



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Lent, Catholic churches in the
Diocese of Owensboro
will turn on their lights and
open their doors for

CONFESSIONS

on Wednesday evenings

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(please check with your local parish for exact days and times)

*In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whatever
the sin committed, if it is humbly recognized and
the person involved turns with trust to the priest-
confessor, he or she never fails to experience the
soothing joy of God's forgiveness.*

- Pope Benedict XVI



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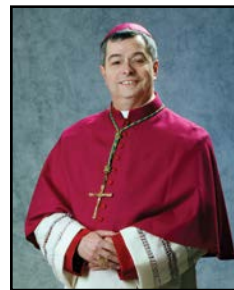
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My Dear Friends,

“Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.”

Though these words have been a core part of Catholic identity for hundreds of years, for many they have not been spoken in their formal context for a very long time, if ever. These are the words by which Catholics have typically begun their confession to a priest in the sacrament of Penance, also known as the sacrament of reconciliation, conversion, and forgiveness.

For some, regular Confession was an integral part of the spiritual life that somehow we have just gotten away from. Younger Catholics or adult converts to Catholicism may have never been taught the value and meaning of the sacrament. Some few have always valued this sacrament as an integral part of life in Christ, life in the Church, and life in family and community.



**Most Reverend William
F. Medley, Bishop of
Owensboro**

Why the sacrament of Penance? In Baptism all sins are forgiven in the grace of new life in Jesus Christ. But the new life received in Christian initiation does not abolish the frailty and weakness of human nature. As human beings, children and adults, we fall short, we fail to reflect the image and likeness of God we were created to be. Jesus certainly understood the frailty of human nature. He experienced firsthand the brokenness and sin of even his chosen disciples. Even St. Peter, called by Christ to be the rock upon which the Church would be built, failed miserably, denying his Lord and friend.

The failure of Peter and the other Apostles makes all the more powerful the institution of the sacrament of Penance through them. “Whose sins you shall

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forgive will be forgiven them!" We might look upon this sacrament as a sacrament of infinite second chances and this is certainly true. But it is a sacrament of conversion, a process to which Jesus always calls us because we have strayed from God's embrace by our sin.

During this upcoming Lent, to begin Ash Wednesday, February 13, the priests of our diocese have committed themselves to make available more times for the faithful to come to the sacrament of Penance and perhaps offer some instruction on the meaning and importance of the sacrament.

We join several dioceses across the United States who in recent years have striven to invite greater participation in the sacrament. The initiative is called "The Light is On For You" as a reminder that we are called to live in the light of Christ, a light dimmed by our sin. As best we can our priests have committed themselves to being available for confession on the Wednesday nights of Lent.

(Check with your local parish as there will be some variations in scheduling; many priests are responsible for more than one parish.)

"Confession is good for the soul."
The origin of this quote is unknown to

me, but seems an evident truth. We enter into conversion when we can acknowledge that our lives have not always been what we want them to be because we know deep down that we have not been what God created us to be.

Pope Benedict XVI has preached again and again that confession of sins can be a powerful participation in the Year of Faith now underway. The New Evangelization to which the Church is being called can only be enhanced when we seek God's grace.

We all know our sin. The Church, through the grace of Jesus Christ, affords many opportunities for good people to be reconciled. We experience this in the sacrament of the Eucharist, in reading Sacred Scripture, in acts of prayer and penance and self denial. But Jesus empowered the Church to offer his grace in yet another extraordinary way in the sacrament of Penance. Some may have had a bad experience in the past, others just got out of the habit, yet others never went to confession enough to understand its power.

This is an invitation to conversion, to holiness and healing. "The Light is On For You," and that light is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you all.

+Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for February 2013:

February 1	8:00 a.m.	Catholic Schools Week Mass, Christ the King, Madisonville
February 2	10:00 a.m.	OCS/Sts. Joseph & Paul Home Raffle Drawing
	1:30 p.m.	Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Hall, Owensboro
	7:00 p.m.	First Religious Profession, Sr. Cecilia Maria, Passionist Monastery, Whitesville
		Vivaldi Gloria - Music Performance, Jubilee Event
		Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
February 3	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
February 4-6		Workshop for Bishops on Catholic Bioethics, Dallas, TX
February 7	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
February 9	5:00 p.m.	Mass, Catholic Men's Conference, St. Stephen Cathedral
February 10	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
	2:00 p.m.	Rite of Election, St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
February 13	12:05 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
February 14		Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting, Louisville, KY and Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
February 15		Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
February 16	6:00 p.m.	OCES 7th Annual Auction, Brescia University
February 17	2:00 p.m.	Rite of Election, St. Stephen Cathedral
	7:00 p.m.	Rite of Election, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
February 18	9:30 a.m.	Priest Personnel Board Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting
February 20	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Mary Carrico Memorial School
	6:30 - 8:00	"Light is on for You", Sacrament of Reconciliation (check the website for location - www.rcdok.org)
February 21-22		Brescia University Board Meeting
February 27	6:30 - 8:00	"Light is on for You", Sacrament of Reconciliation (check the website for location - www.rcdok.org)
February 28	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, St. Paul, Leitchfield

You Are Invited To Continue Celebrating Jubilee with the Diocese

The February, 2012 Western Kentucky Catholic (WKC) carried a front page article announcing that the Diocese of Owensboro would be celebrating 75 years as a diocese beginning with the April 3, 2012 Chrism Mass and concluding with the Chrism Mass in 2013. Beginning with the March, 2012 edition, the WKC featured each month pictures and brief histories of the parishes in the diocese which were compiled by the Diocesan Archives Office. The histories highlighted the contributions that each parish has made to our Catholic heritage. Eight more brief parish histories are found in this edition beginning on page 5.

As a diocesan-wide journey of spiritual renewal centered on Jesus Christ, Arise Together in Christ/Levatnate Unamonos en Christo was introduced during the 2012 Chrism Mass for the diocese in January, 2012, and included as a primary



In the picture above, Bishop William F. Medley elevated the Body of Christ during the Dec. 8 Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as Deacon Tim Nugent elevated the Blood of Christ. Diacone Heriberto Rodriguez, Saints Mary & James and Saint Susan Parishes, is at right.

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Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public. You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

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4 February, 2013 **ARISE Together In Christ**

"For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."
Matthew 18:20

ARISE Season One groups met in October/November. Almost 350 parishioners (31 groups) followed these words found in Matthew's gospel as they met weekly for 90 minutes for six weeks to study "Encountering Christ Today." Season One focused on the truth that as promised, Christ is always present in our lives. Based on the gospels, members reflected on the scripture reading, shared how it related to their lives and prayed together. They also talked about ways of living out our faith, just as the earliest communities took the words to heart and incorporated them into their daily life. The informal groups, led by a facilitator, consist of 8 to 14 fellow parishioners meeting in homes, at church or at St. Margaret Chapel. The small groups gather as a sharing community, open to the spirit of God, seeking to grow in faith and in their relationship with God, and one another. Through sharing and fellowship, new friendships are being made.

ARISE Season Two, "Change Our Hearts," will begin the week of February 10 (Lent) and groups once again will meet for 90 minutes once a week for six weeks, using a study guide. Even if you did not participate in Season One, you can still sign up to join a group for Season Two. All are welcome, including those of different faiths. Be watching the bulletin and website for more information on how first-time participants can sign up. Established groups will continue to meet when Season Two begins. There are a total of five seasons in ARISE. We are fortunate to also have our Hispanic community participating in ARISE/LEVANTATE. According to Matthew, Church is not a building but people called together by God. ARISE/LEVANTATE encourages and challenges us to strengthen our sense of community at Holy Name. We are hearing great things about ARISE at Holy Name:

Steve Sellars: "My ARISE group is a huge blessing to me. I know the Holy Spirit had a hand in bringing our group members together. It's wonderful that nine guys can come together to share their faith in a men's group. With all of our backgrounds, there is great knowledge around our table about the Bible, Catholicism, and the saints. We have a lot



**ARISE/LEVANTATE is a Diocese of
Owensboro 75th Anniversary
Jubilee Event**

to offer each other."

John & Jeanie Burke: "Each week we attended our ARISE meetings, we felt a deepening of our faith. The weekly suggestions to put our faith into practice focused on living the lessons we studied. We are grateful for this opportunity to learn, share and come closer with those in our group. We look forward to our Lenten gathering!"

Mary Stone: "I have really enjoyed my weekly ARISE meetings. I think that sometimes we have a tendency to only see our own viewpoints and this gives us an opportunity to discuss the way others interpret the different readings. This is a way to help us grow in our faith."

Doug Wathen: "The ARISE program has been a wonderful experience for me. I was skeptical being in an all men's group, but it has been working very well. We have really bonded as a group, and I think part of the reason is because we are all male. I have found myself sharing on some very personal things that I probably would not have shared if women were present. It has worked very well for our group."

Pam Mullins: "The ARISE meetings have been special to me because of the new friendships formed and the sharing of faith."

David & Melissa Byrne: "We have learned what a great community we have in our church and we are looking forward to the next group meetings. ARISE is a much needed action taken by our church in helping us to learn more about our church."



