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A Word From Bishop Medley

Editor's note: This letter was originally released to the priests and people of the Diocese of Owensboro on April 14, 2021.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May you and your families know the peace and joy of the risen Jesus!

Many times over the last 14 months I have commented that it seems like the Lent that began in 2020 is still with us – 40 days plus 400 days. What an unusual and difficult year this has been for each one of us. One year ago, none of us could have known the loss and the challenges that were heading our way as a result of the pandemic. Over this past year, we have experienced the terrible loss of human life, loss of jobs, loss of a sense of security, of being physically present with our families and others we love, and the loss of gathering with our parish communities for the celebration of the Eucharist.

On March 16, 2020, for the protection and safety of all, as bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro I suspended the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Before that time, it was inconceivable to me that such a thing could be required. For two months throughout most of the United States, there were no public Eucharistic celebrations. While we were able to return to the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist on May 20, 2020, it was with limited occupancy and other preventative measures prescribed by the State of Kentucky, and with the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass still in place. One year later, the dispensation and restrictions remain in effect.

I am most grateful to you for understanding that

all precautions have been taken out of an abundance of caution and even more so out of an abundance of Christian charity in an effort to protect the most vulnerable. We, as Christians, have a duty towards our neighbors to act for the sake of the common good. It is right, therefore, to respect public health and safety regulations regarding our churches. The good news is that they appear to be working. To my knowledge, we have not experienced a single transmission of COVID-19 at Eucharistic celebrations in any of our 78 parishes.

It has been a year of fasting, and it is fitting in this Easter season that we are starting to see signs of hope. More people are vaccinated every day, bringing us closer to the time when the world can open up again. The medical community has made great strides in understanding the virus and they are now better able to prevent it, to diagnose it and to treat it. Governor Andy Beshear recently announced that he will remove capacity restrictions and physical distancing requirements when 2.5 million Kentuckians have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Despite these positive trends, the pandemic is not yet over. For that reason, the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place. It is counterproductive to tell the community that we are all again obligated to attend Mass when we literally cannot accommodate them in accord with prevailing restrictions. There remain restrictions on our public worship: churches limited to 60% occupancy, the wearing of face masks, and physical distancing are still required.

I know you are tired, but I ask for your continued patience. I know you are aching for all of those

BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR MAY 2021

Please note: The following schedule is tentative due to the COVID-19 pandemic circumstances.

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| MAY 2 | 8:30 a.m. Confirmation – St. Mary Parish, Franklin 6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Martin Parish, Rome |
| MAY 3 | 4:30 p.m. 250th Anniversary of First Passionist Monastery – Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery, Whitesville |
| MAY 4 | 6 p.m. Confirmation – Sacred Heart & St. Peter Parishes at Sacred Heart, Waverly |
| MAY 6 | 9 a.m. School Mass – Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus, Owensboro |
| MAY 8 | 2 p.m. Commencement – St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad |
| MAY 13 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Presbyteral Day – Brescia University, Owensboro |
| MAY 15 | 4 p.m. Confirmation – Rosary Chapel, Paducah 7 p.m. Graduation – St. Mary High School, Paducah |
| MAY 16 | 12:30 p.m. Confirmation – St. Paul & St. Elizabeth Parishes at St. Paul, Grayson County 5 p.m. Graduation – Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro Sportscenter |
| MAY 17 | 10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting |
| MAY 18 | 8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC |
| MAY 19-20 | Catholic Conference of KY Meeting & Bishops of the Province Meeting – Louisville |
| MAY 20 | 3 p.m. Zoom Meeting with Priests of the Diocese |
| MAY 22 | 10 a.m. Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Corey Bruns – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro 4 p.m. Confirmation – St. Leo Parish, Murray |
| MAY 23 | 6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro |
| MAY 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Paducah Office Hours – Lourdes Hospital, Paducah |
| MAY 26 | Confirmation – Christ the King Parish, Madisonville |
| MAY 27 | 8:30 a.m. MCC Staff Retreat Day – Owensboro 6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown |

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things from which you have had to fast for over a year now. I share in your fatigue. I long for the day when everyone can return to the celebration of the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Christian life where we are nourished by both God’s Word and the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – when we can fill our churches with song and praise the Lord with our voices. However, we have not yet arrived at that moment. For now, we must continue to do what is necessary to protect the common good.

I am so very grateful to the priests of the Diocese of Owensboro for their perseverance and hard work in these months. They have been working diligently


in these strange circumstances to do what they can to keep parish life alive. Please join me in encouraging them and praying for them.

I am grateful as well to each of you. Not only have you abided by the masking and distancing restrictions placed upon all of us, but I’ve heard many accounts of ways in which you have loved and supported one another this past year. No act of charity directed toward our neighbor is too small. “They will know we are Christians by our love.” Thank you for your Christian witness.

Our communities have endured much during this pandemic. I pray that this Easter season will

bring you hope, joy, and a renewed vigor to stay the course for a bit longer. In this year of Saint Joseph, we pray for his intercession for an end to the pandemic, for healing for the sick, for comfort for those who mourn, and for the perseverance of us all.

I keep each of you in my prayers, and I humbly ask that you remember me in prayer as well.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Child Protection: First Step in Reconciliation

BY TERESA PITT GREEN

Every survivor of abuse or trauma responds, as they heal, in a unique way to the hard-won wisdom gained through recovery. Fundamentally, each one of us contributes, contrary to caricatures in media, richly to their family, friends, colleagues and ever-widening circle of interactions.

My personal commitment, beyond deeper and richer ties with family and friends, has evolved over time into facilitating parts of the dialogue of reconciliation between survivors and the Church or other communities who failed to protect them as children. The rewards for me and people I encounter are astounding—deepening my own faith, healing and peace.

Yet, none of this wonderment in the small circle of my life would be possible if the Catholic Church had not taken—and remained committed to—child protection efforts at the level it has. Anyone can read

and see the impact. It surprises me how few Catholics have taken the time to do so—with so much at stake.

I am cautiously confident in the measures the Church has taken to ensure other children do not suffer my fate when in the care of the Church. If I were not, I would not have returned to the Church of my childhood. Doubtless I would still be a devoted Christian but return to the Church environment would have been psychologically and morally impossible.

Now, if only lay Catholics and people in society at large could move beyond caricatures of survivors as hopeless and priests as predators, we’d be making even better progress protecting children beyond the Church and at risk everywhere.

Teresa Pitt Green is an internationally renowned writer and speaker. As the adult survivor of child sexual abuse by a series of priests, she focuses her work on integrating

faith into a full-person recovery from abuse and trauma. Founder and director of Spirit Fire with Luis A. Torres, Jr., she promotes Christian restorative justice where child sexual abuse and other trauma has wounded individuals, families, and groups in a faith setting. Learn more at spiritfirelive.wordpress.com.

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Rosary for healing and protection

May is the month of the rosary. You are invited to use these rosary reflections in the month of May to pray for all impacted by child abuse: owensborodiocese.org/2021/05/01/a-rosary-for-healing-protection.

That all may know God's love abides in them

Annual prayer for protection and healing held April 19



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(Foreground) Fr. Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN, (left) and Fr. Basilio Az Cuc (right) attend the April 19, 2021 Evening Prayer for Protection and Healing at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. Bishop William F. Medley (center) leads the prayer service.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Over the years, people have asked Bishop William F. Medley if he has grown weary of repeatedly saying “I’m sorry” as the Catholic Church seeks to heal and acknowledge “the sin of our institution and the sin of people within our institution.”

He answers that he does – but that “perhaps that’s all the more reason that we must continue to say it.”

Giving his homily at the April 19, 2021 Evening Prayer for Protection and Healing held at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Bishop Medley called on the universal Church community to “repent of the

wrong and the harm that has been done – in the name of the Church at times.”

This annual prayer service coincided with April being designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“We must continue to ask mercy and pardon of God, and to ask mercy and pardon (from) those who were harmed,” said Bishop Medley. “From the parents of those who were harmed. From the siblings of those who were harmed. From the spouses of those who were harmed. From the children of those who were harmed. From the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren of those who were harmed.”

Because one thing the Church has learned, said Bishop Medley, “particularly about the harm of sexu-



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Janice Hendricks, coordinator of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Safe Environment, holds a candle during the April 19, 2021 Evening Prayer for Protection and Healing at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

al abuse, is that that harm is passed from generation to generation.”

“I don’t think there will be a time that we will say ‘we’ve dealt with that; we don’t have to talk about that anymore; that’s all over; that’s in the past,’” said the bishop. “Because wounds last a long time.”

Referencing the Romans 8:28-32 reading used during the liturgy, Bishop Medley stated that “nothing can separate us from the love of God who loves us, and abides in us.”

“And so, despite the failures of our Church, the Church survives itself as a wounded institution; as a wounded community of people,” said Bishop Medley. “The Church survives because God dwells in the Church.”

He said that the prayer as a Church must be that those who have been harmed “may know that the love of God still dwells within them.”

‘Helping them discern and do God’s will’

New vocations director Fr. Daniel Dillard assumes role June 8

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Daniel Dillard assumes the role of Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro on June 8, 2021, and says he finds his upcoming new position “daunting but exciting.”

However, he believes he is up to the challenge and responsibility.

Fr. Dillard told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* in an April 8, 2021 phone interview that “if we don’t have an effective vocations director and vocations personnel, we don’t get new priests, and if we don’t have new priests, the future of the Church looks grim.”

“Priestly vocations are essential to the future of the Church,” said Fr. Dillard. “If we don’t have priests, we don’t have the sacraments.”

He will be following in the footsteps of Fr. Jason McClure, outgoing Director of Vocations, who while remaining Vicar for Clergy is transitioning to his new role as chaplain and director of St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Fr. Dillard, who was ordained in 2009, said that his time as a pastor has provided great experience in ministering to those discerning possible vocations to the priesthood. (He is currently the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Franklin and Christ the King Parish in Scottsville.)

He told the WKC that if he sees potential for the priesthood in a young man, he makes himself available for conversation, but doesn’t pressure him to



COURTESY OF FR. DANIEL DILLARD

Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Josh McCarty prepare to give their first blessing to Bishop John J. McRaith at the end of their 2009 Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood.

enter the seminary.

As a vocations director, he said he plans to tell the young men he mentors that “I don’t (necessarily) want you to be a priest. I want you to do God’s will.”

The focus, said Fr. Dillard, is to “help them discern and accept God’s will.”

“I honestly believe that if all the men whom God is calling would answer, we wouldn’t have the priest shortage we’re in,” he said. “People have stopped listening to God’s will.”

Fr. Dillard said a key moment in his own vocational journey was making a TEC (Teens Encounter

Christ) retreat during his senior year of high school. He said Fr. Ken Mikulcik, who today is the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Russellville, “played a big role too.”

“I had a lot of people pushing me to attend the seminary,” said Fr. Dillard. But Fr. Mikulcik “didn’t push. He said I think you have what it takes; if you’d like to talk about it I am available.”

Fr. Dillard said this was “a much more effective approach for me” though he acknowledged that others might benefit from a different approach.

Fr. Dillard said one of his first priorities will be

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FILE PHOTO

On June 8, 2021, Fr. Daniel Dillard assumes the role of Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro.

“connecting more with the seminarians than on recruitment – building up a sense of community among the seminarians.”

He remembers that when he was in the seminary, he appreciated the effort to build a community among the seminarians. The community has remained strong and even today, he and his priest peers try to get together during the annual priest convocation, have lunch and “see how everyone’s doing.”

Fr. Dillard said he will work to help seminarians “have a community of support during their time in the seminary and once they are ordained.”

He also hopes to be “very involved” with Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. This summer, Gasper’s director, Ben Warrell, plans to provide a half hour at each camp for Fr. Dillard to talk about vocations – not to push for seminary signups, but “to implant the idea that God is calling you to ‘something.’”

In addition to serving as vocations director, he will also serve as the chaplain at Owensboro Catholic High School and as parochial vicar at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.

However, he said Director of Vocations will be his priority and “first job.”

“If I can help just a few of them recognize that call, and come to accept that call for their lives, I’ll consider my call as vocations director a success,” said Fr. Dillard.

Church must bring God’s grace to suffering world, says bishop during Holy Week 2021

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Unlike last year, when Holy Week and the Triduum took place during the temporary suspension of public worship due to the developing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 celebrations in the Diocese of Owensboro were able to be celebrated in-person – albeit with standard masking, social distancing and sanitizing guidelines.

Bishop William F. Medley presided at the Triduum liturgies at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, all of which were livestreamed at www.facebook.com/StStephenCathedral.

