond the Limits Junior High Conference - December 5

Calling all 6th-8th graders! Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference is back Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Menard High School in Alexandria. This high-energy day is created especially for junior high students and includes dynamic speakers, music, games, small groups, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and plenty of fun along the way. This year, we're excited to welcome Katie McGrady and more as we invite young people to Take Heart and discover what it means to follow Jesus right where they are.

Registration is now open at steubenvillesouth.com! Gather your parish or school group and join junior high students from across the Diocese of Alexandria for an unforgettable day of faith, friendship, and fun.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop - Jan. 12, 2027

The workshop lasts about three hours so please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

Tuesday, January 12, 2027, 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria

There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you!

Lector Workshop - January 19, 2027

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector Formation workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. **Tuesday, January 19 – 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria**

There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed you will receive a certificate. For more information, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext 207 or email dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Confirmation Retreat - January 23, 2027

Save the date for the upcoming Confirmation retreat to be held at St. Rita Church, Alexandria for youth receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Spring.

Our retreat leader will be Paul Hood, currently the Coordinator of Youth Disciple Formation for Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lafayette and former member of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria. More details to come!

Pre-Cana Marriage Prep Workshop - February 27, 2027

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch included. **Cost is $60 PER COUPLE.** To register visit:https://www.diocesealex.org/pre-cana-marriage-prep-workshop/

After submitting the form, you will see a link to pay online. You can also pay the day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or prepay by mailing a check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417. Contact: Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

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November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
OCTOBER 26 PRAY FOR DCN. C. PELTO	27 PRAY FOR DCN. K. PRIMEAUX	28 **Trunk or Treat!** 6:00-7:00 p.m. Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, Woodworth **Trunk or Treat!** 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sacred Heard of Jesus Church, Pineville PRAY FOR FR. R. RABALAIS	29 PRAY FOR FR. C. RAY	30 **Menard at Oakdale** **St. Mary's at Ringgold** PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS	31 HALLOWEEN PRAY FOR DCN. T. ROBICHAUX	NOVEMBER 1 **Annual Fall Dinner** 10:30 am-1:00 pm St. Paul the Apostle Church, Mansura ALL SAINTS DAY PRAY FOR BISHOP R. MARSHALL
				Church Fair -- St. John the Baptist, Cloutierville		
2 **Feast for Good** 7:00 p.m. Randolph Riverfront Center ALL SOULS DAY PRAY FOR FR. E. RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ	3 PRAY FOR DCN. K. SAYES	4 PRAY FOR DCN. G. SCHUPBACH	5 PRAY FOR FR. C. SCOTT	6 **Menard vs Avoyelles** **St. Mary's vs Montgomery** FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. B. SEILER	7 FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. PEDRO SIERRA-POSADA	8 PRAY FOR FR. L. SKLAR
NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK				**Come and See Weekend -- St. Joseph Seminary, Covington**		
9 PRAY FOR FR. I. ST. ROMAIN	10 **Cabrini School Fundraiser** 3:00-10:00 p.m. Texas Roadhouse, Alexandria PRAY FOR DCN. P. SUNDERHAUS	11 VETERANS DAY PRAY FOR DCN. C. THIBODEAUX	12 PRAY FOR FR. J. THOMAS	13 **Blue Mass** 12:05 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria PRAY FOR FR. A. TRAVIS	14 **Discalced Carmelites Monthly Meeting** 9:00 a.m. Maryhill Renewal Center PRAY FOR DCN. W. TRAVIS	15 PRAY FOR FR. A. VARGHESE
16 PRAY FOR FR. V. VEAD	17 **OPEN HOUSE** 5:30 pm Holy Savior Menard High School, Alexandria PRAY FOR FR. GUS VOLTZ	18 PRAY FOR DCN. L. WHITE	19 PRAY FOR DCN. J. WHITEHEAD	20 PRAY FOR FR. J. XAVIER	21 **Cookies to Casseroles fundraiser -- Cabrini Church** PRAY FOR DCN. M. YOUNG	22 SOLEMNITY of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE PRAY FOR FR. K. ZACHARIAH
NATIONAL DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK						
23 PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA	24 PRAY FOR DCN. W. ALDRIDGE	25 PRAY FOR DCN. F. ANDRADE	26 THANKSGIVING DAY PRAY FOR FR. J. ANTONY	27 PRAY FOR DCN. E.J. BARRE	28 PRAY FOR FR. M. BONNER	29 **First Sunday of Advent** PRAY FOR FR. S. BRANDOW
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THANKSGIVING BREAK						



PROCESSION OF ROSES. On Thursday, Oct. 1, St. Frances Cabrini School students gathered with their flowers outside the church for the annual St. Therese's Procession of Roses. Pastor, Fr. Taylor Reynolds, blessed the flowers and the students. After the procession, the roses are offered to those present.



Catholic Schools:

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National Discover Catholic Schools Week: Nov. 15-21

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION. St. Frances Cabrini School's Pre-K through 1st Grade classes learned about fire prevention from the Alexandria Fire Department.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BETA OFFICERS. Sacred Heart School in Moreauville recently elected Beta Club Officers. Pictured are Josie Wilkes, Chaplain; Jaxson Roland, President; Cora Jeansonne, Vice President; and Charlie Dodge, Secretary.



(below) LIVING ROSARY AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL IN BUNKIE. The students at St Anthony school in Bunkie, prayed a living rosary in the gym on Wednesday, Oct. 7 in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.



CHARLENE CHARADES AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI SCHOOL. "Charlene Charades" encourages students to be friends of God, like Charlene was and is as she lives with our Bless Lord in heaven. This "little Cajun saint" is the role model for our students and participation in these "Charades" notes the words and deeds of our student body while they exhibit Charlene's attributes and holy practices (forgiving, humble, modest, a good friend, etc.) we openly reward them with blessed medals and prizes. Pictured with Fr. Taylor Reynolds are this month's "winners."



CHARLENE RICHARD'S FAMILY VISIT CABRINI SCHOOL. St. Frances Cabrini School's 4th grade received a visit from family members of Servant of God, Charlene Richard!