Ginger Simpson: "I missed the deadline for enrolling in Season One, so I thought I would wait until Season Two. A chance meeting with Elaine Benson, an ARISE group leader, showed me how easy it was to join a group; I already knew the hosts and several members. I am grateful that Elaine and Pascal took me in, and they didn't even make me learn to dance!"

Ranni Dillard: "Our ARISE group put faith into action by providing a Thanksgiving dinner for clients at Matthew 25. Members that could not attend the midday function helped provide the food. It is a great experience for all." Many thanks go out to everyone who has made the Holy Name. ARISE program a success! Submitted with gratitude from your ARISE Core Team: Coordinators – Beth Royster & Pattye Tweddell; Tammy Baird, Diana Barron,

Reprinted from Voices In The Parish, newsletter for Holy Name Church, Henderson, Christmas, 2012, page 6.

Cathedral Preschool

600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year begins in February, 2013. Families with children currently enrolled will have the week beginning February 4, 2013 to register. Forms will automatically be sent home to them. Registration for families new to the preschool will begin on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. Information and forms may be obtained by calling (270) 926-1652 or by logging on the website at www.cathedralpreschool.com

Classes are 3 hours long for 3, 4 year old with a choice of 2 day, 3 day and 4 day morning or afternoon. The 5 year olds come Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. This class is designed for children not ready for all-day kindergarten. Some classes fill quickly so register early!





Christ the King, Madisonville

Bishop Henry Soenneker's announcement on January 20, 1968 of the creation of Christ the King at Madisonville meant that the city would no longer be without a Catholic parish. After the completion of a parish hall, work began on the contemporarily designed church building and Bishop Soenneker dedicated the parish church on June 15, 1969. Parishioners from Christ the King established Madisonville's first St. Vincent de Paul Store in 1971. By 1978 the parish was established enough to support the opening of its own school, kindergarten through eighth grade.

Over the years, Christ the King has been able to rely on its annual September parish picnic to maintain the spirit of its Catholic Community in an environment where people come and go on a regular basis. In 1987 the original parish hall became the parish's learning and growth center. A new 10,000 square foot parish hall was built in 1992. Madisonville's position near the center of the Diocese of Owensboro makes Christ the King a frequent hub of diocesan activities. Father Gerard Glahn originally served 125 families as the first pastor. Now, Father John Thomas is pastor of the parish's 248 families, with 615 parishioners in all.

Christ the King Parish

1600 Kingsway Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431
270-821-5494

<http://www.ctkmadisonville.org/>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Spanish



Holy Cross, Providence

Dedicated on May 14, 1978 by Bishop Henry J. Soenneker, Holy Cross Catholic Church was completed in 1978 and is located on Highway 41A in Providence. Prior to Holy Cross's inception, most people were driving twenty-five miles or more to attend Mass. The parish began when Father Gerard Glahn came to Webster County in 1976. He would say Mass in the social room inside Providence State Bank for over a year. Through his financial ingenuity we were able to build a small but beautiful mission church.

The parish have a relic of the Holy Cross in our Reliquary. Near the front of the sanctuary, there is a beautiful statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To the right of the church, we have a round memorial garden which features a large cross, meditation benches and a beautiful flower garden. We have a fellowship hall attached to the back of the church, where we take every opportunity to come together to share a good meal and good company.

Holy Cross have been blessed with many fine priests through the years. Our little church was renovated in the late 1980's during Father Gerald Baker's tenure. The current shepherd is Father Bruce Fogle. Holy Cross began as a small mission church and remain so today. The little parish is filled with wonderful, loving people who freely give of their time, talent and treasure.

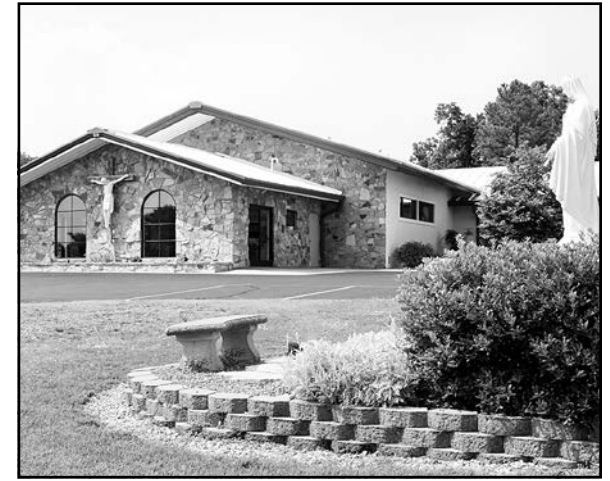
Holy Cross Parish

730 North Highway 41-A
Providence, KY 42450
270-383-4743

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=91

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.



St. Henry, Aurora

In 1967 Father Leonard Reisz, of St. Pius X Church in Calvert City, initiated the purchase of thirty-two acres from Dale and Mildred Leneave in Aurora, Ky. That summer, Mass was celebrated for the residents and tourists under the shade trees next to Highway 68/80. An open-air pavilion was built and completed in time for the 1968 Memorial Day Weekend. Mass was celebrated in that pavilion each weekend from the first Sunday in May through the Labor Day weekend by Monsignor George Hancock.

Enclosing the pavilion as a church was frequently discussed by the Catholics living in the area.

A decision was made in 1982 to go ahead with construction of the church and hall from a design by architect Ernest A. Weil, and work started in January of that year by Alvey Bros. Lumber Co. Bishop John McRaith dedicated St. Henry Catholic Church on September 18, 1983. Monsignor Hancock was appointed pastor.

St. Henry is named in honor of Bishop Henry Soenneker and it was the last church he approved in his twenty-one years as Bishop of Owensboro. The need for more space prompted the construction of a new hall and office space in 2002. In 2011 the small vestibule at the church entrance was replaced by a more spacious gathering place. Bishop Medley blessed this new narthex on January 15, 2012.

St. Henry Parish

16097 US Hwy 68 E
Hardin, KY 42048
270-474-8058

<http://sainthentryparish.com/>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.



St. Stephen, pray for us.



St. Jude, Clinton

St. Jude Catholic Church began with a Mass celebrated on June 28, 1982 in the Hickman Count Recreational Center. Father Carl Glahn of Fulton officiated with approximately fifty people in attendance. This marked the first Catholic Mass ever held in this city. On August 24, 1982, Bishop Henry Soenneker officially named the congregation "The Church of St. Jude." With Father Glahn's unrelenting pace, with contributions coming in from Catholics and non-Catholics alike, and with many parishioners donating their time and talents, on December 24, 1982, the first Mass was held in the new Church building. On May 1, 1983, the church was dedicated by Bishop John McRaith.

After Father Marty came in 1989, a lot adjacent to the church was purchased and the first Pastoral Associate, Sister Annalita Lancaster, OSU, moved into the old house on the lot. In late 1990 a brick home was purchased for the use Sister Annalita. After the purchase of this house, the old house was removed and the lot was used for parking and a picnic shelter was built. Then in 2005 the long awaited and greatly needed Fellowship Hall was built. In addition to Father Glahn, St. Jude has been greatly blessed to have Fathers Bruce Fogle, Terry Devine, Marty Hayes, Steve Ulrich, Mike Clark, Mike Williams, Al Bremmer, Shijo Vandakumkara, and currently MaryDasan Joosa serve as pastors. The parish does believe in miracles and knows through the Grace of God and with the help of their patron Saint, St. Jude, and the help and prayers of the faith family, St. Jude Parish will continue to grow and be blessed with many more miracles as they continue to do God's will.

St. Jude Parish 308 Mayfield Road
Clinton, KY 42031 270-653-6869
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=137

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.



St. Mark, Eddyville

St. Mark in Eddyville began on June 10, 1987 when Bishop John J. McRaith sent Father Maurice Tiell to establish a Catholic Church in Lyon County with headquarters in Eddyville, Kentucky. A counter top served as the altar for the first Mass at 210 Kenoak Drive in town. Fifty four members of the Lyon County Faith Community gathered at a building in Lee Jones Park at 9:00 A.M. on June 14, 1987 for the first Sunday Mass. By decree of Bishop McRaith, on September 4, 1989, the name St. Mark Catholic Church was given to the parish. The Bishop selected the name because the lion is a symbol of St. Mark and the church is in Lyon County. The first Mass was celebrated in the new 7,300 square foot facility on November 14, 1989 with fourteen members present. Dedication day was April 1, 1990 when more than 300 filled the church as Bishop McRaith consecrated the altar and anointed the walls. The members are proud of their parish that exists to serve their spiritual needs.

The parish's mission statement is "Share Your Faith: Help complete the mission of Jesus Christ by reaching out to all the lives that you touch, through your words and through your actions."

St. Mark Parish
302 Peachtree Lane
Eddyville, KY 42038-8283
270-388-2133
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=140

Mass Schedule
Saturday: Summer (during daylight savings time) 6 p.m., Winter (during standard time) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: (All year) 8 a.m.