“It’s difficult to celebrate this wonderful Mass in a year of pandemic,” admitted Bishop Medley in his homily at the March 30, 2021 Chrism Mass, held at the cathedral. However, “by God’s grace, and the blessing of healthcare workers, scientists and researchers, we believe that an end is in sight to the extreme illness and death COVID-19 has brought.”

Every year at a the diocese’s Chrism Mass, the sacred oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Sacred Chrism) are blessed and distribut-



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(Left to right) Luke Payne, server; Fr. Jerry Riney, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral; Deacon Corey D. Bruns, seminarian; Bishop William F. Medley; and Romer Payne, server, participate in the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass at the cathedral on March 28, 2021.

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Assisted by seminarian Christopher Grief, Bishop William F. Medley consecrates the Sacred Chrism at this year's Chrism Mass on March 30, 2021, at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC

Luke Reffitt carries the processional cross during the procession with the Blessed Sacrament around St. Stephen Cathedral following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021.



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Per an ancient Church custom, Bishop William F. Medley removes his shoes to genuflect for the Veneration of the Cross during the Good Friday celebration on April 2, 2021 at St. Stephen Cathedral.



TINA KASEY | WKC

Assisted by Deacon Corey D. Bruns, Bishop William F. Medley sprinkles holy water on the faithful during the Easter Vigil at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 3, 2021.

ed to the parishes for use throughout the year. The priests of the diocese also renew their commitment to priestly service.

It is traditionally open to the public and held at the Owensboro Sportscenter, but this year was limited to priests, representatives of religious communities and several other parish and diocesan leaders due to capacity restrictions.

Bishop Medley hearkened to Holy Week 2020, when no one could gather for any liturgy during that time, resulting in a postponed Chrism Mass held finally on June 16, 2020.

The bishop spoke of the strain on priests from celebrating solitary, private liturgies for months – and the tragedy of being unable to visit homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, for fear of spreading the virus. He reflected on the pain of family celebrations diminished, postponed or altogether canceled.

“How does the Church – and not just her priests, but all the people of God – begin to heal these loss-

es?” asked Bishop Medley. “How do we visibly bring the grace of Christ to them?”

He said the Church's ministry of healing is not limited to the emotionally, physically and spiritually ill: “While the anointing of the sick is not intended for all brokenness, we must strive to bring the balm of human healing to all human situations and sins.”

By these, he included broken family relationships; the challenges faced by immigrants to the United States; the need for better care of God's creation; and the issue of institutional racism – which he called “a sin and a scar on all of human history.”

“Healing the sick was core to the ministry of Jesus,” said Bishop Medley. “Jesus has the power not only to heal, but to forgive sins. Moved by suffering, Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but makes their miseries his own.”

“On the cross, Christ has given us a new meaning to suffering: a redemptive suffering,” he said.

St. Jerome School and Museum continues to be active despite pandemic

BY JOHN CARRICO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Jerome School and Museum in Fancy Farm has been busy adding exhibits and doing renovation work even though it has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 4th Degree, second-generation Knights of Columbus regalia uniform used by the late Edward F. Pendel was donated by his wife Linda Pendel in memory of her husband. "Eddie" was a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Albert Thompson Assembly #1594 in Fancy Farm. Also included in the exhibit is the Knights of Columbus chalice of the late Thomas R. Elliott, donated by son and fellow knight Will Elliott in memory of his father. The mannequin was donated by Assembly #1594. The podium for the chalice currently displays the names of Knights of Columbus Bob Spalding, Eddie Pendel, and John Ed Ballard who are deceased.

The other new exhibit includes items used by Fr. Rudolph Charles Carrico, who was a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro born in Fancy Farm in 1904 and who was the son of William Constantine and Alice Bridget (Cash) Carrico. He was ordained a priest in 1931 and died in 1957. The items, donated by the Connie and Katie (Carrico) Thomas family, through the efforts of Robert Eugene Thomas, include his cassock, pipe, briefcase and correspondence, lock of his hair and picture, as well as items he used while he was a monk in Utah in 1950/51. Those items include a wooden spoon and fork, fabric sleeves and slippers with the number 116 on them, and a prayer cord.

Butch Hobbs, a member of St. Jerome Parish, built and donated the wooden podium and stands for these exhibits.

Work has been completed on the second floor of the school to provide heating and air conditioning to the hallway and the northeast classroom. Electrical and lighting work has been completed for the hallway and all four classrooms. A website for the school and museum is the final stages of development. We appreciate the donation of the exhibit memorabilia by our school and museum supporters and look forward to when we can once again have the facility open to the public.

John Carrico belongs to St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm and is a member of the St. Jerome School and Museum Committee. He may be contacted at (270) 331-0948.



COURTESY OF JOHN CARRICO
Newly on display at the St. Jerome School and Museum in Fancy Farm are a cassock and other possessions of the late Fr. Rudolph Charles Carrico, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro born in Fancy Farm in 1904.



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Spring Women's Retreat...

**Renewing Our Hearts:
Hope and Healing with
Julian of Norwich**

Saturday, May 22

English mystic Julian of Norwich offers contemporary seekers much insight and hope for these troubled times. Join us as we compare similarities between our own lives and that of Julian and Jesus.

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Retreat Leader: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU

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St. Leo parishioner displaying two paintings in exhibit



COURTESY OF MARY FUHRMANN
"Flight of doves with fledglings" by Mary Fuhrmann.

Mary Fuhrmann, a parishioner of St. Leo in Murray, has two paintings titled "Christ the light in darkness" and "Flight of doves with fledglings" in the annual religious art show at the Ice House Gallery in Mayfield.

Fuhrmann says she is grateful to the Ice House Gallery director and parishioner of St. Joseph in Mayfield, Nanc Gunn, "for providing an opportunity for visual artists, poets, musicians and writers to share their faith."

The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show runs through May 15.

Diocese makes donations in honor of international priests

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In May 2021, the Diocese of Owensboro will complete a series of pledged donations to the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez in Chiapas, Mexico. The pledge began in fiscal year 2017-2018 and was for a total of \$80,000 (\$20,000 per year).

Bishop William F. Medley said he had anticipated making this pledge prior to his 2017 pastoral visit to Mexico, and wanted to contribute to the seminary in Chiapas in thanksgiving for the ministry of priests from that region who are currently serving in the Diocese of Owensboro.

"Other parts of the Church are sending their most valuable resource – their priests," Bishop Medley told The Western Kentucky Catholic on March 1. "It bears repeating how different our Church would be if they weren't here."

Currently, there are 22 foreign-born priests serving 36 of the 78 parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro.

The bishop has also pledged \$25,000 to be paid out over five years to the seminary in the St. Paul Province of Heralds of Good News in India. Multiple priests from India currently serve parishes across western Kentucky, including many who belong to the Heralds of Good News religious community.

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| <p>Quilt Auction</p> <p>It's back! Online Quilt Auction July 26–August 6</p> <p>Last year's Quilt Auction was so popular, we are bringing it back! You will be able to preview quilts on the auction block on our website and Facebook. Different quilts will be up for bid every two days. ursulinesmsj.org • facebook.com/ursulinesmsj To bid, contact Carol at the information below. Good luck!</p> | <p>Escape to the Mount!</p> <p>TRIVIA</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 11</p> <p>Time and Location TBA Enjoy snacks, drinks, beer, wine. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams. \$25 per person.</p> |
| <p>Don't forget your Mount Saint Joseph raffle tickets! Drawing is Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. Bigger cash prizes this year!</p> <p>Get your \$5 tickets for a chance to win \$10,000! Or \$5,000 • \$2,500 • Quilt • \$1,000 • \$750 • \$500 • \$250 Order tickets online: https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle</p> <p> Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356-9999</p> <p>For more information, contact Carol Braden-Clarke 270-229-2008 • carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org</p> <p><small>License 0290</small></p> | <p>Q U I L T B I N G O</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 12</p> <p>1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Location TBA Play bingo to win quilts!</p> <p>Enjoy lunch and drinks. \$25 per person. One bingo card provided. \$1 games for small quilt prize. \$2 games for large quilt prize. <i>We will follow safety guidelines.</i> <i>Escape events subject to change due to Covid protocols.</i></p> |

Honoring Earth



Celebrating the Sacred Outside and Within

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Saturday, June 19

Join us for a day full of inspiration and practical information as we contemplate the sacredness of our common home – the Earth.

- Conference keynote by Kyle Kramer, Executive Director of the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center: **"Our New Sacred Story: Finding our Place in an Unfolding Universe"**
- Workshops (choose one): **Gardening and Your Health, Backyard Wildflowers, or Solar Energy**
- Join Dr. Emily DeMoor from Brescia University: **"Sacred Spaces and Moments of Grace"**

Time: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Morning Conference only: \$30

Conference, Lunch and Afternoon Retreat: \$55

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To register or for more information: 270-229-0206

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2021 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and community during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics should be directed to the parishes; contact information may be accessed via owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish.

Please note that the following schedule is tentative due to the COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. For the latest updates on dates for picnics, please visit westernkyatholic.com/parish-picnics.

| DATE | SERVING TIME | PARISH |
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| MAY 23 | Serving at 11 a.m. | Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic, St. Lawrence picnic grounds, Philpot |
| MAY 30 | Serving at 11 a.m. | St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville |
| JUNE 5 | Serving from 5-7 p.m. in parish hall; food court serving sandwiches 11 a.m. | St. Joseph, Leitchfield |
| JUNE 5 | Serving at 5 p.m.; drive-thru only | Precious Blood, Owensboro |
| JUNE 12 | Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only | St. Pius X, Owensboro |
| JUNE 19 | Serving and raffle from 3-5 p.m.; drive-thru only | Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro |
| JUNE 26 | Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only | St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho |
| JUNE 26 | Serving at 10 a.m.; drive-thru only | St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly |
| JULY 3 | Serving from 4-7 p.m.; carry-out and dine-in (if permitted); 7 p.m. raffle drawing | Tri-Parish Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser; Knights of Columbus Hall, 1219 St. Anthony Rd., Peonia |
| JULY 10 | Serving at 3 p.m.; drive-thru only | St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph |
| JULY 17 | Serving at 4 p.m. | St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley |
| JULY 31 | Serving from 3-7 p.m. | St. Paul, Grayson County |
| AUGUST 3 | Serving at 4 p.m., drive-thru only | St. Martin, Rome |
| AUGUST 7 | BBQ meat served via drive-thru at 11:30 a.m. | Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro |
| AUGUST 7 | Serving from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | St. Jerome, Fancy Farm |
| SEPTEMBER 11 | Serving time TBD | St. Agnes, Uniontown |
| SEPTEMBER 18 | Serving from 4-8 p.m. | Christ the King, Madisonville |
| SEPTEMBER 18 | Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only | Blessed Mother, Owensboro |
| SEPTEMBER 19 | Serving at 11 a.m. | Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic, St. Lawrence picnic grounds, Philpot |
| SEPTEMBER 25 | Serving from 1-3 p.m., drive-thru only | Immaculate, Owensboro |
| SEPTEMBER 25 | Serving from 10:30-4 p.m.; format TBD | Honeyfest Meal & Silent Auction, St. Elizabeth, Clarkson |
| SEPTEMBER 26 | Serving at 11 a.m. | St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville |

MAY 2021 BULLETIN BOARD

Please note: The following program dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

“Belonging to Love: Conversations on Living Prayer in the Spirit of Saint Angela” online May 13

In a time of disconnection and division, many of us are experiencing a sense of separation from one another and even from our God. We turn to the prophetic wisdom of Saint Angela Merici whose foundational invitation to her community was to lead a life of contemplative presence. What is this way of abiding in God? How do we see and love God in all things? How are the Ursuline Sisters living this out? Come join us for a deep and lively conversation including prayer and story each month that will help you explore how to always abide in an awareness of God's presence. These are free online Zoom presentations, but donations are appreciated. Our next program is on Thursday, April 8, from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. CST. It will be led by an Ursuline Sister as well as Maryann Joyce, director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/> Note: Save these dates for future programs: June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9.

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code is good between March 1 and May 31, 2021. Parishes and schools will receive their fundraising check by June 30, 2021. This offer does not include Together for Life, textbooks, Joined by Grace, everyday volume discounts or other discount codes, the Parish Book Program, and other usual exclusions. For more information, parishes and schools should contact Erin Pierce at epierce@nd.edu, or check out AveMariaPress.com.

