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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS DAY

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 3:

12:05 p.m. August Vandersypen

Tuesday, November 4:

12:05 p.m. Shirley Lachney Price (living)

Wednesday, November 5:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Thursday, November 6:

12:05 p.m. John Upton

Friday, November 7:

12:05 p.m. Law Enforcement and Firefighters

Saturday, November 8:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Fred & Loy White, Sam & Velma Galardo, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphrey, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Lee Bond, Leonard Santiago, Esther Hernandez, Audrianna Grisham, Charles & Catherine LaCaze, Katina Watson (living)

Sunday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, John Reynolds, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, George Taylor Roberts, Todd Mizell, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Corinne Elizabeth Jenkins, Jane Avate, Wein Denley, Selma & Richard Sayer

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. Rose Marie Francis

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Fred & Joy White, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,782.75
Over or (Short)	\$ (716.25)

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST - NOVEMBER 2



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on November 2 in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - NOV. 2 - 8

The Catholic Church in the United States will commemorate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 2-8. Each year, national Catholic organizations, dioceses, schools, and local parish communities sponsor events and provide different resources to raise awareness for vocations, and help those who are discerning a vocation, particularly one to ordained ministry or consecrated life. If you would like more information about vocations, contact Fr. Luke LaFleur at frlafleur@diocesealex.org.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE 12:05 PM BLUE MASS

In preparation for the Memorial Mass for Law Enforcement and Firefighters on Friday, November 7, there will not be First Friday Devotions at 11:00 AM.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS (BLUE MASS) NOVEMBER 7 AT 12:05 PM

Our annual "Blue Mass" will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday, November 7 at 12:05 PM. The "Blue Mass" is so named because of the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers. We remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty and those currently serving. This Mass gives the community an opportunity to show gratitude for those who serve so courageously. **Please note that the public is invited to attend.**

WHAT IS MY VOCATION? VOCATION PANEL - NOV. 8

Do you want guidance in learning about God the Father's specific plan for you? Do you feel called to give more and be more? Do you have questions about how to discern your Vocation?

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport. The day will include an extensive panel of vocations experts made up of religious brothers, sisters, and priests with break-out sessions, Q&A, and Holy Hour. Ends with 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Open to ALL YOUTH and anyone discerning his/her vocation. Lunch is included. To RSVP or for more information contact Tammy Bernard at 318-305-1730.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – NOVEMBER 12

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

ALTAR SOCIETY FALL BAKE SALE – NOV. 15 - 16

The Altar Society will have their Fall Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on November 15, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 16. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, November 15 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each Weekend Mass. **Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your Contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL - SAVE THE DATE:

Join us in Xavier Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 9th. Learn how to paint the Nativity with Christmas classics playing in the background. This will be a wonderful evening with the community, painting, laughing, and just enjoying a peaceful evening of creativity for someone's perfect Christmas gift. Harleigh will guide you through the painting class start to finish, and the class is designed for beginners to expert painters. A light meal will be provided by Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Church. All supplies are included in the price of the class. Details on cost and how to reserve your spot will be coming soon. **If you have any questions, please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.**

BEYOND THE LIMITS JR. HIGH CONFERENCE DECEMBER 6

Middle school students (grades 6-8), this is for you! Join us for the Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference - a high-energy, faith-filled day designed just for you. With keynote speaker, Chris Padgett, emcee Paul Hood, and worship led by Kelly Lombardi, you'll encounter Christ in a way that's bold, personal, and unforgettable. Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$85 per person, and includes lunch and dinner. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith and have a blast with friends from across the diocese and beyond. To register, contact your youth minister or church office, or visit www.steubenvillesouth.com/register.

CCD & OCIA CLASSES:

For information regarding CCD contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134. For more information regarding OCIA please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA – NOVEMBER 9

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), the weekend of November 9, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND NOVEMBER 1 & 2

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS –NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 8

Dorothy Brown, Elizabeth Cameron, James Hilger, Joseph Hunter, John Mission, Jacquelyn Newsom, Jillian Newsom, Phillip Paige, Caitlin Pearce, Alyssa Renee Prevot, Joshua Travis, Kitty Wallace, Rev. Paul LaPalme, Nov. 3, Rev. Wade DeCoste, Nov. 3

NECROLOGY –NOVEMBER 1 – November 8

Rev. Louis J. Gagnard	+Nov. 3, 2008
Msgr. M. Paul Nothofer	+Nov. 7, 1956
Rev. Lawrence A Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas F. Early	+Nov. 8, 2004

FOR OUR MILITARY

If members of your family have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please let us know, and we will place their names for prayer in the church bulletin. Please call the church secretary at telephone 445-1451, ext. 14, or you may email her at aryder@parish.diocesealex.org.

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Theresa Catteruccia, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Sandra Gooden, Carolyn Harger, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Catherine Medica, Melanie McManara, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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