St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Oak Grove is the youngest parish in the diocese, established on June 13, 1995 by Bishop John McRaith. Father Leonard Arcilesi was sent as the first pastor to develop a parish location and purchase land for building St. Michael's Parish Center. A steering committee of fifteen persons had first met on September 22, 1993, under the prompting of Father David Willett, who at that time was a Chaplain at Fort Campbell. Because of the connection with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, the church was named for the patron saint of the Airborne, St. Michael. The parish is multi-ethnic with the international flavor of soldiers and their spouses. Currently, the parish has about 300 families and about 900 members. There is always a movement of parishioners leaving and coming back, due to active armed services duties. The military families who have retired are the stability in the parish and have greatly fostered a spirit and a real life of volunteerism. The Parish Center Church was remodeled for Christmas 2007 from the use of chairs, kneelers, and kneeling pads, to regular pews and kneelers. The current project is to build a church in front of the Parish Center and to move the pews and all the church fixtures into the new church when it is built. St. Michael's Parish has always been marching forward, and moving forward with faith and service.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
448 State Line Road
Oak Grove, KY 42262-0505
270-640-9850
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=147

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.; Latin Mass at 2:30 p.m.
(Except for last Sunday of month.)



St. Michael, Sebree

Under the guidance and leadership of Fr. Carl Glahn, the Catholic families of Webster County and its surroundings organized the parish of St. Michael's in Sebree in 1976. There had not been a Catholic Church in Sebree since St. Joseph was closed in 1911. The first Mass was on August 29, 1976 in Union Hall above Sebree Deposit Bank with seventy-two in attendance. The church was dedicated on November 20, 1977 by Bishop Henry Soenneker. A 1983 census showed one hundred seventy members. Construction on the parish hall began on September 20, 1989 the rectory was built in 1991. In 1998 a lightning strike caused a fire that led to a complete renovation of the worship space which was blessed by Bishop John McRaith on May 16, 1999. Over the years the families that have belonged to St. Michael's have fluctuated. Currently our parish boasts a diverse, close-knit family of about three hundred regular attendees, half of which are first and second generation immigrants.

St. Michael Parish, 57 Watkins Sebree Road, Sebree, KY 42455 270-835-2584

<http://stmichael.rcdok.org/>

Mass Schedule Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m., 12 noon Spanish



St. Stephen, pray for us.

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Jubilee Event.

The annual Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Schools on July 27, 2012 at Christ The King Parish Hall in Hopkinsville celebrated as a Jubilee event the ministry of Catholic educators as "shepherds after my own heart," Bishop William Medley's phrase describing the collaboration among Catholic educators with the church's ministry.

A Men's group from St. Stephen Cathedral parish sponsored the Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky At Brescia University's Science Lecture Hall in Owensboro, Ky on February 9, 2013 as a Jubilee Event.

Diocesan offices announced in May, 2013 a schedule of events to which everyone on the diocese was invited. Here is what our diocese celebrated in the Jubilee Year:

- May 7, 2012 Vespers & Dinner for Priests & Parents Blessed Mother, Owensboro 5:30 p.m.
- May 26, 2012 Concert (in Spanish) with Martin Valverde Daviess County High School 6:00 p.m.
- June 3, 2012 Mass & Reception for Deacons/Candidates/Wives Christ the King, Madisonville 10:30 a.m.
- June 3, 2012 Multicultural Mass & "Fiesta" Holy Name, Henderson 5:30 p.m.
- August 5, 2012 Lifting Up Mass Blessed Mother, Owensboro 2:00 p.m.
- August 12, 2012 Rural Life Celebration



Owensboro Sportscenter 5:00 p.m.

- August 26, 2012 Gathering for Black Catholics Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro 2:00 p.m.
- November 17, 2012 Diocesan Youth Gathering Sloan Center, Bowling Green 5:30 p.m.
- December 8, 2012 75th Anniversary Eucharist and Reception Owensboro Sportscenter, 11:00 a.m.
- February 2, 2013 Performance of Vivaldi's Gloria w/ children's choir Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville 7:00 p.m.



In the picture at left, Diocesan Chancellor Kevin Kauffeld prepared to carry the Diocesan banner into the Sportscenter with others carrying their parish or school banners (photo above right) Mel Howard Photos.

- **March 26, 2013 Jubilee Year ends at Chrism Mass, Owensboro Sportscenter, 6:30 p.m.**

In the next few issues of The Western Kentucky Catholic, we will be looking back at the Jubilee Year during which the Diocese of Owensboro has been celebrating our 75th Anniversary. The Western Kentucky

Catholic is largely reader-written. We invite our readers to send in any pictures of Jubilee Events since Chrism Mass 2012. Letters To The Editor are welcome, as are brief reflections about the Jubilee Year, stories or anecdotes about 75th Jubilee Year Celebrations in our 79 parishes and in our Catholic Schools.

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What did you think of the December 8, 2012 75th Anniversary Eucharist in the Sportscenter and the Reception in the Riverpark Center?

Send your pictures, letters, or stories to Mel.Howard@pastoral.org. Or mail pictures and letters to Editor, Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301.



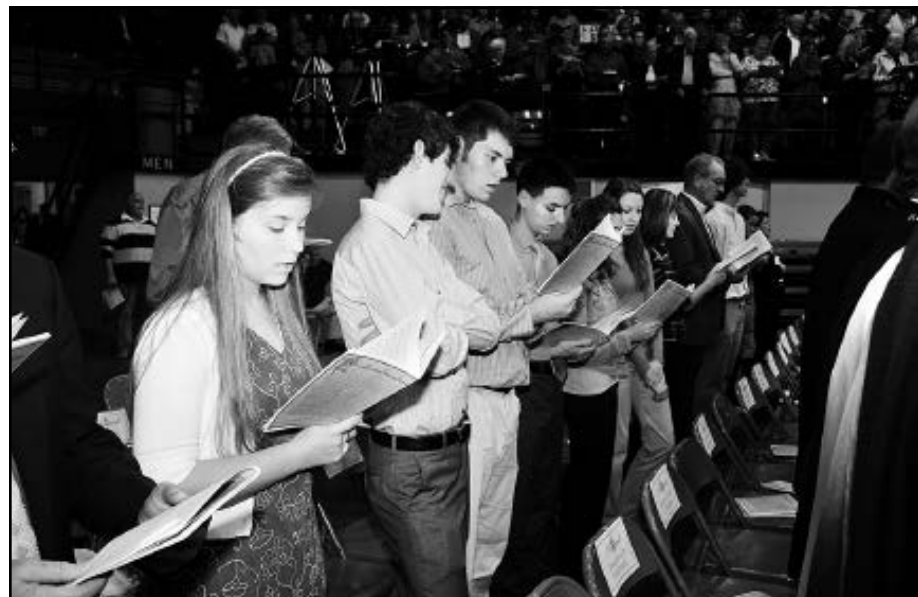
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Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph



Bishop William Medley welcoming the people.



Owensboro Catholic High School students singing in the assembly of the Dec. 8, 2012 Diocesan Mass in the Sportscenter



More than 2,000 people celebrated the Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Sportscenter and continued later in the day celebrating the Diocesan 75th Jubilee in the Riverpark Center. WKC Photos

Prison Ministry Offers Shared Corporal Works of Mercy

By Brett Mills

Let me generally share with you that my major inspiration for being a Catholic prison minister is each visit's corporal opportunities. I assist Fr. Ray Clark in bringing weekly Catholic ministry to the men housed at Green River Correctional Complex in Central City. I go reminding myself that visiting the imprisoned is a corporal work of mercy.

Visiting the men at GRCC first gives us an opportunity to minister by providing, from our humanity, for a need basic to survival as human beings. I hope our visits satisfy the need for recognizing their human dignity. The men in custody at GRCC do not need us to remind them that they are serving time under Kentucky law. Previous actions have disrupted their relationship with God and others,

but actions of mine have done the same to me. Though there are reasons they are living part of their lives in confinement, our visits affirm that though GRCC must be a prison, it is not a zoo.

A second corporal opportunity in prison ministry is in the way it invites our human efforts to reflect God's love. That's true for me with Fr. Ray and for those we visit. Their situation of being in custody, no matter how humane, is still an experience of human misery for the separation from the true happiness God desires for them. If they can recognize that separation as a reflection of sin's harm to all humanity, then they can offer it up for a good greater than their own. As visitors, Fr. Ray and I hopefully mitigate the degree of misery each man feels while reflecting God's own loving mercy to all of

sin-inclined humanity they represent.

A third corporal opportunity I have always seen in prison ministry is in not missing the chance to link my life, and the life of others, to the eternal life I hope to share with God through Jesus Christ. The parable that Jesus shares on the judgment of the nations (Matthew 25: 31-46) places the visitation of the imprisoned among the factors that will separate those in the right from those who left themselves out of the ability to love the least likely. That Scripture passage is a foundation for all the corporal works of mercy and for Catholic social justice too. It is also the reason I know that any time a man at GRCC thanks me for my ministry there just for coming with Fr. Ray I try to let him know he has equally ministered to me just by showing up.

The corporal opportunities in prison ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro can be yours, if you are open to them. Can you recognize the dignity of fellow human beings when you meet them face to face? Can you see their situation as a symbol of man's need for forgiveness, God's willingness to give it – and encourage them to see the same? Can you be one link in connecting compassionate human life to the eternal life and love of God?

Great! When can you start? Each institution will have training standards and the best experience will be working with other Catholic prison ministers at the same place. If being involved in prison ministry pangs your heart's desire toward this corporal work of mercy, please contact Richard Murphy by calling (270) 683-1545, ext. #343.