Nominate a teacher for 2021 Educator of the Year

Attention parents and students of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro: has a teacher changed you or your child's life for the better? If so, nominate this teacher for the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year! Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination. The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the Diocesan Schools. The Outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2021. A committee will serve as judges. The winner will be announced at the 2021 Celebration of Catholic Schools event. This award is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the Principals Association. Access the nomination form at owensborodiocese.org/educator-award.

Register now for Gasper River

Registration for summer camps are now open at www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org. Space will be limited this summer so please do not hesitate and get signed up early to reserve your spot!

Kindness Campaign: Sign up to share a little kindness

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, are continuing a unique fundraiser to support their ministries and spread a little kindness in the world. The Kindness Campaign provides 12 inspirational cards to be sent monthly to the person of the donor's choice. You may wish to be kind to a health care or other essential worker, someone who is ill or homebound, a friend, a relative or a neighbor. This

service will be provided for a contribution of \$50 to the Ursuline Sisters. You are both spreading kindness and helping the Ursuline Sisters continue their ministries. The new cards will begin in June, but we can accept signups later. To request an order form, contact Carol Braden-Clarke at 270-229-2008, carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/kindness-campaign/>

Spiritual companionship offered in difficult times

Do you desire a kind of friendship that welcomes you to share and discern how God is present in your life these days? Would you benefit from deep listening surrounded by compassion instead of judgement? If so, a spiritual mentor/companion may be right for you at this time. The Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky., offers spiritual direction with Ursuline Sisters or staff. Currently, outreach has expanded to meet needs during this difficult time. Spiritual direction is being offered online via Zoom until it is safe to meet in person. Please feel free to reach out and contact Maryanne Joyce at 270-229-0200 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org. You can also find out more online at www.ursulinesmsj.org/spiritual-life-office/

Book for trauma survivors

A message from the Office of Safe Environment: Liturgical Press has a book titled *You Have Set Us Free: Scriptural Reflections for Trauma Survivors*, by Kenneth W. Schmidt. It is a well-written book of spiritual reflections for trauma survivors. It pulls together Jesus's suffering, the pain of trauma survivors and the scriptures in a wonderful way. To learn more, contact the Office of Safe Environment at owensborodiocese.org/safe, or email Janice.Hendricks@pastoral.org. The book may be purchased at <https://litpress.org/Products/4712/You-Have-Set-Us-Free>.

Free Natural Family Planning opportunity

Thanks to a partnership with the St. Augustine Institute, the Diocese of Owensboro is now offering FREE instruction in the Billings Method of NFP throughout 2021! This offer includes 5 sessions with one of our trained instructors and any Catholic married or engaged couple in our Diocese (where at least one spouse is a practicing Catholic) is eligible. Contact Martha Winn to begin today! 270-796-2972 or 270-791-9434.

St. John the Evangelist Parish celebrates Solemnity of St. Joseph in the Year of St. Joseph

BY FR. BRUCE FOGLE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah, during this Year of St. Joseph we began the year by reciting the Litany of St. Joseph or a prayer to St. Joseph after our Wednesday Masses, as well as after any Mass on the 19th of each month. Praying each of the invocations of the Litany of St. Joseph certainly shows St. Joseph's concern for all the members of the Body of Christ. We even made a video for all the shut-ins of our parish to pray the Litany and posted it on our parish website, stjohnpaducah.com.

We prepared a St. Joseph Altar during the month of March (traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph) with six-day votive candles encouraging people to bring their petitions to this powerful, yet humble, saint for his intercession before the throne of his Foster-Son, Jesus. People used this opportunity to pray for: husbands, fathers, the sick, the unemployed, for protection against the attacks of the devil, and for the grace for a holy and happy death.

On March 10-18, the parish at large prayed the Novena to St. Joseph. We pondered different aspects of our dear St. Joseph's life: Foster-Father of Jesus, Virginal Husband of Mary, Man chosen by the Blessed Trinity, Faithful Servant, Patron of the Church, Patron of Families, Patron of Workers, Friend in Suffering, and Patron of a Happy Death. The graces and insights of this novena to St. Joseph helped us to prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, on March 19.

On March 19, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and 6 p.m.



COURTESY OF FR. BRUCE FOGLE
St. Joseph's Table on March 19th with blessed "sweet treats" at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah.

Stations of the Cross, the parish of St. John's blessed and celebrated (with pandemic guidelines in place) the traditional St. Joseph's Table. The St. Joseph's Table is rich in history among many countries as a "thank you" to St. Joseph's protection for individuals, families, communities and nations. So, after the morning Mass and evening Stations of the Cross, packets of "sweet treats" – professionally baked and packaged by a local caterer (DeeDee's Delights) with CDC guidelines in place – were blessed and distributed to all.

Hopefully by these little devotions and the Year



COURTESY OF FR. BRUCE FOGLE
The March St. Joseph altar for the faithful's intentions at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah.

of St. Joseph we at St. John the Evangelist in Paducah will grow in devotion, love and dependence upon our dear and loving St. Joseph.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Fr. Bruce Fogle is the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah.

Volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul provided Paducah woman with friendships, purpose in life

BY SUZANNE WARREN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I think many people become a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society because it completes something in them. They feel something is missing in their life, or there is a stress that is overwhelming; they may have a feeling of loneliness or they feel unappreciated.

Mine was stress. In 2007 I was working full time at WPSD-TV and my mother, with whom I was very close, had cancer. Before my sister moved back to Paducah to help out, I would check on Mom at lunch and spend every night with her (God bless my patient husband, Nick). This went on for several months until her death. Shopping was a stress reliever and I'd find myself stopping by St. Vincent's Budget Store to look around and just be with people.

The store manager at the time, Vicki Elliott, asked me numerous times why I didn't volunteer there and I'd say, "When I retire." I retired in 2013, I kept my word, and started volunteering at St. Vincent's.

I sorted clothes on Fridays and eventually made wonderful friends who I looked forward to being with every week. The clothes we put out on the sales floor brought in money that went to our Paducah St. Vincent de Paul Helpline (and Mayfield's too). Then I was asked to be on the SVDP conference board and be the secretary. I said yes – and before you know it I was conference president and eventually added a district president position.

I moved from the store operation to the Helpline and how eye-opening that was. I never realized the number of people in our county who were struggling

to make ends meet. I also realized how important the store was to funding the Helpline so we could assist people with their needs. We hand out the assistance, but it's the people who shop with us and the people who give donations who make it all happen.

I have made many friends and I continue to feel that I have a place in society and that I'm doing something that benefits others. And not just those who come to us for assistance and shopping, but also those volunteers who need a welcome place to be.

I highly recommend volunteering at St. Vincent's. We have many locations throughout western Kentucky. All have the same goals of friendship, spirituality, and service. Come join us!

Suzanne Warren belongs to St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah.

Christ the King Parish, School and Daycare team up on new initiative open to local community

BY FR. CARL MCCARTHY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Christ the King Parish, School, and Daycare in Madisonville have teamed up together and are working on a new stewardship initiative called Ramsey+. As a Church we have heard the word stewardship many times and we understand it to mean the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. We believe in the biblical principles of stewardship that as Catholics we are called to give back to God what God has giving to us, and that means everything. However, over time words can lose their punch and

their meaning. Stewardship is one of those words that for some has come to mean giving more money. The leadership at Christ the King wants to do something about that, so we are launching the Ramsey+ initiative to teach the true value of money and how to use it for the good of all.

Many of us are familiar with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. For the past 25 years, Financial Peace University (FPU) has taught ways of handling money. Millions of people have taken the class and seen the life-changing benefits that come from learning the truth about money. Dave Ramsey has now established what is called Ramsey+.

Ramsey+ takes the same principles from FPU to help people create lasting money habits. So, what exactly is Ramsey+, and how is it different from Financial Peace University?

Financial Peace University is taught in a nine-lesson class. Members come together as a group to watch video lessons and talk through discussion questions. After the class is over, graduates are responsible for continuing their financial journey on their own. Ramsey+, on the other hand, walks with people throughout their entire financial journey. Ramsey+ still includes FPU, but the Ramsey team is constantly adding more resources to help people

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What's your story?

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, OFFICE OF
EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Dear friends,

If you are like me, you thrive in the 50-day Easter season leading up to Pentecost. There is so much to appreciate and enjoy during this season. I work hard to be a positive and hope-filled person, which seems easier when life is bursting forth all around us in spring!

Have you ever had a friend that is hard to hang out with, because their demeanor is like Eeyore in Winnie the Pooh? It takes so much energy to stay positive and hopeful, when all someone can see is doom and gloom. As much as we know that our attitude is a choice, we all sometimes feel a bit like Eeyore and need the energy and new life of Easter to set us straight!

God is so good! No matter where you are in life, or what you have been through, having an encounter with Jesus changes everything. Maybe you're a Catholic that wonders if you ever had that encounter? You might have a hard time seeing how God has worked in your life. I am convinced that as Americans we are doers and we just keep on doing life until we cannot do it anymore. And then, at the end of life, many people slow down enough to look back over their "dash" and see the blessings of God all over - but it takes reflection and that only happens

when we slow down and just "be" for a moment, instead of always doing. Reflection is key. And we all have a story of faith.

I invite you this Easter to enjoy the Sunday readings about the Early Church and the love and mercy of God that overflows from our Easter scriptures. I encourage you to take time each day to pause and sit with God and appreciate the gift of the present moment. Ask for the eyes of faith to discover how active and alive Christ is in your life and allow yourself to be overwhelmed by God's love. And if you have never paused to consider the story of your life and God's interaction, I invite you to slow down, reflect and write out your story of faith.

The U.S. bishops put it like this: "Your lives are a witness of faith. Whether you were baptized as a child or joined the Church as an adult, you have a story of faith. Whether you sincerely live your faith in quiet or have a great public ministry, you have a story of faith. Whether you have a grade-school knowledge of the Catechism or have a theological degree, you have a story of faith. We all have - and are - stories of faith, for through the Spirit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ takes hold of us in the proclamation of his Word, and Jesus touches us in the celebration of his sacraments. When this genuinely happens, we are all set ablaze by his love" (USCCB, *Go Make Disciples*, 1991).

fingerprints, it gives families and individuals a greater ability to use their money as a gift from God.

Christ the King launched Ramsey+ in mid-April and will be hosting a in-person Financial Peace University Class beginning April 26. These money teaching tools are not only available to the people at Christ the King, but it is open to anyone throughout



STORIES OF FAITH: CHURCH WITNESSES THEN AND NOW

Celebrate the Easter Season

April 7-May 19

Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM

Join us to pray, read, share, listen and learn about the importance of sharing our faith stories with others.

Remaining special guests will be:
John Knight, Zach Ault, and Lori Lewis.
Hosted by Dr. Jeff Andrini, the Director of
Evangelization and Discipleship
for the Diocese of Owensboro.

owensborodiocese.org/stories-of-faith

You are invited to join others from across our diocese on Wednesday evenings during the Easter season, via Zoom, for a one-hour session celebrating the faith of the Early Church and hearing stories from current Catholics about their faith journeys. It goes through May 19! Join us as we witness to our Easter Faith! Learn more or register here: <https://owensborodiocese.org/stories-of-faith>.

Dr. Jeff Andrini is the director of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship. Send comments to jeff.andrini@pastoral.org.

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continue to win with money. They've rolled all of their content, tools and resources into one all-access membership that helps people lead a life of financial peace. The good news is that all of this Ramsey+ content is available on your personal computer, table, or smartphone. With this information at your

the Madisonville and Hopkins County community.

To learn more about Ramsey + or to register go to the website at ChristtheKingCatholicChurch.org or call Sherry Kittinger (270) 8721-5494.

Fr. Carl McCarthy is the pastor of Christ the King Parish in Madisonville.

‘It’s a beautiful vocation and a beautiful life’ says seminarian anticipating ordination

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Deacon Corey D. Bruns, a seminarian of the Diocese of Owensboro, will be ordained a priest on May 22, 2021, at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

Deacon Bruns, who grew up at St. Ann Parish in Morganfield, said he is excited about his first assignment, which will be serving as parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish and School in Bowling Green.

He looks forward to “letting people know they’re loved by God – that amid wounds, brokenness, and the craziness of life, (that) he loves them.”

“I am not becoming a priest for myself but for the people,” he said.

Deacon Bruns said that he has been blessed by the community at St. Meinrad – including his core group of friends, with whom he looks forward to continuing strong friendships as they all go forth into their own dioceses as new priests.

He is thankful for the priests in the Diocese of Owensboro that he has already come to know as “brothers.”

“They have started welcoming me early,” he said.

Deacon Bruns is also grateful for the support of the laity over his nine years of formation, which includes cards and letters sent to him in the seminary.

“Their support has meant a lot and means a lot to the other guys too,” he said, encouraging people to write to seminarians in order to encourage them as they discern their vocations.

He looks forward serving as “God’s instrument” by celebrating Mass and hearing confessions: “Being



COURTESY OF ST. MEINRAD
Deacon Corey D. Bruns will be ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro on May 22, 2021.

able to share the mercy of God – which I’ve received over the years – with others.”

Deacon Bruns credits Our Lady for her intercession and care throughout his journey to the priesthood, adding that “Mary has seen me through and she always looks out for her priests.”

He said he looks forward to visiting classrooms and celebrating Mass for the students of St. Joseph School, and has been practicing his Spanish so that he can better serve the Hispanic community at the parish.

“St. Joseph is the parish that made me want to



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC
Deacon Corey D. Bruns assists Bishop William F. Medley during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021.

learn Spanish,” said Deacon Bruns, explaining that he spent several summers at St. Joseph while working at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. (He hopes to assist at Gasper when needed, since it will be right up the road.)

Deacon Bruns said he cannot wait to “celebrate the liturgy with reverence and inspire people with the mystery of beauty” and to “be with people in the different aspects of life. In one day (as a priest) you can go from a birth to a death – the complete breadth of human emotion.”

“There are not many jobs or vocations where

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people trust you enough to be with them in their best moments and worst moments,” he said. “You might not know the person well, but you represent the community and the whole Church” to them.

He also offered a word of advice to young men and the parents of young men who are considering the priesthood: “Don’t be afraid to say yes. It’s a beautiful vocation and a beautiful life.”

Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ordination Mass will be an invitation-only event, but the celebration will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/StStephenCathedral.

Priests discuss archive plans, marriage prep, pandemic impatience

BY FR. LARRY MCBRIDE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Greetings from the Priests’ Council. We began our meeting of April 19 with the Litany of St. Joseph. Bishop Medley shared his joy at being able to be back on the road during the annual Confirmation season. He invited everyone to the prayer service to be held at St. Stephen Cathedral that night for the prevention of child abuse and for all the victims of child abuse. The bishop has led a prayer service yearly during April (Child Abuse Prevention Month) in various parishes across the diocese.

Fr. Tony Shonis and Edward Wilson (diocesan archivist) presented a plan for the diocese to collect an oral history from our priests. Similar to “Story Corps” which can be found on National Public Radio, priests will be interviewed around retirement. These interviews will be archived by the diocese for historic purposes, and clips from the interviews may be used at different times in diocesan media to inspire and inform.

Danny May, director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, engaged the Priests’ Coun-

cil in a conversation about the way that we do marriage preparation in the diocese. Danny feels that we need to update our marriage preparation to better align with our emphasis on discipleship and evangelization. He shared that Pope Francis continually emphasizes the need to approach marriage preparation and enrichment from a catechetical model. Another variable in the conversation is that during COVID-19 the diocese has been using an online component to marriage preparation which couples have found to be a good experience. Taking all of this into account, he recommends: Priest will meet with couple and do initial preparation and inventory; the couple will then be asked to do the online program; they will then be paired with a sponsor couple in the parish who will serve as a bridge between marriage preparation and enrichment. Danny was asked to return to the May meeting for a formal program proposal.

We closed the meeting with a discussion on pandemic related issues. We discussed current practices and life in the parish in the midst of the pandemic. I am sure that it is not surprising that many are hearing and experiencing a

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Nine Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrate religious jubilees in 2021

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Nine Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph of Maple Mount, Ky., are celebrating anniversaries of religious life this year. To read more about the jubilarians and their ministries, please visit the Ursuline Sisters’ webpage: www.ursulinesmsj.org/category/jubilarians. You can also follow the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Facebook where we will feature each jubilarian.

- Sr. Susanne Bauer, OSU**, a native of Louisburg, Kan., is celebrating 70 years.
- Sr. Clarence Marie Luckett, OSU**, a native of Greenbrier/Calvary, is celebrating 70 years.
- Sr. Helena Fischer, OSU**, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sr. Julia Marie Head, OSU**, a native of Stanley, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sr. Kathleen Kaelin, OSU**, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sr. Nancy Murphy, OSU**, a native of Curdsville, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU**, a native of Springfield, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sr. Betsy Moyer, OSU**, a native of Nebraska City, Neb., is celebrating 50 years.
- Sr. Marilyn Mueth, OSU**, a native of Paderborn, Ill., is celebrating 40 years.

'Truly been an honor' *Outgoing vocations director says today's seminarians give him 'hope' for Church's future*

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



FILE PHOTO
Fr. Jason McClure

It has been a privilege to serve the Church for the past eight years as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro. The ultimate role of the vocations director is to work with the diocesan bishop to secure a presbyterate for the future of the diocese. Additionally, the vocation director's role includes

helping men discern their vocation and encouraging every Catholic man to at least think about priesthood. In an increasingly secular culture, discerning a vocation becomes more challenging and so therefore also the task of vocation ministry. Nonetheless, I have always found that challenge to be an exciting one, especially as I encounter men of tremendous and inspiring faith, who sincerely want to give their lives to Jesus.

As I prepare to transition into a new assignment, I have many great memories of my time as vocations director. Chief among them have been the times

when we have been blessed to celebrate the ordinations of men to the transitional diaconate and to the holy priesthood. These celebrations are of such great importance for the men who are being ordained and their families but also for the whole Church. Testifying on behalf of the many people who have been involved in and responsible for their formation, has truly been an honor.

During these eight years, we have attempted many strategies for promoting vocations to the priesthood. Some have proven successful. Others, not so much. One accomplishment for which I am very thankful is the relationship established between the Diocese of Owensboro and the Diocese of Hakha, in Myanmar. As a result of this relationship, the Diocese of Owensboro has been blessed by two seminarians from the Hakha diocese, who by the generosity of their bishop, have been given permission to enter into seminary formation with us. Fr. Stephen Van Lal Than was ordained in 2020 and by the grace of God, Deacon Martin Ma Na Ling will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022. This is a response to the growing Burmese community in our diocese. It is my hope that this relationship between our two dioceses will continue into the future.

As Fr. Daniel Dillard prepares to assume the role of vocations director, I have told him that he will have some great seminarians with whom to work. Our current seminarians are good and faithful men, who have a sincere desire to serve the Lord, wherever that might be. They are courageous and their decision to enter into seminary formation at a time when doing so is seemingly more challenging than when I did about 24 years ago, gives me hope for the future of our Church.

Vocation ministry is crucial in the life of our Church. As I once heard it said, the world needs priests because the world needs the Eucharist. Please pray for Fr. Daniel as he prepares to assume this very important ministry in our Church. Although my time as vocations director will soon end, my hope and prayer is that by God's grace, my love for the priesthood might inspire men to consider this vocation as a calling worthy of their discernment.

Effective June 8, 2021, Fr. Jason McClure will begin his role as chaplain and director of the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, as well as ministering to Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center, while continuing as Vicar for Clergy.

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growing impatience with the current restrictions. Bishop Medley has recently sent out a letter to all priests and another letter has been posted on social media and will be found in The Western Kentucky Catholic (*Editor's note: See page 3 of this issue*) acknowledging the growing frustration and impatience. He has called us to continue to be patient with the process and to act for the good of all rather than what we personally want to do. The priests went on to discuss the day when we can welcome the full community back to church and once again reinstate the

obligation. We do not know the day but it gives us an opportunity to plan for the day. We want to be sure that we reach out to everyone in the parish when we open our doors and encourage and invite everyone to join us around the table of the Lord.

Fr. Larry McBride serves as the pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, and is the dean of the Central Deanery and the chairperson of the Priests' Council. Questions and comments may be sent to him at lmcbride@holynameparish.net.

Happy anniversary to the priests of our diocese!

In May we celebrate the anniversary of:

Msgr. George Hancock | Ordained 5/27/1947 | Retired
Fr. Richard Powers | Ordained 5/1/1959 | Retired
Fr. Fid Levri, GHM | Ordained 5/13/1967 | Retired
Fr. Maury Riney | Ordained 5/7/1977 | Parochial vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
Bishop William F. Medley | Ordained 5/22/1982 | Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro
Fr. Bruce Fogle | Ordained 5/21/1983 | Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
Fr. Tony Bickett | Ordained 5/21/1983 | Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield; and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish
Fr. Greg Trawick | Ordained 5/11/1985 | Pastor of St. Henry Parish, Aurora; and St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz
Fr. Terry Devine | Ordained 5/11/1985 | Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville; and St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
Fr. Larry Hostetter | Ordained 5/30/1987 | President of Brescia University, Owensboro
Fr. Larry McBride | Ordained 5/30/1987 | Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
Fr. Freddie Byrd | Ordained 5/28/1988 | Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
Fr. Bruce McCarty | Ordained 5/27/1989 | Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
Fr. Darrell Venters | Ordained 5/27/1989 | Pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
Fr. Dave Johnson | Ordained 5/27/1989 | Pastor of Sacred Heart & St. Peter of Antioch Parishes, Waverly
Fr. Richard Cash | Ordained 5/27/1989 | Chaplain of Owensboro Health Regional

Hospital
Fr. Tony Jones | Ordained 5/27/1989 | Pastor of St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
Fr. Ray Clark | Ordained 5/25/1991 | Director of the Propagation of the Faith and Director of Ecumenism, Diocese of Owensboro
Fr. John Thomas | Ordained 5/29/1993 | Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
Fr. Carl McCarthy | Ordained 5/27/1995 | Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
Fr. Mike Clark | Ordained 5/27/1995 | Pastor of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Brian Roby | Ordained 5/25/1996 | Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville; and St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
Fr. Brian Johnson | Ordained 5/31/1997 | Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City; and St. Anthony Parish, Grand Rivers
Fr. Dan Kreutzer | Ordained 5/31/1997 | Pastor of Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington; and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport
Fr. David Kennedy | Ordained 5/31/1997 | Pastor of Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, and Resurrection Parishes, Earlington
Fr. Mike Williams | Ordained 5/31/1997 | Director of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green
Fr. Lustein Blanco Grajales | Ordained 5/9/1998 | Parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Sebree
Fr. Eric Riley | Ordained 5/23/1998 | Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield
Fr. Tom Buckman | Ordained 5/20/2000 | Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Andy Garner | Ordained 5/26/2001 | Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Ashland
Fr. Randy Howard | Ordained 5/26/2001

Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown
Fr. Al Bremer | Ordained 5/25/2002 | Parochial vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah; Sacramental ministry, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County
Fr. Mark Buckner | Ordained 5/25/2002 | Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Utica
Fr. Jason McClure | Ordained 5/24/2003 | Director of vocations; Vicar for clergy; Chaplain of Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Fr. Daniel Dillard | Ordained 5/30/2009 | Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Scottsville; and St. Mary Parish, Franklin
Fr. Joshua McCarty | Ordained 5/30/2009 | Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Central City
Fr. Brandon Williams | Ordained 5/29/2010 | Pastor of St. Leo Parish, Murray
Fr. Steve Hohman | Ordained 5/29/2010 | Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Grayson County
Fr. Uwem Enoch | Ordained 5/29/2010 | United States Air Force Chaplain
Fr. Ryan Harpole | Ordained 5/21/2011 | Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
Fr. Emmanuel Udoh | Ordained 5/31/2014 | Pastor of Rosary Chapel, Paducah; and St. Mary Parish, La Center
Fr. Will Thompson | Ordained 5/31/2014 | Parochial vicar of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Gary Clark | Ordained 5/30/2015 | Parochial vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
Fr. Michael Charles Ajigo | Ordained 5/30/2015 | Parochial vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
Fr. Basilio Az Cuc | Ordained 5/28/2016 | Parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
Fr. Jamie Dennis | Ordained 5/28/2016 | Parochial vicar of Blessed Mother Parish,

Owensboro
Fr. Stephen Van Lal Than | Ordained 5/23/2020 | Parochial vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green

In June we celebrate the anniversary of:

Fr. Frank Ruff, GHM | Ordained 6/1/1963 | Sacramental minister of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County
Fr. Frank Roof | Ordained 6/10/1972 | Retired
Fr. Joseph Schoettle | Ordained 6/8/1974 | Parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Richard Meredith | Ordained 6/3/1978 | Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
Fr. Robert Drury | Ordained 6/2/1979 | Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman; St. Edward Parish, Fulton; and St. Jude Parish, Clinton
Fr. Ray Goetz | Ordained 6/6/1981 | Chaplain of Mount Saint Joseph; Part-time Lecturer of Theology at Brescia University, Owensboro
Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB | Ordained 6/1/1991 | Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan Tribunal
Fr. Julio Barrera | Ordained 6/1/2013 | Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam; and Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown; Director of Formation for Hispanic Candidates for Permanent Diaconate