Catholic Schools Conduct Pails of Nails Fundraiser for Catholic Jubilee House



On February 1, 2012, the OCS K-3 student body participated in a pep rally for the OC Aces! Part of the rally was for giving money to Habitat For Humanity from the Pails of Nails money collection. The money helped to build Habitat house #102, called the "Schools House." The student body collected enough money to buy nails for ten Habitat houses. Source: <http://k-3.owensborocatholic.org/photoalbum/2012/02/pep-rally-and-pails-of-nails/> WKC file photo

Owensboro Catholic High School along with other Catholic groups will once again be sponsoring a house for Habitat for Humanity called the "Catholic Jubilee House" in commemoration of our 75th Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary.

As part of our Lenten Project, the K-3 Campus will be helping too. Although our students may be too small to actually help "build" the house, we would like for the students to do things they CAN do around their own house to earn a little extra money. They can do good deeds or special chores- it is up to the parent.

Each time that your child does a deed or chore worthy of notice, it would be wonderful if you

could "pay" your child for these good deeds. It doesn't have to be a lot. You can even give them your loose change!

We believe as a Catholic school and Christian community we should share our love, faith, time, and talents with everyone. Lent is a perfect time to teach our children the importance of following the actions of Jesus, by sharing, caring, and helping others.

The Drive will last for TWO WEEKS. It will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 13 and end on Friday, March 1, 2013.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

An Owensboro Diocesan 75th Anniversary Jubilee Event

Invitation to Take Part in Diocesan Jubilee Home Builds

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By Richard Murphy

The Diocese of Owensboro is in the midst of celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Among the various ways to honor this event are acts of charity and justice, including sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home building project in your area. Planning for one home is already underway in the Daviess County area. You, and your organization, are invited to take part in a similar project in your area in whatever way you may wish to contribute. Here is the plan.

If you, your parish or Catholic organization or school would consider becoming a Build Sponsor, the Diocese asks you to approach your region's Habitat for Humanity chapter and inquire what it would cost. It will vary from location to location. That is the target sum you will need to attempt to raise. Note: the actual cost for a home is very likely more than that but the rest of the money is obtained from home owner payments. We suggest that you partner with your area Parishes, area Catholic Schools and Church Organizations to raise some, if not all, of the money. Whatever is left to raise of the sponsorship fee, then the Diocese will assist in picking up to the degree it is able. There is a sum of money dedicated to this operation. It is clearly not unlimited. At present, it is hoped that 4 or 5 houses could be built in the Diocese of Owensboro in honor of our Jubilee.

If you would like to be a part of this effort, here are some ways to help. We will need to raise money for this effort and we may not need to have all the money up front for the various builds. Your assistance is really needed in raising the money. Parishes or organizations could host a collection for this effort as one means of doing this. Another way of helping is to gather laborers to assist with the framing up of the building and later, assisting with the interior work. (Note: the partner family will also offer sweat equity in this build.) Yet another way of assisting would be to offer to provide some snacks or meals for those working on the site. Of course, offering prayer for the safety and wellbeing of those involved with this build is yet another way you could be of great service. Please give some thought to this project and let me know if you would like to be involved and /or head up your local build. You can contact me as the facilitator of this effort at the address, phone number or email address listed below.

"Many hands make light work."



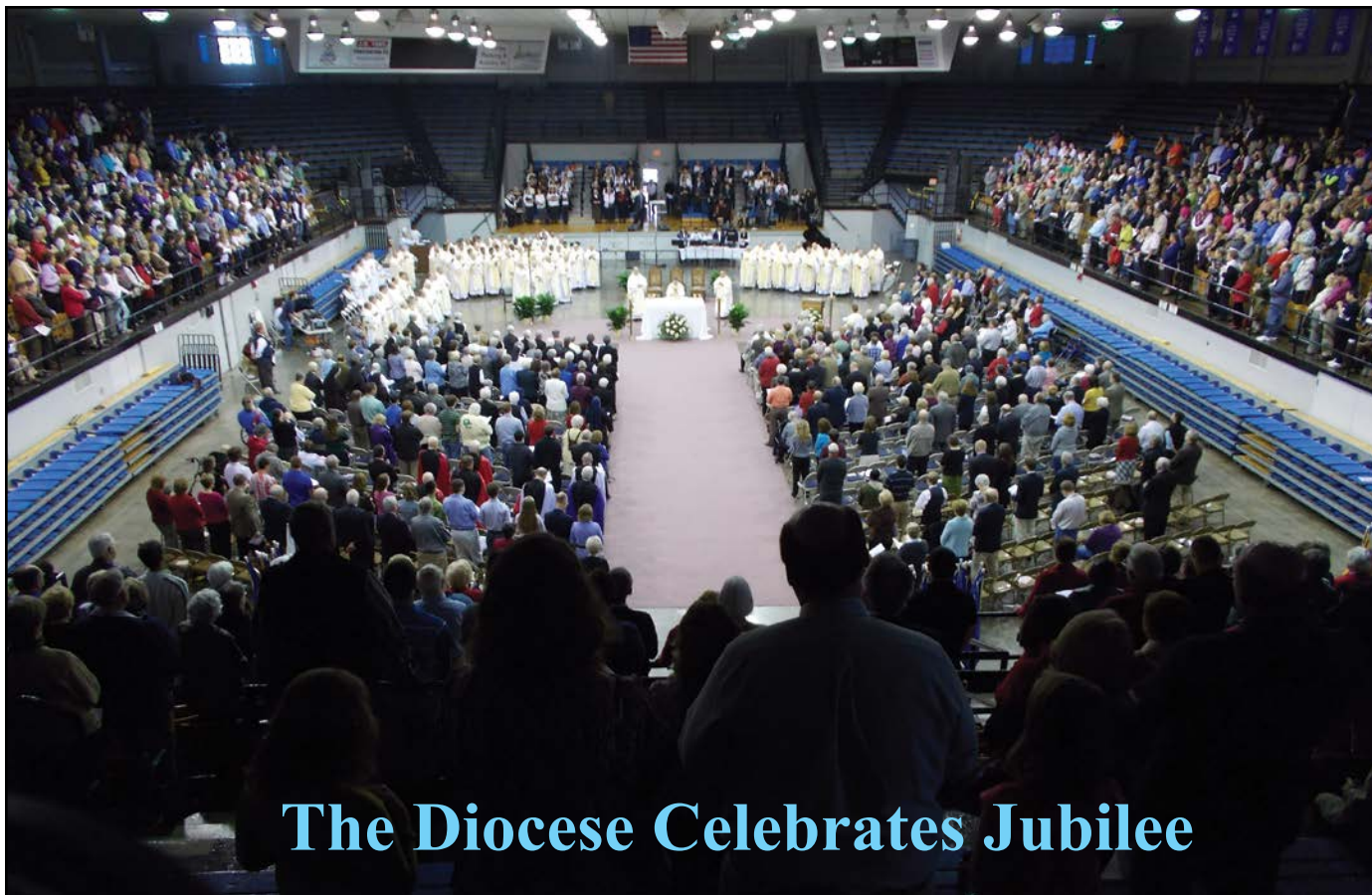
Diocesan Director of Social Concerns Richard Murphy, left, met Jan 15 in the OCS offices to make plans for the Catholic Jubilee House, Build #108, at 1515 West 4th St., Owensboro, with Owensboro's Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Virginia Braswell, Brescia University HFH Chapter president Emily Adkins, and from OCHS HFH Chapter, Luke Riney, president Megan Mattingly, and OCHS Counselor Bev Howard. Mel Howard Photo

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A Look at The Diocese's Jubilee Year



Some of the hundreds of Western Kentucky Catholics entering the Owensboro Riverpark for concerts, Jubilee activities and lunch on Dec.8.



The Diocese Celebrates Jubilee



Join us for the 2nd Annual

Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

Saturday, February 9, 2013

- 8:00 am Registration
with coffee & donuts
- 11:50 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lunch is included
- 5:00 pm Mass with **Bishop Medley**
at St. Stephen Cathedral

Nationally Renowned Speakers

- Allen Hunt**, former Methodist mega-church pastor, Author and Catholic convert
- Dr. John Bergsma**, Author, Prof. of Theology at Franciscan Univ. in Steubenville
- Guy Doud**, National Teacher of the Year, Catholic convert and former Protestant pastor

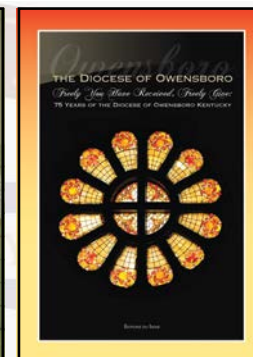
Brescia University's Science Lecture Hall, 717 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301



\$30 Adult / \$15 Student (12th Grade +)

Details and ticket information at:

www.kyCatholic.com



Top, Ernie Taliaferro, Sr Joseph Angela Boone, Ann Flaherty and Sarah Patterson taking a first look at *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give*. Lower left, Father Carmelo with helpers at the Martin Valverde Concert. Lower right, Sarah Hart in concert in the Owensboro Riverpark.