In July we celebrate the anniversary of:

Fr. John Vaughan | Ordained 7/20/1974 | Pastor of Immaculate Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Jojy Joseph, HGN | Ordained 7/18/2008 | Pastor St. Paul Parish, Princeton; and St. Mark Parish, Eddyville

May, June and July Wedding Anniversaries

5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and More Than 50 Years of Marriage

Please send any anniversary updates or corrections to Charlotte Hedges, Office of Marriage & Family Life, at charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ray & Judy Taylor, 51
Ed & Ellen Higdon, 50
Jeff & Lynn Hofer, 40

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Robert & Anthonia Hagan, 40

Christ the King, Scottsville

John & Diane Beeckler, 56
William & Catherine Grapes, 52
Charles & Nancy Wooldridge, 56

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Richard & Sally Clements, 52
Jerry & Carolyn Crowdus, 57
Darrel & Darlene Cummings, 53
William & Phyllis Durham, 56

Davis & Tara Hunter, 5

Don & Joyce Hutchinson, 53
Stephen & Judy Lynn, 56
Bradley & Kelly Schneider, 25
Robert & Dee Dee Sellars, 50
Steven & Nancy Watkins, 10
Gerald & Cathy Wischer, 52
Rodney & Becky Yates, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Adam & Elizabeth Keithly, 10
Jim & Yvonne Mullen, 10
Khup Thang & Hau Cing, 10
Louis & Lenore Godla, 25
Travis & Cynthia Hudson, 25
Charles & Tanya Gries, 40
John & Linda Kelly, 40
Gary & Clara Verst, 40
Michael & Jane Ciarkowski, 40
Jerry & Carolyn Allred, 50
Glenn & Edith Lohr, 53
James & Carol Blackburn, 53
Donald & Valerie Salomoni, 55
William & Carolyn Siebold, 58
Jack & Georgie MacEachern, 59
James & Anna Highland, 61

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Joe & Betty Klaas, 40

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Daniel & Janet Hartline, 61
William & Karol Welch, 50

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Ronnie & Dana Payne, 40
Roy Lee & Gayle Ogle, 54

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Paul J. & Benita Martin, 25
William & Lillian Haynes, 66
Cecil & Janice L. Thomson, 59
James & Lenna Elder, 57
David & Catherine King, 57
William M. & Carolyn Cecil, 55
Allen & Margaret Henderson, 53
Samuel & Jean Payne, 53
Jerry & Charlotte Ann Moore, 53
William & Sheila Kyle, 52

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Josh & Kristin Bachmeier, 10
Steve & Etta Cooper, 51
Mike & Tina Edge, 25
Eric & Katie Higdon, 10
Bob & Sylvia Lovett, 55
Fred J. & Helen Meister, 52
Andrew & Samantha Payne, 10
George & Pam Randolph, 40
Tony & Celia Roach, 56
Joseph & Beverly Rudy, Jr., 51
Michael & Patsy Snyder, 53
Don & Shirley Story, 51
Ernie & Shirley Taliaferro, 51
Greg & Sue Wells, 40

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Raymond & Mary Barham, 40
Tony & Mary Edna Payne, 57
Fred & Melissa Connor, 25
Resurrection, Dawson Springs
David & Sheree Schreckenberger, 40

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

John & Mary Piercefield, 73

Aaron & Celeste Harned, 10

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Peter & Penny Galipeau, 40
Isaac & Mary Helton, 40
Marion & Diana Simmons, 54

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Eddie & Laura Wheatley, 25
Donald & Marietta Hagedorn, 55

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Roger & Linda Ruark, 54
John & Debbie Henshaw, 50
Michael & Jackie Pierce, 52

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Jonathan & Vanessa Crisp, 10

St. Ann, Morganfield

Ronnie & Kelly Nelson, 40
James Arnold & Rita June Wolfe, 57

Robert A. & Sue Beaven, 57

James W. & Susan Price, 51

St. Augustine, Reed

Herman & Martha Miller, 65

St. Charles, Bardwell

Chris & Samantha Toon, 5
Chad & Cinda Wilson, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

Clyde & Georgene Poole, 64
Shelby & Sherry Basham, 10

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Troy & Brenda Ellegood, 53

St. Edward, Fulton

Richard & Maria Hartz, 61

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Ron & Mona Johnson, 40
Dennis & Cindy Higdon, 40

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Johnathon & Hilary Liles, 5

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

William & Karen Carlson, 52
Paul A. & Linda Cissell, 51
Jerry & Leslie Teer, 40
Joe & Carolyn Saffer, 57

Anthony & Donna Lazzaro, 56
Joseph E. & Mary Pat Blandford, 63

Michael & Ascencion Koenig, 25
David & Kathleen, Casbon, 5
Lawrence E. & Mary Hayden, 66

St. Henry, Aurora

Joseph & Dorothy Sienkiewicz, 63
John & Marie Stepanek, 61
Casey & Diane Orłowski, 50

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Dylan & Jodi Stamper, 5
Grant & Jailynn Terry, 5
Matt & Lauren Hayden 10
Jimmy & Cynthia Elder, 25
Jerry & Mary Ann Carrico, 56
Greg & Carol Higdon, 52
Thomas & Mary Lou Curtsinger, 51

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Frank & Margaret Montgomery, 55

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Larry & Lou Courtney, 53
Paul & Judy Hayes, 52
Donald & Dianna Mock, 52
Dennis & Brenda Dickey, 40
Joseph E. & Celeste Russell, 67
Brad & Lisa Morris, 40

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Israel Arellano & Judith González, 5
Gerald & Dolores Frey, 53
Joseph & Rose Maxwell, 53

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Steve & Linda Jenkins, 52

St. Lawrence, Philpot

James Russell & Rose Mary Payne, 56

St. Leo, Murray

Ronald & Carolyn Reimer, 61

St. Mark, Eddyville

Richard & Marie Berger, 25
Florian & Karen Murdzek, 57

St. Mary, Franklin

Thomas & Julie Grant, 25

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

David & Rose Marie Cecil, 53
Dennis & Nancy Mann, 10

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Sam & Betsy Critchelow, 10

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Joseph & Jean Ann Rearden, 71
Robert & Doris Howard, 69
James & Mary Higdon, 60
Roy & Catherine Payne, 57
Eddie & Donna McKinley, 55
Melvin & Beverly Howard, 50
Joseph & Judy Edge, 40
Doug & Peggy Duvall, 25
Travis & Brittany Harley, 10
Jamie & Hillary Thompson, 10
Daniel & Elizabeth Robertson, 5
Jeremy & Jamie Hayden, 5

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Roger & Mimi Stinson, 40
Dale & Sue Milliner, 53
Charlie & Emily Drake, 10
Joseph & Agnes Kipper, 56

St. Paul, Princeton

Ronald & Sue Karst, 52

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Phil & Judy Keller, 52

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly

Gary & Phyllis Wolfe, 51
Burch & Teresa Wolfe, 50
Charlie & Linda Willett, 25

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Bernie & Pat Fendler, 63
John & Marilyn Brooks, 66

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Joseph & Joyce Payne, 55
Zachary & Myranda Hinton, 5
Bruce & Joyce Yeiser, 50
Don & Agnes Powers, 67
Joe & Sara Wathen, 40

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Bob & Linda Rhodes, 64

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Wallace & Rosemary Harris, 57
Mike & Beverly Himmelhaver, 64

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Daniel & Maria Bruzewski, 55
John & Kathleen Swinkowski, 52
Jack & Joyce Kotarek, 58

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St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Steven & Haley Roby, 5
James L. "Bo" & Jody R. Ivey III, 5
George & Sandy Hagan III, 56
Ronald & Jackie Jones, 57
David & Rebecca Millay, 61
Leon & Peggy Clark, 64
Daniel & Sally Halbig, 58
Larry & Darilyn Bishop, 51
Rick & Freda Rhodes, 51
Ed & Betty Wedding, 52
Robert D. & Joyce Ballard, 61

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Rosendo & Tina Pastor, 10
Randy & Marilyn Teitloff, 40
Bob & Marylou Caron, 51
Mike & Pat Hobbs, 51
Bill & Rose Ann Walker, 61

St. William, Philpot

Jordan & April Lynn Lanham, 10
Kevin & Colleen Hanham, 10
Thomas & Cindy Payne, 25
Wayne & Mary Haycraft, 25
John & Debra Hermann, 40
Clemie & Jackie Cecil, 63
Warren & Elaine Lanham, 51

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

Leo & Marion Alvey, 55

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

William Curtis & Cynda Wood, 10
Jerry & Cynda Storm, 25
Daniel & Joanne Barnard, 40
Bruce & Ilene Bullington, 40
Charles & Norma Bivins, 65
Richard & Emilee Ward, 55

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Roberto Cruz & Mayra Tirado, 10
Christopher & Theresa Bennett, 25
Douglas & Melissa Martin, 40
Eugene & Sandra Doyon, 55
Charles & Mary Ann Keel, 62

June**Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Tom & Betsy Fusco, 51
Bill & Joy Bach, 60
Alan & Sandy Ebelhar, 51
Russell & Virginia Corley, 61
Ben & Brittany Thompson, 10
David & Jennifer Henderson, 52
Ken & Linda Keller, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

Bernard & Rita Rich, 75

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Harvey Ralph & Kay Banks, 54
Pascal & Elaine Benson, 59
Paul & Phylis Berberich, 52
Ronald & Judith Bugg, 58
Brad & Nikki Butler, 25
Terry & Jean Carver, 40
Ronnie & Bernadine Cooper, 61
Richard & Cynthia Danhauer, 40
Richard & Joann Dziubich, 52
Stan & Sharon Gorecki, 56
Melton & Wanda Griffin, 51
Paul & Sue Kuerzi, 57
Kenneth & Judy Lapradd, 52
Romuald & Betty Mills, 59
Danny & Lisa O'Nan, 40
James & Maxine O'Nan, 65
Earl & Lynda Peters, 61
Chris & Carrie Powers, 25
Rex & Molly Roberts, 5
Tony & Martha Royster, 52
Larry & Virginia Sigler, 58
Joseph & Anna Wurth, 50

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Maung Tuang & Cing Siang, 5
Dylan & Allison Baker, 5
Christian & Cristina Polen, 5
Jeremy & Mary McGinty, 10
Jack & Stephanie DiDonato, 10
Bobby & Sarah Smith, 10
Brandon & Lacey Murley, 10
William & Marie-Veronica Traugott, 10
Dan & Claire Klein, 25
Timothy & Scotia Scott, 25
Vince & Kathleen Berta, 40
Kenneth & Linda Feeler, 40
Steven & Mary Lou Anderson, 40
Terry & Patsy Clayton, 51
Lynn & Sally Gough, 52
Charles & Leannah Mayo, 53
Ray & Linda Wilt, 53
Robert & Theresa Hoyt, 59
Robert & Elizabeth Crowe, 61
Richard & Shirley Jakel, 65

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Norman & Nancy Wheatley, 58
Robbie & Christal Riley, Jr., 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Joshua & Amanda James, 5
Josh & Stephanie Clary, 10

Joseph & Kelcey Early, 10
Darrin & Ginny Payne, 25
Dennis & Gayla Whitehouse, 40
Byron & Lillian Bowman, 40
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 64
Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 64
Robert & Paula Taul, 60
Clyde & Mary Fogle, 58
John & Nancy Lewis, 56
Ronnie & Judy Peach, 55
Walter & Margaret Knott, 55
Harold & Barbara Johnson, 54
David & Barbara Weidner, 52
Robert & Vicky Cundiff, 50

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Mark & Martha Abshier, 50
Charles & Lucy Adams, 64
Billy & Sally Buford, 52
David & Ginny Coomes, 10
Michael & Lindsey Dunn II, 10
Adam & Krystal Flowers, 10
Gerald & Kathleen Gray, 53
Larry & Brenda Hayden, 50
Aaron & Alison Keesler, 10
Robin & Cynthia Owens, 40
Nathan & Lauren Waninger, 10
Stephen & Lisa Weaver, 25
Bob & Kaye Wethington, 63

Precious Blood, Owensboro

John & Mary Phillips, 59
Dean & Mary Hartz, 52
Roger & Barbara Bucklin, 42
Paul & Helen O'Bryan, 57
James & Linda Bowlds, 52

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Norman & Millie Thomas, 63

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Rick & Kaleigh Larson, 10

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Dennis & Loretta Boeck, 40
Thomas & Judith Hoover, 60

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Eddie & Judy Espy, 53

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Charles & Carolyn Buckman, 54
William & Brittany Riggs, 10
Dwight & Alice Grundy, 50
Jimmy & Linda Baird, 40

St. Ann, Morganfield

James & Margie Smith, 62
Blake & Elizabeth Lott, 52
Terry & Linda Wedding, 53
Thomas R. & Margaret Clements,

66

Jerry & Kathleen Thompson, 57

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Robert & Barbara Carper, 58
John & Carol Zarembo, 56
Larry & Ann Genette Payne, 53

St. Anthony, Peonia

Alfred & Alice Grant, 58
Minor & Anna Messenger, 56

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Joe & Lorraine O'Donoghue, 40

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw, 60

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

William & Debra Grant, 51

St. Augustine, Reed

James & Betty Davis, 68

St. Charles, Bardwell

Ken & Mary Ann Thomas, 25

St. Charles, Livermore

Philip & Mary Lynne Logsdon, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

Leo & Eileen Basham, 68
Todd & Terri Payne, 10

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Steve & Margaret Fey, 25
Gerald & Elaine Milliner, 54

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Frank & Faye McCarty, 64
Alan & Ruth Ann Thompson, 52

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

R. Gordon & Linda Williams, 53
Charles & Alberta Fox, 55
John & Donna Trogolo, 66
William E. & Cathy Ray, 52
E. Chris & Deena Kuntz, 25
Charles W. & Linda Hayden, 53

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Gary & Rosemary Snyder, 57
Leroy & Kathy Willett, 51
Ray & Barbara Wells, 50

St. Henry, Aurora

Richard & Rose Marie Logsdon, 52

Leo & Carol Repovich, 55
Milton & Mable Keifer, 70

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Derek & Natalie Driscoll, 10
Jodie & Anna Beadles, 10
Bryan & Kelli Cash, 25

Mark & Bonita Hackel, 25
Eric & Mandy Thomasson, 25
Danny & Theresa Thompson, 40
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 68
Leo & Willene Thomas, 61
Freddy & Janet Wilson, 53
Donnie & Eva Toon, 53
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Lawrence & Judy Seitz, 55
Allen & Carol Lynn, 40

St. John the Evangelist, Sunfish

Roger & Robin Bohannon, 40
James & Pam Hughes, 25

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Col. James & Judith Allen, 54
Lloyd & Susan Crabbe, 53
Alan & Adrienne Dieball, 63
Allen & Dolores Dodd, 70
James & Janet Hasford, 55

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Ken & Sharon Smart, 58
Joe & Nadyne Lee, 53
Lamont & Betty Miller, 58
David & Joyce Langley, 54
John & Freda Shull, 51
Clay & Michelle Vincent, 10

St. Joseph, Mayfield

John & Inez Lee, 67
William & Teresa Hamilton, 57
Junior & Barbara Hobbs, 51
Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 62

St. Jude, Clinton

John William & Karen Jane Hobbs, 40
Hal & Lynn Ann Jones, 40

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Logan Samuel & Julia Roberts, 5
Robert Keith & Therese Payne, 25
John & Sarah Boarman, 51
Joseph & Faye, Hughes, 63
David & Mary Wimsatt, 51

St. Leo, Murray

James & Janice McAllister, 60
Rocky & Debbie Shapla, 52
Roger & Mary Elizabeth Haney, 53

Brian & Ashley Bourke, 10
Norman & JoRae Peiffer, 62

David & Nancy Bell, 51

Sam & Erica Hunter, 51
Bill & Jackie Abbott, 40

St. Mark, Eddyville

Robert & Janice Chaplin, 51

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St. Martin, Rome

Harold & Joyce Ebelhar, 54
Bryan & Diane Lane, 58
Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 63

St. Mary, Franklin

Bill & Mary Sloan, 50
Edward & Helen Berry, 55
Kenneth & Teresa Garrett, 40

St. Mary, LaCenter

Chris & Tracy Moss, 25

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Joe & Jean Blandford, 51
Jim & Martha Kauffeld, 58
Larry & Dottie Elder, 56
Patrick & Rebekah McCarthy, 5

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Bob & Sharrie Cinnamond, 60
J. C. & Margaret Boarman, 59
Roger & Barbara Coomes, 59
William & Charlotte Payne, 58
Fred & Alice Howard, 56
Charles & Linda Onstott, 53
Chester & Tricia Masterson, 52
Randall & Dianne Hagan, 52
Jesse & Natalie Mayfield, 10
James & Debbie Peters, 10
Daniel & Rachel Wilson, 10
Austin & Laura Fisher, 5

St. Michael, Sebree

James & Nellie Daugherty, 40

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

John T. & Mae Raymond, 53

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Charles & Millie Mullican, Jr., 52
James & Debbie Edelen III, 51

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly

Eddie & Rose French, 64
Tim & Louise Tennyson, 53
Paul & Brenda Fredrick, 55

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Bob & Martina Darst, 53
Jerry & Anita Pidcock, 55
Merle & Marilyn Wysock, 65
Andy & Sherry Ferm, 25

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Roger & Dottie Kirk, 51
James & Annette Wimsatt, 63
Treven & Jennifer Nichols, 10
David & Barbara Galloway, 40
Robert & Alice Freels, 50
Roger & Elizabeth Horn, 40

Roger & Marian Jones, 40

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Jack & Mary Rita Neff, 59
John & Chelsea Whitfill, 5
David & Shirley Bland, 52
Adam & Katelynn Lucas, 5
Wayne & Martha Cashen 54
Dobie & Norma Fentress, 25

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Jim & Susan Camp, 53

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Michael & Kathy Hudson, 40

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Mike & Eileen Kehrwald, 55
David & Diana Burcham, 40
Charles & Judy Garnett, Jr., 55
Dean & Terry Duncan, 51

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Scot & Susan Sherman, 5
Derek & Ann Driskill, 5
Kyle & Erin Kamuf, 5
Andrew & Theresa Edelen, 25
John & Julie Moore, 25
Jody & Denise Hamilton, 40
Frank & Moggie Riney, 50
John "Frankie" & Theresa Jones, Jr., 54

Larry & Gene Lyon, 52

Robert & Roberta Berry, 56
Michael & Patricia Winstead, 51
James & Connie Demarest, 52
George & Pam Collignon, 53
George & Margaret Frey, 55

St. Thomas More, Paducah

David & Rosann Leis, 5
Devin & Julie Haneline, 5
Tom & Aimee Gruber, 25
Michael & Sherry Crumbie, 40
Robert & Patty Hughes, 40
Bill & Sheree Halicks, 40
Walter & Judith Williams, 50

Dan & Lynn Brown, 52

Ted & Stephanie Sims, 51

Pat & Linda Carroll, 54

Gary & Margaret Grueninger, 56
Thomas & Janet Montgomery, 68

St. William, Knottsville

Jason & Carrie O'Bryan, 10
Byron & Tina Howard, 25
Tim & Bethany Nealen, 25
Daniel C. & Pamela S. Payne, 40

Ronald & Karen Goetz, 50
Hugh & Marie Payne, 50
Patrick & Patricia Cecil, 60
Mike & Patricia Mattingly, 53
Dennis & Joyce Payne, 53
John D. & Annette Payne, 51
John & Brenda Haynes, 52

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

John & Melissa Neal, 5
Damian & Carrie Clements, 25
Chris & Kandie McDaniel, 25
John & Aggie Boehman, 40
Joseph Leon & Lisa C. Sheomaker, 40
Michael W. & Debbie Roberts, 50
Joseph & Monica Blandford, 57
Lyn & Rita Hardesty, 58
Tom & Joyce Haden, 58
Doug & Dorothy Hood, 60
Joe & Karen McBride, 53
Kenneth & Margaret Willett, 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Kelly & Mary Beth Jackson, 5
Philip & Elizabeth Tillman, 25
Francois & Kum Yon Coulombe, 50
Wilson & Frieda Augsburg, 54

July**Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Donald & Barbara Mattingly, 60
Joseph & Carolyn Church, 56
Kenny & Virginia Blandford, 51
James & Pal Fitzhugh, 68
Joseph & Patricia Hoskins, 53
Scott & Barb McGarvie, 40
Bill & Myra Carrico, 53
Bobby & Peggy Hicks, 55
Brent & Stephanie Millay, 25
Mark & Darlene Church, 25
Glenn & Mary Ann Snyder, 52
David & Shannan Hyland, 25
Richard & Judy Greenwell, 56

Christ the King, Scottsville

Theodore & Kathleen Gramm, 53

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Eugene & Veronica Compton, 59

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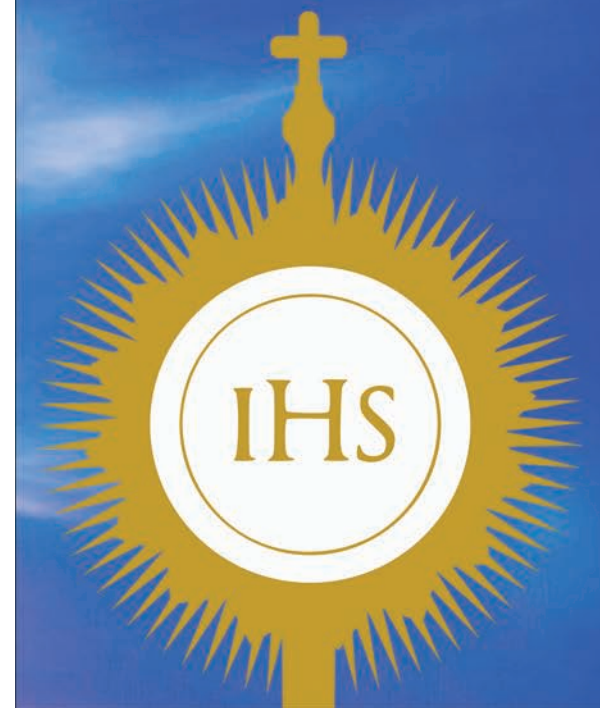
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Catholic Schools Office announces 2020-2021 One in Christ contest winners

BY WKC STAFF

On April 1, 2021 the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Owensboro announced to all principals the 2020-2021 winners of the One in Christ contest, which was open to all kindergarten through 12th grade students in the diocese's Catholic schools during the current school year. Congratulations to all of the winners; names are listed below in first, second and third place order. Congratulations also to Shealyn Mills, a 7th-grader at St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville, for receiving the 2021 One in Christ Bishop's Award.

Kindergarten

Alexis Henning, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg
 Caroline Hager, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg
 Mary Smith, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg

1st Grade

Margot Mangino, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
 Levi Toren, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
 Eli Critchelov, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg

2nd Grade

Addyson Ebelhar, Owensboro Catholic School K-3 Campus, Owensboro
 Elsie Hancock, Owensboro Catholic School K-3 Campus, Owensboro
 Lily Denton, Owensboro Catholic School K-3 Campus, Owensboro

3rd Grade

Sydney Groves, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
 Reese Hankins, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
 Charlotte Latta, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson

4th Grade

Scarlett Isenbarger, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
 Gavin Starks, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville
 Presley Ella Heavrin, St. Romuald Catholic School,

Hardinsburg

5th Grade

Abi Jo Roach, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville
 Grant Barr, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg
 Mason Greer, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville

6th Grade

Mallory Hendrickson, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
 Lana Flint, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
 McKinley Brown, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro

7th Grade

Shealyn Mills, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville *Also the 2020-2021 One in Christ Bishop's Award winner****
 Abby Sullivan, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
 Kailee Lanham, Mary Carrico Catholic School, Knottsville

8th Grade

Lily Rodriguez, Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Owensboro
 Claire Fleming, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
 Sydney Chambers, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson

9th Grade

Noah Girten, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
 Abby Jones, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
 Spencer Harris, Owensboro Catholic High School,



2020-2021 One in Christ Bishop's Award: Shealyn Mills, 7th Grade, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville

Owensboro

10th Grade

David Johnson, St. Mary High School, Paducah
 Nathan Hernandez, Trinity High School, Whitesville
 Kate Evans, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

11th Grade

Elijah-David Price, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
 Alyssa Frey, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
 John Michael Frey, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

12th Grade

Natalie Haley, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
 Jenna McDowell, Trinity High School, Whitesville
 Kendall Kessler, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 – Diocesan Schools

As an annual tradition for our May issue, The Western Kentucky Catholic requests and receives from the high schools and parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro the names of graduating high school seniors. Inquiries about these names may be directed to the corresponding schools or parishes. Congratulations, Class of 2021! **Please note:** This list is subject to change due to final grades not being reported until May.