“As Stewards of Creation, May We Remain Faithful to Our Sacred Trust ...” February, 2013 11

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The prayers during the Jan. 22, 2013 Commemorative Mass for Life in St. Stephen Cathedral, a part of a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, centered around the theme, “As Stewards of Creation, may we remain faithful to our Sacred Trust ...” The homily for the Mass preached by Father John Vaughan, continued this theme, urging the faithful to “...promote, protect, and defend the sanctity of human life ...”

The assembly at the Mass prayed from the USCCB’s *Intercessory Prayers: Pro-Life Advocates*:

For those who pray before abortion clinics, who march for life, or who wit-

Prayer to Christ Unborn

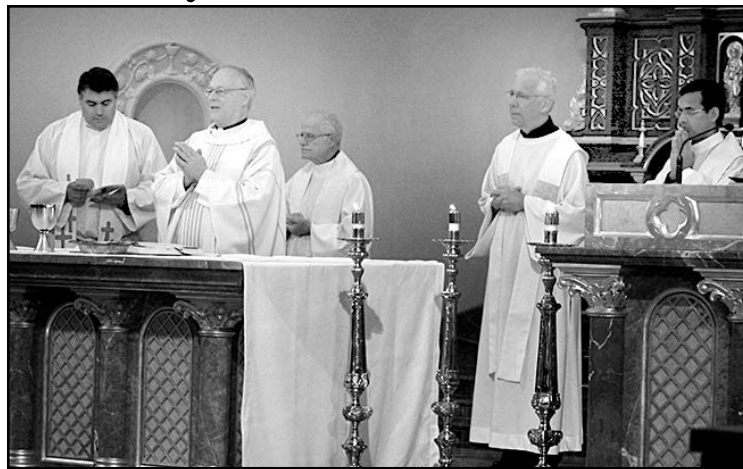
Dear Lord Jesus, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, before your birth, you filled the unborn John the Baptist with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to see you in every unborn child. Grant us the perseverance to defend vulnerable human life from abortion, abandonment, experimentation, and all violations. Fill us with the reverence for the moment of your Incarnation in Nazareth when the Word became flesh. Amen.

Why Send Your Child to Camp?

Why should you send your child to camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center? There are tons of reasons to do this!

First off, it’s a great investment in your child. While at camp, your son or daughter will learn skills that will last a lifetime! They’ll grow in self confidence and self esteem, learn problem solving skills, make friendships that will last a lifetime, try new things that they won’t get to do anywhere else, and tons more! The American Camp Association compiled this graph to show the ways that a summer camp experience benefits young people.

However, the greatest benefit of camp is bringing a young person closer to God and their faith. Campers begin to realize that their faith is not just something that takes place for an hour on a Sunday, but that every moment of every day makes up their faith. They’ll connect with other young people going through similar struggles and joys in life and can connect through social media to share



Fr. John Vaughan presided at the Commemorative Mass for Life with concelebrants, Fathers Jegin Puthenpurackal, HGN, Anthony Shonis, Fidelis Levri, and Fr. Julio Palarino visiting from Argentina. Mel Howard Photos

ness to the rights of all human beings: that God might strengthen and guide them; We pray to the Lord ...

For those who long for the equality of all persons, that their dedication to the unborn, the old, the condemned, and the forgotten, may grow every day; We pray to the Lord ...

For all who work for an end to abor-

what’s going on in their lives. It’s another wonderful support system for their world! They will participate in the Sacraments and gain a deeper understanding of how amazing the Catholic Faith is! Each summer we’re told by young people that this is the first time they’ve been to Confession since they made their first. They will learn that the Sacraments aren’t something to run from, but are something to run toward and embrace. We get to see the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of young people and see them become alive for their faith. We should all want that for our young people. Seeing young people grown in love of God, the Catholic Church and others is one of the greatest gifts of this job. Take a chance and send your child to camp! You’ll be amazed at the difference!!!

For additional information on Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center, please visit our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call our office at 270-781-2466.

ward them for their goodness; We pray to the Lord ...

For all who teach the Gospel of Life, that they might be driven by love alone; We pray to the Lord

For all who work to defend life, that God might reward them for their faithfulness; We pray to the Lord ...

For all who work for life, and especially those who pray at abortion clinics, that God might reward them for their prayers; We pray to the Lord

For those who work to defend the lives of the unborn, the sick, the infirm, and the aged; those who defend humanity’s inalienable right to life; We pray to the Lord ...

For all who work for an end to the culture of death, and especially for our brothers and sisters from other churches, ecclesial communions, and religions, that the love for the Gospel of Life might draw us closer in Christ, We pray to the Lord ...

And all prayed, “Lord, Hear Our Prayer!”



tion, that they might be strengthened by prayer, and that God might re-

Camp Builds Skills for Life

Concrete Skill Development	Soft Skill Development
School, work and life skills problem solving, self-discipline, perseverance, goal setting and time management and team building	Gaining confidence and self-esteem
Leadership and personal growth learning to inspire and to work as part of a team, achievements at camp build self-esteem and confidence	Becoming more independent
Igniting future career interests an actor, an astronaut, an athlete, an astronomer	Internalizing morals and values
Specialty training mastering sailing, horseback riding, hockey, swimming, computer skills or debate transfer back to classroom work	Gaining better self-awareness
Learning to try new things Kids discover and explore new sports, crafts and challenges like high ropes or an adventure trek	Improving interpersonal and social skills
Learning through success and failure There are no grades at camp. Kids are encouraged in a supportive environment to test and master new skills and try again and again if they fail	Becoming a good community member and good citizen
Physical activity and increased strength kids are up and active and using their bodies as well as their minds	Taking responsibility for self and others

Ash Wednesday Collection for Our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently wrote Bishop Medley thanking him for all the support we have received by the Ash Wednesday Collection. It is truly inspiring to know that many of the works of the Mandeville Diocese are made possible by the sacrificial offerings of the Lenten Season of your Diocese.

Together our Dioceses live the mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. The fruits of your prayer and sacrifice allow us to continue and prolong the mission of Christ here in the Diocese of Mandeville. Thank you.

Yours in Christ's
Passion,

+ *Neil Tiedemann, CP*

Most Rev. Neil Tiedemann, C.P.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Mandeville



Faith in God Made Visible in Loving Action

Scripture asks us how we can love God we have not seen when we do not love the neighbor in need that we can see. Many of us have seen the poverty and need of brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Mandeville and have attested to this when we recount the stories and experiences.

Let us demonstrate the truth of our faith by reaching out with help to those in need again this year.

Thank you.



Bishop Neil Tiedemann, C.P. of the Mandeville Diocese in Jamaica is honored for his attendance at the Diocese of Owensboro's 75th Jubilee Mass on 12-8-12 at the Owensboro Sportscenter

To send a donation, please
make check payable to:

**The Diocese of Owensboro
600 Locust St.
Owensboro, Ky 42301**

***Please note on the check that it is for
The Diocese of Mandeville.**

OCHS students in TWO's 'It's A Wonderful Life'

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Becca Ballard, Eric McBride, Emily Wills, Kyle Alvey and Nicholas Gray were cast in Theatre Workshop of Owensboro's radio play 'It's a Wonderful Life'.

The play is based on a film by Frank Capra and tells a story of George Bailey a man with a re-awakened appreciation of his life and the people he loves and it all happens on Christmas Eve!

The play was directed by **Matt Wills**, an OCHS alumni.

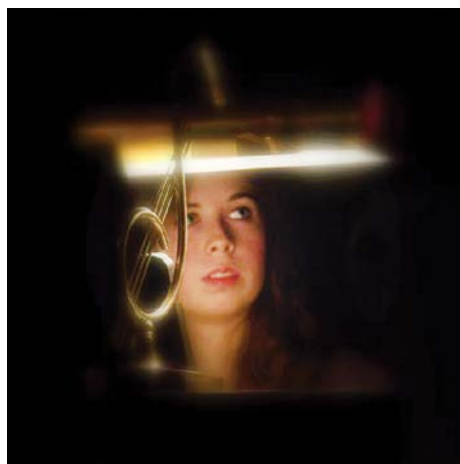
*(photos/layout
Nicole Gray)*



Nicholas Gray as Sam Wainwright, Bank Guy, Mr. Carter & Foley Artist.



Becca Ballard as Janie, Pete, Marty and Mrs. Davis

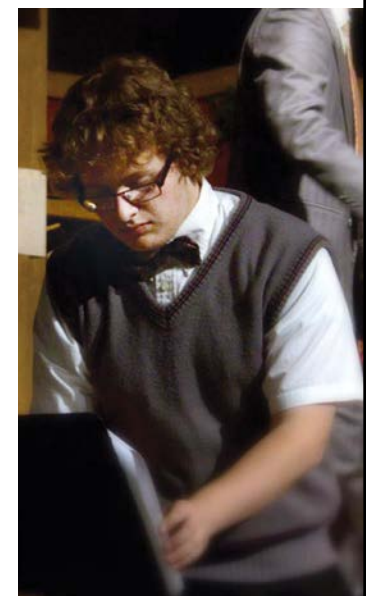


Emily Wills as a singer and pianist

'It's A Wonderful Life'



Kyle Alvey as Bert, Principle, Lawyer, Sheriff & Bouncer



Eric McBride as Sound Effects, Mickey, Guy on Street & Schultz

St. Thomas More Parish Forming a Parish Knights of Columbus Council



Members of the Paducah 312 and Calvert City 2404 Assemblies joined the entrance procession in full dress regalia on Sunday, December 2, 2012.

Whitesville Eagle Scouts help St. Mary's and the Community

By Dr. Bob Cinnamond

I have been a Boy Scout Leader for 52 years but this is the first time that I have had three boys make Eagle Scout in the same year. Allen Howe, Daniel Hardesty, and Drew Mills, members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, all completed their Arrow of Light Award and bridged over into Troop 247 at the same time. For four years they worked together, advanced together, became troop leaders, and all reached the rank of Eagle during the fall of 2012.

For their Eagle Projects Allen built a tall flagpole and beautified the area in Whitesville City Park, Daniel cleaned all of the old tombstones in St. Mary's Cemetery and obtained stones for those that died in the Civil War. Drew improved the children's play ground, added tree signs and benches to the Whitesville City Park Trails, and built a grandstand for public outings and concerts. Drew is also special because he is a fourth generation Eagle Scout, including my father, me, our son Don, and grandson Drew.

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization that refuses to give up their Christian Catholic values. They gave up funding from their major source of income (United Way) when they refused to accept gay persons as Scout Leaders. They strongly emphasize Reverence to God and participation in church activities. Eighteen young men in Saint Mary of the Woods parish are blessed to be members of Troop 247.

In the photo at right, from left to right, Eagle Scouts Daniel Hardesty, Allen Howe, and Drew Mills. Photo submitted by Bob Cinnamond

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - As part of the activities for the formation of a St. Thomas More parish Council, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from both Paducah and Calvert City attended Mass in full dress regalia on December 2, 2012.

Frank Bosh, District Deputy from the St. Thomas More parish, noted "The Fourth Degree Knights from St. Pius in Calvert City came to support their brothers and show commitment."

At Mass the Knights stood behind the Eucharistic Ministers to guard, protect, honor, and support the living body and blood of Christ. After Mass they hosted an informational exchange

Trinity High School's Lori Ann Redmon Honored as the 2012 VFW Teacher of the Year

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On November 15, 2012, Mrs. Lori Ann Redmon received the honor of being chosen the VFW Teacher of the Year. Lori, the daughter of Tensley & Barbara Huskisson and wife of Kristopher Redmon, has taught at Trinity High School for 11 years and also taught 1 year in Memphis, Tenn.

The VFW's Criteria for selection of a Teacher of the Year are:

- Promoting the believe and values of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Education---having students do service projects for the VFW & throughout the community
- Promoting the traditions of American Patriotism by promoting the value of military service and honoring the military personnel who do serve.

The award was previously the Social Studies Teacher of the Year, but has recently changed to Teacher of the Year.

This award was given after a Veterans Day Mass Nov. 15 at St. Mary of the Woods Church. After the Mass and the recognition of Mrs. Redmon, a breakfast was held in the Trinity's Home Economics Room for local Veterans.

Trinity High School Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Lori Ann Redmon, left, posed with the VFW's Teacher of the Year for 2012 Award alongside her mother, Barbara Huskisson, who is a Catholic School Language Arts teacher. THS Photo



in the Parish Hall. Parishioners had the opportunity to voice their interest, support, ideas, and any concerns regarding the formation of the St. Thomas More Council as well as sign up for membership.

Once formed, the group plans to develop the Squires Circle to allow young Catholic boys the opportunity to show their faith through serving on the altar and working on community projects that will support to those in need.

Frank added, "We part company traditionally with "Vivat Jesus" - literally it means Jesus Lives, but to a Knight it means much more... kind of like Jesus Lives in us, in what we do, in who we are, in our lives, in our marriage / family - you see he is Risen and is not dead."



Advent Retreat

BEAVER DAM, Ky. - Parishioners at Holy Redeemer Church here, Holy Trinity Church in Morgantown and Saint John the Baptist in Fordsville shared an Advent Retreat with speaker Father Anthony Shonis.

The Retreat was held on the first 3 Tuesdays in December, 2012 at the Holy Redeemer Parish Hall. It was informative as well as entertaining and a great way to celebrate the Advent Season. It was great that all 3 of Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo's parishes were able to share together in such a way. We finished the Retreat with a great pot luck meal.



Owensboro Vocation Director, Father Andy Garner, right, speaks with Owensboro Seminarian, Jamie Dennis, right center, and his parents, James "Snake" and Mary Ain Dennis. Jamie is currently studying Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary.



January 2 was the first day that the Owensboro Seminarians had assembled since beginning their Christmas break, so they caught up with one another at the Serra Club Gathering at St. Margaret's Chapel. Gary Clark, at left, is currently serving his Pastoral Year of Internship at St. Romuald Parish in Hardinsburg. Emmanuel Udoh, center, and Matt Fields, right, are students at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

Owensboro Diocesan Seminarians News



The Seminarians attended the SERRA luncheon in Henderson on January 2, 2012. Later that afternoon, they visited the Passionists at Whitesville. The Passionists pray for each seminarian by name each and every day. The Passionist Nuns of Saint Joseph Monastery are a wonderful group of women who are extremely valuable to all of us in this diocese and to our vocations efforts. Serra Club Photo



The Henderson and Owensboro Serra Clubs held their annual Seminarian Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, January 2. It was at St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson this year. It is a great opportunity for the Serrans to meet with the Owensboro Diocesan Seminarians and their parents before the seminarians return to the seminary for their second semester of studies. The mission of the Serra Club is to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to offer as much support as possible to those discerning and those who have already been ordained or have entered religious life. This day's gathering offered a casual lunch of homemade soups and desserts and was host to plenty of good conversation and appreciation for all the young seminarians and their parents. Above, Bishop William F. Medley, center, began with prayer before the meal. To his left are seminarians, Sam Rasp and Michael Charles Ajigo. Submitted by Larena Lawson



Michael Charles Ajigo, center, an Owensboro Diocesan Seminarian now serving his Pastoral Year of Internship at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, engages the ladies from the Owensboro Serra Club in conversation about his vocational call and asked them to continue to pray for all of them because he knows that it is prayers that help them through. From left to right, Marjorie Hayden, Martha Kauffeld, Michael Charles Ajigo, Sue O'Bryan and Shirley Taliaferro.

Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky



The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place Saturday, Feb 9th at Brescia University. It will feature nationally known speakers such former mega-church pastor and syndicated radio talk show host Allen Hunt, the 1986 "Teacher of the Year" and former Protestant pastor Guy Dowd, and Associate Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University Dr. John Bergsma. The day will conclude with Holy Mass celebrated at the newly renovated St Stephen's Cathedral by Owensboro's own Bishop William Medley.

The theme: What does it mean to be a Catholic Man in a secular world? Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. For tickets or details, check out our website www.kycatholic.com <<http://www.kycatholic.com>, or call (270) 316-5067. Mail a check to: CMCWK, 2159 Sheffield Ct., Owensboro, KY 42301

Sunday, December 2, 2012

Kentucky!!

Today we hear from Ronnie Santana who is studying for the Diocese of Owensboro.

What is it like to be in the beautiful country of Italy?

Being here in Italy has been a wonderful and singular experience. Without a doubt, it will be a part of me for the rest of my life. I have been to many places in Italy including Norcia, Venice, Padoua, Assisi, Siena and Ravenna. What will amaze you as you begin to travel in the country is how different the daily way of life is here. In the cities you walk by ancient buildings, most of which are older than our country, and immediately get a taste of how life was several hundred years ago. Traveling by train is even more amazing. As you zip through the Italian countryside you see the mountains in the horizon, the flat plains before you, and the majestic medieval towns built upon the tallest hills all in one blink of an eye. Being in Italy is kinda like being Larry Daley from A Night at the Museum- everything I encounter comes to life before my eyes.

As a Catholic, what does it mean to be studying in the Vatican?

As a Catholic Christian nothing makes my faith more real and substantial than the Vatican. Typically when you think of the Vatican you immediately



Ronnie Santana is an Owensboro Diocesan Seminarian studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, and is in his fourth year of college. WKC Photo

imagine St. Peter's Basilica, and this is not far off from reality! St. Peter's Basilica is a very real testimony to the unbroken faith of the Christian people in both the Eastern and the Western worlds throughout the centuries. This can be very difficult for many Americans to grasp, including myself, since our history and our culture is barely over two centuries young. Being able to study at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas solidifies my connection to the faith of my forefathers and brings to my life an entirely new dimension of faith and love.

How close have you actually gotten to the Pope?

I have gotten really close to the Pope! The first time I saw Pope Benedict XVI in person was October 3, 2012 at the General Audience. You would be surprised how many people show up every Wednesday to hear him speak and lead the faithful in praying the Angelus. When he came in his "Pope-mobile" he was literally less than ten feet in front of me. The joy and love I felt at that moment is overwhelming. I could barely

A Message From Bishop William Medley:

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am very pleased to join with the Catholic Men's Group of Saint Stephen Cathedral in inviting you to be a part of the Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference that will take place at Brescia University on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

This conference will be modeled on similar conferences that have taken place around the country in recent years. Tens of thousands of Catholic men have experienced an affirmation of their faith through these ministries. Many of our local men have journeyed to Cincinnati in recent years to participate in their "Answer the Call" program and they are giving leadership to bringing such an endeavor to our diocese.