Owensboro Catholic High School

Dale Adams
Logan Aud
Abigale Bahnick
Lydia Baird
Taylor Baisden-Wade
Morgan Beaven
Isabella Cardona-Bennett
Jaden Bertke
Wesley Blondin
Christopher Boarman
Wesley Bowlds
Aaron Buckman
Maximus Byrne
Hannah Carter
Maria Castlen
Madeline Castlen
Katherine Caudill
Madison Chino
Hayden Clark
Thomas Clouse
Kristen Corley

Kaleb Daugherty
Joseph Dixon
Hallie Dukate
Lillian Farmer
Delaney Flaherty
Savannah French
Reagan Fulkerson
Brandon Fulkerson
Joseph Fusco
Jarrett Gatten
Alexis Gehring
Jenna Glenn
Jenna Glenn
Thomas Gonzalez
Megan Goodwin
Anna Greenwell
Natalie Haley
Allison Hamilton
Amelia Hampton
Bailey Harris
Elizabeth Hayden
Robert Hayden
Richard Hayden

Catherine Head
Ethan Higdon
Reece Higdon
Samantha Hines
Cecilia Hmung
Charles Hobelmann IV
Emilee Hutchison
Lily Igleheart
Gracie Jennings
Kyle Joiner
Caroline Kanipe
Jade Keller
Kendall Kessler
Max Kurtz
Clayton Lewis
Camille Luttrell
Leann Lyon
Ally Maggard
Willow Matthews
Nolan Mayfield
Carter McCain
Alexis Miles
Harley Millay

Emma Moore
Alexis Mowen
Donovan Munsey
Matthew Murphy
Gabrielle Parson
Griffin Payne
Luke Payne
Alexander Peach
Hadley Phelps
Brady Phister
Caleb Ranallo
Jack Raymer
Molly Reed
Savannah Rice
Evan Scott
Michael Shepherd
Emma Silvert
Hunter Small
Nicholas Steele
Sailor Stich
Ronald Sullivan III
Ann Switzer
Vivian Terry

Clayton Thompson
Russell Tichenor
Nicholas Tillerson
Lauren Troutman
Madalyn Ward
Caroline Weaver
James Weaver
Jackson Willett
Anne Marie Wright
Mackenzie Young
Sarah Young
Olivia Zambrano
St. Mary High School, Paducah
Jack Bell
Lillian Brown
McKenna Brownfield
Griffin Crump
John Eck
Hailey Froehlich
Andrew Haas
Bryce Haas
Matthew Heath

Colin Hrdlicka
Jake Krueger
Megan Lorch
Michael Lurtz
Parker MacCauley
Abigail Nelson
Lawrence Smith II
Emily Veatch
Trinity High School, Whitesville
Katie J. Abell
Madison D. Aguilar
Benjamin C. Goetz
Abby K. Howard
Tyler M. Howard
Jenna K. McDowell
Jamison W. Mills
Clayton A. Rhodes
Brianna M. Rudisell

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 – Non-Diocesan Schools

Editor's note: These include students from public schools, homeschool, private non-Catholic schools and Catholic schools outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Blake Cecil
Jarrett Goetz
Elijah Howard
Ashtyn Husk
Anna Hyland
Addison Lear
Cassidy McCarthy
Barbara Sandifer
Audrey Schultz
Claire Schultz
Dalton Shaw
Olivia Taylor

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Austin Gough
Christ the King, Madisonville

Brock Jones

Christ the King, Scottsville

Sebastian Willem
VanderStroom
Gabriel Elias VanderStroom

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Grant Abbott
James Baer
Kandace Berry
Harly Ann Book
Evan Cherry
Brenna Cleavenger
Jackson Coomes
Reese Crafton
Caroline Galbraith
Kylee Garrett
Adam Gillham
Melanie Gomez

Ashby Greenwell
Hunter Hagan
Brenna Hagan
Warren Hazelwood
Thomas Hazelwood
Nicholas Herdegen
Caitlyn Honeycutt
Kaden Knittel
Blain Krampe
Erin Long
Isabella McChessney
Jason Miranda
Ashley Morris
John Phillips
Austin Plake
Ernesto Sanchez, Jr.
Jesse Santillan
Maggie Sauer
Gavin Sheffer
Halie Surret

Isabella Tichenor
Jonathan Vitervo
Savannah Warren
Drew Willett
Nathanael Wood
Allie Yates

Immaculate, Owensboro

Caitlyn Bell
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Tristan Carter
Hayden Clark
Kayla Clark
Cole Covington
Sarah Edge
Cort Hoblemann
Logan Hunt
Kendall Kessler
Mollie Mattingly
Emma Millay
Hannah Mills

Finley Munsey
Rachel Lynne Payne
Will Peak
Natalie Pfeifer
Rhianna Pickrell
Ian Powers
Casey Rynkowski
Daniel St. Clair
Madeline Ward

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Karly Booty
Rheanne Phillips
Samuel Snyder
Faly Stokes

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Emily Alvey
Caitlyn Blandford

Alexis Leia Gehring
Thomas Gonzalez
Anslee Hopewell
Hannah Horn
Alyssa Marie Lawrence
Camille Elizabeth Luttrell
Matthew Robertus Murphy
Malcom Reynolds
Michael Shepherd
Russell Wilson Tichenor
Cailey Warren
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Gretchen Pauline
Greenwell
Kelsey Paige Hite
Kennedy Nicole Jenkins
Kramer Elizabeth Jenkins
Zack Conway Mason

St. Anthony, Utica
Hannah Roberts

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Mallory Wilson
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Zoe Wilson
lileyah Braxton

St. Columba, Lewisport
Gracey Emmick
Adam Gregory
Michael Payne

St. Denis, Fancy Farm
Naomi Eve Ellegood
Aubrey Wiley

St. Edward, Fulton
Jasmine Sanchez-Cruz
Jesus Rico

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Gus Latus

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson
Chloe Cox

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Brendan Goggins
Kelsie Livesay
Kaitlyn Williams
Mason Wooten

St. Henry, Aurora
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Kole Wilson

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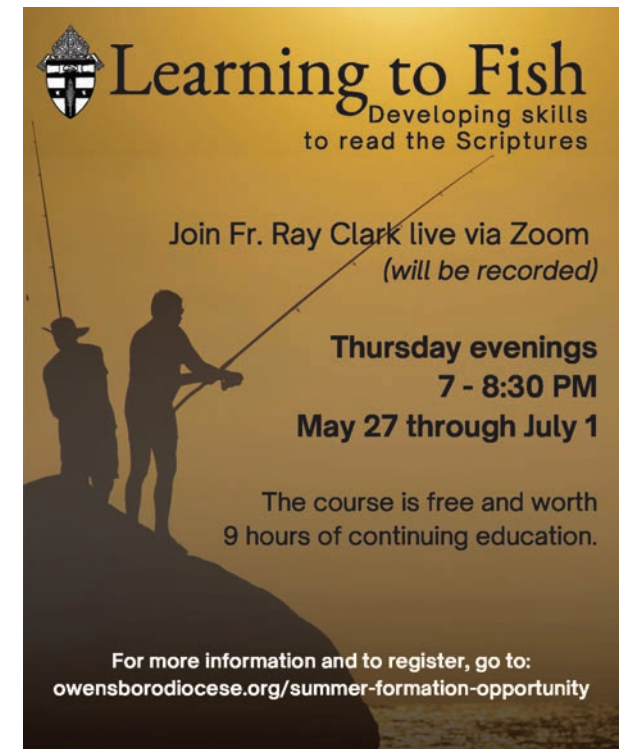
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‘Our Eucharistic Lord’ *The historical roots of the Corpus Christi procession in the Diocese of Owensboro*

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

Thousands of onlookers stand reverently on rain-sodden ground. Lining the streets under cloud-darkened skies, they gaze upon the Lord as he passes through their midst. This is not a scene of Christ entering Jerusalem, nor is it of his arduous trek to Golgotha; this is St. John the Evangelist Church, in McCracken County, Kentucky in 1938.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration that is over 750 years old. Awe-inspiring, it is rich with pious veneration for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The liturgy, reverently constructed by one of our most prolific saints, St. Thomas Aquinas, is renowned as one of the most beautiful in the entirety of the Church. The most recognized aspect of the feast is the procession.

The first Corpus Christi procession in the newly-established Diocese of Owensboro, following the partition of the Diocese of Louisville, took place on June 19, 1938 at St. John, in McCracken County. It consisted of over 1,000 men and boys. It was recorded that “despite threatening clouds and even rain in the morning” around 1,500 attended to witness the ceremony.

Following this, the Corpus Christi processions continued to grow larger each year. Two main processions began to be promoted by the diocese, one in “The Purchase” areas of either Paducah or Fancy Farm, varying by year, and one at Mount Saint Joseph, where it had been held prior to 1938. In 1939, approximately 6,000 attended the procession at the Mount. So many non-Catholics started to attend the event that the priests began to give “short sermons” to get those who were unfamiliar acquainted with the faith. As the processions and the onlookers grew, the displays became all the more impressive. The participants marched four abreast. Each parish represented, marched together under a banner bearing the parish’s name and location. The proceedings actually became so substantial that some clergy began to voice concerns about them becoming too large. Some began fearing that the vast numbers of people, many of whom were just there for the show, might be contorting the reverent ritual into a spectacle.

These issues would soon be of much less concern, as in 1941 America enters the Second World War. Following the conclusion of the war, much to the joy of the clergy and laity, the processions once again became a time

6,000 Attend Corpus Christi Celebration

Approximately six thousand people attended the Corpus Christi celebration at Mt. St. Joseph's Academy grounds Sunday afternoon, June 11. More than two thousand Holy Name men were in the line of march. Twenty-seven parishes were represented in the procession, each parish carrying the banner on which was inscribed the name of the church and the town in which it is located. The Blessed Sacrament was ex-

cession then went to the second altar in the middle of the grounds. There St. Paul's choir, Owensboro, sang the Benediction hymns. Then the second Benediction was given. Then back to the third altar near the chapel where St. Stephen's choir sang the third Benediction. At each Benediction the trumpeters, Messrs. Hart Rapier and George Weldon, both of Owensboro, sounded the taps. The solemn Holy Name pledge was then repeated by the whole crowd

master of ceremonies. Rev. A. J. Tompkins, of Uniontown, was general chairman of the entire celebration.

The American Legion of Owensboro, were in uniform to direct traffic together with the Sheriff of Daviess County and his deputies. Dr. J. McGary, and Dr. H. Medley were on the first aid staff on the grounds, with a number of nurses in uniform. Also three ambulances from Owensboro were on the ground ready for

COURTESY OF DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO ARCHIVES

News article detailing the Corpus Christi procession at Mount Saint Joseph on June 11, 1939.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ARCHIVES

Corpus Christi ceremony at Mount Saint Joseph on May 30, 1948.

to celebrate in a world at peace.

Even after the celebration of Corpus Christi moved to the Owensboro Sportscenter, in the post-Vatican II initiative to adapt to a changing world, it still continued to be a monumental occasion. The diocese even joyously welcomed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to give a homily at one such event in 1970!

Though the Church has seen many changes over the years, the eternal truth of Christ present in the Eucharist is still guiding Her. Let us love relentlessly this beautiful gift bestowed upon us by, as Bishop Francis R. Cotton put it, “Our Eucharistic Lord.”

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Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

La pandemia no ha terminado, ¡pero conocemos la Buena Nueva que tiene la última palabra!

Nota de la Editora: Esta carta fue entregada originalmente a los sacerdotes y a los fieles de la Diócesis de Owensboro el 14 de abril de 2021.

Todos probablemente puedan responder a la pregunta de cuál fue el mayor sacrificio que han experimentado en el último año de la pandemia.

Ha habido crisis económicas desafiantes y tensiones cuando la economía prácticamente colapsó y decenas de millones buscaron subsidios por desempleo. Aunque los niveles de desempleo han vuelto ahora a niveles más normativos, incluso muchos de aquellos que volvieron a trabajar han experimentado un aumento de la deuda y facturas no pagadas. Los propietarios de negocios que fueron cerrados temporalmente vieron cesar los ingresos mientras se mantuvieron los gastos.

La suspensión de las escuelas durante meses dejó a los administradores, maestros, padres y estudiantes luchando por crear nuevas posibilidades para el aprendizaje remoto en línea. Muchas cosas buenas surgieron a través de la colaboración y el trabajo en conjunto, pero puede tomar un tiempo largo para evaluar cómo las cuarentenas y restricciones han afectado el aprendizaje. Sospecho que descubriremos tanto el bien como el mal.