Many great programs and activities in our parishes are nurturing the spiritual life of men who want to strengthen the place of God in their lives. This one day experience may open doors for men to build upon their relationships with the Lord. When one's relationship with God is solid, relationships with family and friends and neighbor will be enriched as well.

Will you devote one day to listening to the Lord's special call for you? Invite your fathers, your sons, your brothers and friends to come with you. I look forward to seeing you and praying with you on this day.

Know that I pray everyday for you and your family. Please hold me in prayer. Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

hold myself back emotionally and that is not a usual occurrence! I have seen him in person a second time as well. It was at the Papal Mass celebrating the Indiction of the Declaration of the Year of Faith. Once again, through providence, I was as close to him as possible (within 10 feet)!

It is hard to describe in writing the joy you get when seeing the Pope in person so close. You can definitely see the love he has for his people and the people of good will. I look forward the seeing this same face much more closely when I serve Midnight Mass (Christmas Mass) for him at St. Peter's Basilica this Christmas! Please pray for me, it is not every day I get to serve Mass for Pope Benedict XVI on international television and I definitely do not want to make a mistake!

Source: <http://sjvbernardiseminarians.blogspot.com/2012/12/kentucky.html>



Owensboro Diocesan seminarian Ronnie Santana, at left, serving at the 2012 Midnight Mass (Christmas Mass) at St. Peter's Basilica. Submitted Photo

Matthew Zakutney To Play Golf For Murray State

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary High School senior, Matthew Zakutney has received and accepted a golf scholarship from Murray State University. Matthew was the 2012 All A Regional and Regional Champion, runner up in both the KIT and South Warren Invitational, and placed third in the Senior All Star Tournament. In the Kentucky Cup, he finished in 10th place, and took 3rd place honors in Golf-week Tour Championship. In 2012, he was runner up in the Rolling Hills Invitational. Matthew won the Jr Division of 2011 and 2012 Paducah Irvin Cobb Tournament, and placed in top 15 of the Amateur Division. He was in the top 40 of the Bubba Conley Tournament.

During his high school tenure at St. Mary, the Vikings won the All A State championship in 2009 and 2011, and were runners-up in 2012. In regional competition, St. Mary won the title in 2009, 2011, and 2012, and were runners-up in 2010. Between 2009-2012, the Vikings placed 8th, 4th, 2nd and 3rd respectively in state



Matthew is pictured with parents, Lisa and Gary Zakutney during the golf signing with Murray State University. Submitted by Jackie Hopper.

competition. In 2011, St. Mary won the Kentucky Cup. The St. Mary golf team is coached by Kurt Averill.

Matthew is the son of Lisa and Gary Zakutney of Paducah.

St. Thomas More Parishioner to Head CUA Student Government

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., for the first time in school history has chosen a sophomore student to lead their student government. Sarah Hendley, a member of St. Thomas More parish has been given the privilege to lead the Student Association General Assembly (SAGA) as Speaker for 2013. She was elected unanimously by the Assembly Delegates and received the gavel from senior, Ryan Fectau in December 2012. She is the former Chair of Academic Affairs and is looking forward to advocating for the student body on a broad base of issues.



Catholic University of America sophomore Sarah Hendley, at left, receives the Speaker's gavel from senior, Ryan Fectau in December, 2012 at CUA in Washington, D.C. She will lead the Student Association General Assembly (SAGA) in 2013. Submitted by Missy Eckenberg

The Paducah St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party and Awards Banquet

By Edie Keeney

The St Vincent de Paul Budget Store held it's annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet on December 9th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The meat and drinks were furnished and the volunteers brought a variety of delicious salads, vegetables and deserts. A large number of volunteers attended and all enjoyed the food and the opportunity to visit with other volunteers. Each year an award is presented to a volunteer who has consistently given his or her time and talents working at the Budget Store. Store Manager, Vicky Elliott asked the volunteers to nominate someone to receive the award. A large majority of the volunteers nominated Ralph Klatt. Ralph has been a faithful volunteer for the past 3-4 years. This year Ralph was given the Volunteer of the Year Award for the many hours he has helped unload, sort and display donated clothes, furniture, household items and generally anything that needs to be done. Vicky described Ralph as a very faithful volunteer; he is usually there the 4 weekdays that the store is open. She continued. "Ralph is willing to do anything that is needed and works very hard." Richard Hayden is also a St. Vincent volunteer; he commented, "Ralph is a quiet and shy person. He gives a lot of time to the Store and is a hard worker and a very faithful one."



Precious Blood Lenten Fish Fry!

Fridays during Lent: February 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22. 5:30 p.m.
Menu: tilapia, slaw, French fries, hush puppies, beans (baked and white), cornbread (regular and Mexican) drinks - tea and lemonade, dessert.

Price: Adults - \$8.00. Children under 12 - \$4.00. Children under 3 free.

For more information, call 684-6888.

Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent.

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February 2013

- 1-3 Come and See Weekend for high school girls with an interest in religious life
- 2 Yarn Spinners Day
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged
- 14 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 2nd session
- 22-23 Women's Retreat/Chapel Hill

Center-sponsored programs are in **BOLD** type. Please call to register.

To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206
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Mount Saint Joseph
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March 2013

- 1-3 Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons
- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 St. Martin Confirmation
- 14 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 3rd session
- 20 Lenten Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers
- 22-24 Spirit and Truth Women's Retreat

April 2013

- 11 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 4th session
- 12-14 Secular Carmelites
- 20-21 Catholic Engaged
- 26-28 Christian Women's Retreat
- 27 Mount Saint Joseph Annual Dinner ('60's/Elvis theme)



Have you considered deepening your spirituality as a woman religious?
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St. Mary Boys Basketball Team Sponsors "Kicks For Kids"



Elliott Bray and Patrick Hubert shown distributing shoes to students at McNabb Elementary School in Paducah. Picture by Allie Douglass | The Paducah Sun

Submitted by Jackie Hopper

The St. Mary boys' basketball team sponsored "Kicks for Kids" to provide

shoes for Paducah needy youth. The goal of 500 goal was exceeded because of an overwhelming response which resulted in



St. Mary Boys' Basketball Team - Picture by Greg Overstreet

the delivery of 558 pairs of shoes to McNabb Elementary!

Due to the large number donated, McNabb students will not be the only ones to benefit. McNabb Principal, Greg Ross, will also assist in distributing shoes

to other local schools, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, and the River City Mission.

The team, coached by Greg Overstreet, thanks the St. Mary community for their generosity in helping make this effort such a huge success.

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2012 - 2013 Trinity High School Raiders

Trinity High School finished 2nd place in a basketball tournament in Paducah December 20-22. The tournament was for small schools. Pictured are: Logan Goetz, Drew Mills, Allen Howe, Jon Mills, Max Lanham, Sam Howard, Bub Mattingly, Zach Boehman, Dalton Payne, Nathaniel Mills, Blake Knott, Max Bickett. Max Lanham and Zach Boehman were named to All Tournament team. Submitted for Trinity High School by Lisa Armes and Sue Howe

A Message from St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. About A Theology of Holy Images

February, 2013 19

St. John Damascene was a defender of the holy images. His feast is celebrated on December 4 in both the Catholic and the Orthodox Churches. His feast gives us a perfect opportunity to reflect briefly on the theology of images. In his treatise, "On the Defense of Holy Images," St. John writes: "The saints in their lifetime were filled with the Holy Spirit, and when they are no more, His grace abides with their spirits and with their bodies in their tombs, and also with their likenesses and holy images, not by nature, but by grace and divine power."

This statement is a powerful, short explanation of the veneration of icons and relics. When viewing the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary upon the tilma of St. Juan Diego, for example, we should not jump to the conclusion that St. John believes that the Blessed Virgin Mary still lays in a tomb. Rather, he is one of the early defenders of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven in her body and soul.

In brief, one of St. John's main arguments for the orthodox teaching that holy images should be venerated follows: "Let us worship and adore our God and Creator as alone worthy of worship by nature, and let us worship the holy Mother of God, not as God, but as God's Mother according to the flesh. Let us worship the saints also, as the chosen friends of God, and as possessing access to Him. If men worship kings subject to corruption, who are often bad and impious, and those ruling or deputed in their name, as the holy apostle says, 'Be subject to princes and powers,' (Tit. 3.1) and again, 'Give to all their due, to one honour, to another fear,' (Rom.13.7) and our Lord, 'Give to Caesar that which is Caesar's, and to God that which is God's,' (Mt. 22.21) how much more should we worship the King of Kings? He alone is God by nature; and we should worship His servants and friends who reign over their passions and are constituted rulers of the whole earth."

The following is a prayer from Pope Blessed John Paul II:

"Mother of Mercy, Teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, to you, who come to meet us sinners, we dedicate on this day all our being and all our love. We also dedicate to you our life, our

work, our joys, our infirmities and our sorrows. Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother. We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church; hold us always with your loving hand.