Sin embargo, una cosa está clara: se han alterado las relaciones humanas.

Las relaciones humanas se han alterado para todos. Algunos abuelos y familiares no se han reunido durante meses debido a una preocupación genuina por el bienestar mutuo. Se han perdido experiencias

familiares preciosas y formativas. Ciertamente, estos pueden y se están restaurando incluso ahora, pero no se puede recuperar una fiesta de cumplir cuatro años; no se puede recuperar la boda de sus sueños; no se puede recuperar el consuelo de estar con un familiar o amigo moribundo; no se puede recuperar el apoyo y la interacción que siente una familia cuando se reúnen en el duelo.

He escuchado a muchos hablar de la pérdida de presencia en la Misa como un sacrificio crítico. Es inimaginable que algunas personas que nunca habían faltado a Misa los domingos en sus vidas ahora hayan pasado un año sin poder estar en la iglesia. Oh, sí, gracias a Dios por las Misas transmitidas en vivo. Pero es igual. Y para aquellos que han regresado a la Misa, las restricciones necesarias de distanciamiento, uso de mascarillas y limitación de las interacciones sociales con otros asistentes a la iglesia nos han robado algunas de nuestras bendiciones.

Creo que hablo en nombre de la mayoría de los sacerdotes al reconocer el vacío que sentimos al celebrar las Misas en privado, una experiencia destinada a ser comunitaria. Oh, sí, la Misa y las gracias que proporciona son constantes y no dependen de cuán grande sea la asamblea. Pero somos humanos y los elementos muy importantes de la reacción interpersonal impactan nuestras experiencias.

El año pasado, nuestras primeras experiencias con la transmisión en vivo en la Catedral de San Esteban se produjeron durante la Semana Santa. Mirar hacia una iglesia vacía donde un solo operador de cámara estaba presente para decir “Y con tu espíritu”

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CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY MAYO DE 2021:

Tengan en cuenta: El siguiente calendario es tentativo debido a las circunstancias de la pandemia del COVID-19.

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| 2 DE MAYO | 8:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santa María, Franklin 6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Martin, Rome |
| 3 DE MAYO | 4:30 p.m. 250 aniversario del Primer Monasterio Pasionista – Monjas Pasionistas del Monasterio de San José, Whitesville |
| 4 DE MAYO | 6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquias del Sagrado Corazón y San Pedro en el Sagrado Corazón, Waverly |
| 6 DE MAYO | 9 a.m. Escuela Misa – Escuela Católica de Owensboro Campus K-3, Owensboro |
| 8 DE MAYO | 6:30 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santísima Madre, Owensboro |
| 13 DE MAYO | 2 p.m. Graduación – Seminario y Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad, St. Meinrad |
| 15 DE MAYO | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Día del Presbiterio – Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro 4 p.m. Confirmación – Capilla del Rosario, Paducah |
| 16 DE MAYO | 7 p.m. Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria Santa María, Paducah 12:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquias de San Pablo y Santa Isabel en San Pablo, Condado de Grayson |
| 17 DE MAYO | 5 p.m. Graduación – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, Centro Deportivo de Owensboro [Sportscenter] 10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal |
| 18 DE MAYO | 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRath (MCC) |
| 19-20 DE MAYO | 8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC |
| 20 DE MAYO | 3 p.m. Reunión de la Conferencia Católica de KY y de Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville |
| 22 DE MAYO | Reunión por Zoom con sacerdotes de la Diócesis 10 a.m. Ordenación al Sacerdocio del Diácono Corey Bruns – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro |
| 22 DE MAYO | 4 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Leo, Murray |
| 23 DE MAYO | 11 a.m. Confirmación – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro |
| 25 DE MAYO | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah |
| 26 DE MAYO | 6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Cristo Rey, Madisonville |
| 27 DE MAYO | 8:30 a.m. Día de Retiro del Personal del MCC – Owensboro 6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Inés, Uniontown |

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fue inquietante. A medida que pasaba el tiempo y recibíamos comentarios de que la gente apreciaba las Misas transmitidas en vivo, nuestras acciones tenían más sentido. Claro, todos sabíamos que la Misa era válida y apropiada, pero era radicalmente diferente de lo que estábamos acostumbrados y de lo que debería ser.

Incluso con una ocupación reducida, la capacidad de volver a dar culto en persona marca la diferencia en el mundo tanto para los sacerdotes como para la congregación. Sin embargo, los protocolos han cambiado nuestras experiencias: la Misa ciertamente no es un festival para ir a platicar, pero imagínense lo que significa no haber visto la sonrisa de un amigo o vecino durante un año.

Al celebrar la Pascua y la Resurrección del Señor, recordamos la profunda verdad de nuestra fe: Nues-

tro Dios saca cosas buenas del mal. La crucifixión y la muerte de Jesús fueron malas, como lo es la muerte de cualquier inocente. Sin embargo, cuando Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos, se ejemplificó la Buena Nueva (el Evangelio) de todos los tiempos. El pecado, la maldad, la enfermedad, el sufrimiento y la muerte nunca pueden tener la última palabra. El triunfo de Dios en Jesucristo y nuestra salvación será el último capítulo de nuestra vida y de toda la historia.

La pandemia no ha terminado. Todavía quedan sacrificios y pérdidas por experimentar y contar. Pero como un libro que podríamos haber leído una y otra vez o una película que hemos visto incontables veces, ya conocemos el final.

Incluso ahora, tal vez podamos mirar profundamente estos últimos meses y comenzar a nombrar al-

gunas de las bendiciones que han llegado. Quizás las familias se aprecien más unas a otras. Quizás podamos apreciar nuestra seguridad económica, o apreciar cómo otros nos han ayudado a superar nuestra inseguridad económica. He escuchado a estudiantes decir que no se quejarán de ir a la escuela nuevamente. (¡Ese a lo mejor no durará!)

Con un espíritu de fe y confianza, ¿podríamos considerar ahora algunas resoluciones pospandémicas que afirmen nuestra fe en la resurrección y la promesa de que Dios puede sacar cosas buenas del mal?

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Servicio de oración celebrado en la catedral para la protección y la sanación del abuso infantil

El 19 de abril de 2021, el Obispo William F. Medley dirigió las Vísperas por la Protección y la Sanación de la Diócesis de Owensboro, que es un servicio de oración que coincide con abril como el Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil.

Durante el servicio de oración, el Obispo Medley hizo un llamado a la comunidad de la Iglesia universal a "arrepentirse del mal y el daño que se ha hecho, a veces en el nombre de la Iglesia".

Porque una cosa que la Iglesia ha aprendido, dijo el Obispo Medley, "particularmente sobre el daño del abuso sexual, es que ese daño se transmite de generación en generación".

Haciendo referencia a la lectura de Romanos 8,28-32 utilizada durante la liturgia, el Obispo Medley declaró que "nada puede separarnos del amor de Dios quien nos ama y habita en nosotros".

"Y así, a pesar de los fracasos de nuestra Iglesia, la Iglesia misma sobrevive como una institución herida; como una comunidad de personas heridas", dijo el Obispo Medley. "La Iglesia sobrevive porque Dios habita en la Iglesia".

Dijo que la oración como Iglesia debe ser que aquellos que han sido lastimados "sepan que el amor de Dios aún habita en ellos".



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
El Obispo William F. Medley se arrodilla durante la Letanía para la Sanación en las Vísperas por la Protección y la Sanación del 19 de abril de 2021 en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro.



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El Diácono Corey D. Bruns

El Diácono Bruns será ordenado sacerdote el 22 de mayo

El Diácono Corey D. Bruns, un seminarista de la Diócesis de Owensboro, será ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro el 22 de mayo de 2021, en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro. Debido al COVID-19, solamente los invitados pueden asistir, pero la Misa de ordenación se transmitirá en vivo en www.facebook.com/StStephen-Cathedral.

El Diácono Bruns espera su ordenación sacerdotal y su primera asignación, que será la de vicario parroquial en la Parroquia y Escuela San José en Bowling Green.

Dijo que anticipa “hacer saber a la gente que Dios los ama, en medio de las heridas, el quebrantamiento y la locura de la vida, él los ama”.

Su consejo para los hombres jóvenes y los padres de hombres jóvenes que estén considerando el sacerdocio es “No tengan miedo de decir que sí. Es una hermosa vocación y una hermosa vida”.



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El P. Daniel Dillard

P. Daniel Dillard asume el rol de Director Vocacional

El 8 de junio de 2021, el P. Daniel Dillard asumirá el papel de Director Vocacional de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

“Las vocaciones sacerdotales son esenciales para el futuro de la Iglesia”, dijo el P. Dillard. “Si no tenemos sacerdotes, no tenemos los sacramentos”.

Además de este puesto, también se desempeñará como capellán en la Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro y como vicario parroquial en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro. Sin embargo, dijo que ser director vocacional será su prioridad y “primer trabajo”. El P. Dillard habla inglés y español.

La diócesis hace donaciones en honor a los sacerdotes internacionales

**POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL**

En mayo de 2021, la Diócesis de Owensboro completará una serie de donaciones comprometidas a la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez en Chiapas, México. La promesa comenzó en el año fiscal 2017-2018 y fue por un total de \$80,000 (\$20,000 por año).

El Obispo William F. Medley dijo que había anticipado hacer este compromiso antes de su visita pastoral a México en 2017, y quería contribuir al seminario en Chiapas en acción de gracias por el ministerio de los sacerdotes de esa región que actualmente sirven en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

“Otras partes de la Iglesia están enviando su recurso más valioso: sus sacerdotes”, dijo el Obispo Medley al Católico de Kentucky Occidental el 1 de marzo. “Vale la pena repetir lo diferente que sería nuestra Iglesia si no estuvieran aquí”.

Actualmente, hay 22 sacerdotes nacidos en el extranjero que prestan servicios en 36 de las 78 parroquias de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

El obispo también se ha comprometido a enviar \$25,000 dólares durante cinco años al seminario de la Provincia de San Pablo de los Heraldos de la Buena Nueva en India. Varios sacerdotes de la India sirven actualmente en parroquias en Kentucky occidental, incluidos muchos que pertenecen a la comunidad religiosa de los Heraldos de la Buena Nueva.

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Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

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Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie

7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234

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Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134

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511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

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Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

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702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

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Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071

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Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

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Para denunciar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su Fiscal Local del Commonwealth. Para reportar abuso, actual o pasado, a la diócesis por parte de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre de la Iglesia, llame a Louanne Payne, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (inglés) al 270-880-8380, o Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Coordinadoras de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información. Para hacer un informe de abuso sexual de un menor de edad o conducta inapropiada relacionada por parte de algún obispo, visite <https://reportbishopabuse.org/?lang=es> o llame al 1-800-276-1562.

La Iglesia debe llevar la gracia de Dios al mundo que sufre, dice el obispo durante la Semana Santa de 2021



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Con la asistencia del seminarista Christopher Grief, el Obispo William F. Medley consagra el Santo Crisma en la Misa Crismal de este año el 30 de marzo de 2021, en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

A diferencia del año pasado, cuando la Semana Santa y el Triduo tuvieron lugar durante la suspensión temporal del culto público debido al desarrollo de la pandemia del COVID-19, las celebraciones de 2021 en la Diócesis de Owensboro pudieron celebrarse en persona, aunque con las normas de usar mascarillas, mantener distanciamiento social y limpieza adicional.

El Obispo William F. Medley presidió las liturgias



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC
Según una antigua costumbre de la Iglesia, el Obispo William F. Medley se quita los zapatos para hacer una genuflexión para la Veneración de la Cruz durante la celebración del Viernes Santo el 2 de abril de 2021 en la Catedral de San Esteban.



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC
Deacon Corey D. Bruns lleva la cruz procesional durante la procesión con el Santísimo Sacramento alrededor de la Catedral de San Esteban después de la Misa de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo, 1 de abril de 2021.

del Triduo en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro, todas las cuales fueron transmitidas en vivo en www.facebook.com/StStephenCathedral.

“Es difícil celebrar esta maravillosa Misa en un año de pandemia”, admitió el Obispo Medley en su homilía en la Misa Crismal del 30 de marzo de 2021, celebrada en la catedral. Sin embargo, “por la gracia de Dios y la bendición de los trabajadores de la salud, científicos e investigadores, creemos que se vislumbra el fin de la enfermedad extrema y la muerte que ha traído el COVID-19”.



TINA KASEY | WKC
Con la asistencia del Diácono Corey D. Bruns, el Obispo William F. Medley rocía agua bendita a los fieles durante la Vigilia Pascual en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro el 3 de abril de 2021.