"Madre de misericordia, Maestra del sacrificio escondido y silencioso, a Ti, que sales al encuentro de nosotros, los pecadores, te consagramos en este día todo nuestro ser y todo nuestro amor. Te consagramos también nuestra vida, nuestros trabajos, nuestras alegrías, nuestras enfermedades y nuestros dolores. Da la paz, la justicia y la prosperidad a nuestros pueblos; ya que todo lo que tenemos y somos lo ponemos bajo tu cuidado, Señora y Madre nuestra. Queremos ser totalmente tuyos y recorrer contigo el camino de una plena fidelidad a Jesucristo en su Iglesia: no nos sueltes de tu mano amorosa."

Text by Dr. Mark Ginter, Ph.D., President *St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc.*, is located at 25992 Cottonwood Road, Bristow, IN 47515
Look online at <http://stjosephsholyfamily.org/>



Pesebre scene on a table within the Aju family home in Owensboro celebrating the Nativity of Jesus during the 2012 Christmas season.

"En honor al Nacimiento de Jesus, en muchas familias instalar sus Pesebres, como parte del Espiritu Navideno en el hoagar."

"In honor of the Birth of Jesus, many families set up a nativity Scene to foster the Spirit of Christmas in their homes." Luis Aju Photo



"No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child." - Catholic Catechism, 563. WKC Photo

St. Mary School System 2012 Christmas Activities

Students of St. Mary School System have participated in numerous charitable efforts this Christmas Season.

For the 2nd consecutive year, St. Mary High School placed 4th Place for the Annual Paducah Power Food Challenge having collected a little over 1,500 lbs. Twelve area schools participated in this year's drive and collected a total of 22,610 lbs of food. This figure represents an increase of 90 lbs over last year. The food is used to stock local food pantry shelves.



St. Mary Elementary students donated toys for the Knights of Columbus Christmas baskets. Shown above are all the gifts packed up and ready to be picked up by the K of Cs. Photos and text submitted by Jackie Hopper for St Mary Schools System



Lourdes' Women Center Receives Donation From St. Mary Middle/High School



St. Mary Middle School students dressed for "Pink Out Day." Photos by Jackie Hopper

Submitted by Jackie Hopper
PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary Middle & High School students donated \$300 to the Lourdes Women's Center in memory of Amy McMinn Cope for breast cancer research.

"This donation is going to make a huge difference in a woman's life," said Amy Manley, Lourdes Breast Cancer Pat Navigator. "It's so touching to see that youth care about someone so much."

Seventh graders Mackenzie O'Nan and Zachary Jenkins spear-headed a



From left, Dr. Angela Farmer, Director of St. Mary School System presenting the check to Amy Manley. Pictured also are 7th grade students Zach Jenkins and Mackenzie O'Nan.

"Pink Out Day" where St. Mary MS/HS students were allowed to wear pink in observance of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students were invited to make donations to be given to Lourdes to help local families who were battling cancer. "We just thought since we knew her, we could make all of the effort to support her family," said O'Nan.

"We are very proud of our students," said Dr. Angela Farmer. "They continually look for opportunities to help others, especially when it is someone in our extended family."

A 1993 graduate of St. Mary High School, Cope passed on November 30, 2012, after having spent the past two years bravely and confidently standing up to breast cancer.

In the photo at left, the SMHS French Club sold Advent Calendars and used the proceeds to buy baby products for Hope Unlimited. Pictured are members of the French Club with Moderator, Ms. Cecile Kezjlar.

Catholic Schools Advent Service Projects Benefit Many People

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Each of the OCS sites organized an Advent Service Project to benefit several organizations in Owensboro.

Elementary K-3 Campus – Glenmary Sisters – Students were encouraged to bring in items for the Glenmary Sisters. Students brought in winter wear, toiletries, household supplies, toys and home needs.

Elementary 4-6 Campus – St. Joseph Peace Mission - Students collected money for the St. Joseph Peace Mission. Each student was given an envelope to collect quarters. Each student who brought in a dollar each week of Advent received an out of uniform day.

Owensboro Catholic Middle School – Birthright – OCMS students collected gifts from needed items on the giving tree for Birthright.

Owensboro Catholic High School - OCHS delivered hundreds of gifts from the Giving Tree at Owensboro Catholic High School to the Pitino Shelter, Oasis, Boulevare Homeless Shelter and Beacon from all the student body.

Submitted by Karen Gross for the Owensboro Catholic Schools



Sr. Bernadette Hengstebeck, left, and Sr. Sharon Miller received the supplies from OCS K-3 students who brought in winter wear, toiletries, household



supplies, toys and home needs to give to the Glenmary Sisters. OCS Photos

St. Mary High School Donates to Lourdes

Women's Center

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary High School donated \$300 to the Lourdes Women's Center in memory of Amy McMinn Cope. Amy was an employee of Lourdes Mercy Medical Associates in the office of Dr. Daniel Howard and Dr. Edwin Grogan. She passed away on November 30 after two years of bravely and confidently standing up to breast cancer.

Seventh graders, Mackenzie O'Nan and Zachary Jenkins organized a Jeans Day fundraiser and had

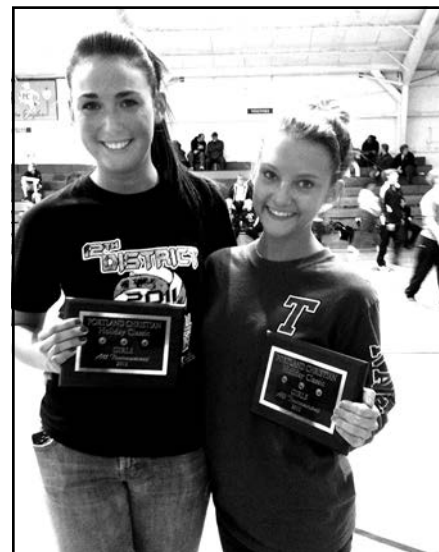


Amy McMinn Cope

100% participation among their classmates. "Since we knew Amy personally, we wanted to make the effort and offer comfort to the family," said O'Nan.

"We are very proud of our students," said Dr. Angela Farmer. "They continually look for opportunities to help others, especially when it is someone in our extended family."

Amy Cope was a 1993 graduate of St. Mary High School and a member of the basketball and soccer teams.



Trinity High School players Jamie Mattingly, left, and Hannah Armes were selected to the All tourney team for the Portland Christian Christmas Tournament.



The Trinity Lady Raiders basketball team were first runners up in the Portland Christian Christmas Tournament. The team consists of front. Lauren Beyke, Kelsey Armes and Liza Howard. Back Lexie Kaelin, Dallas Tomblinson, Cecilia Morris, Kirsten Beatty, Jamie Mattingly and Hannah Armes. Named to the all tournament team was Hannah Armes and Jamie Mattingly. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Organizes “Whole-Family Catechesis”

By John Broxon

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A well-known concept of Catholic education is that “parents are the primary educators of their children”. However, this is not the normal practice. We normally count on schools to teach our children in their general studies, and we typically rely on our parishes or Catholic schools to educate our children in the faith. Often, parents are unsure of when or how to share their faith, or may be unsure of the specifics of Church teachings.

However, there is a trend toward more parental involvement in faith education. One method is “whole family catechesis”. In whole family catechesis, the whole family is educated together, with parents taking an active role in the teaching, and the parish helping with the materials and the opportunities for the learning to take place. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro has wanted to increase the parental involvement in student education, and also to educate the parents at the same time. This article tells the story of how they began, as well as some of the programs they used to get started.

In 2011, Danny May and Drew Hardesty, youth minister and DRE at Lourdes, attended the Mid-south Leadership Conference at Lake Barkley. There they heard a presentation about the need for partnering with parents and involving families into ministry.

“It basically opened up our eyes and got us to thinking about re-evaluating religious education, youth ministry, and sacramental preparation, Danny said. When we got back from Lake Barkley I called Leisa Anslinger and asked for a list of parishes within driving distance that we could call or visit. We visited Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. I also called Lynn Ekstrom at St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Jeffersontown, KY and Fran Cassidy at St. Brigid Parish in Dublin, OH.”

From the presentation at the Mid-south conference and the visits, Drew and Danny learned a general format for whole family catechesis programs. Each session would begin with whole-group prayer and fellowship, along with a fun activity. Depending on the content of the program, the participants may be divided into smaller groups based on age, so that each can learn at an appropriate level.



The families present were taught that the Nativity Scene is central to the Advent Wreath as Christ is central to the season of Advent.



The Del Rio family waits patiently in the entrance to the room of donuts, coffee, and juice.

In the picture at right, families settle in and make some noise with the provided whistles and noise makers. Photos submitted by Drew Hardesty

After the age-specific sessions, the families meet as family groups, sharing what they learned and participating in activities that are appropriate for all age levels. Faith sharing among the family members is emphasized throughout.

In order to further develop their plans, Danny and Drew planned a series of events for the whole family, to increase their interaction with other families in the parish. They included family movie nights, the Roman Run 5K run/walk, and Behold the Lamb of God, youth concert held during Advent.

The first whole family catechesis event was Converge, held last summer. It centered around a speaker who combined stand-up comedy with Catholic catechesis. “I saw Rob Wahl present an adult workshop at the National Catholic Youth Conference in December 2012,” Danny related. “We already had the gen-



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eral idea for Converge, and I thought he'd be perfect for it. He is very active in the LifeTeen program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City, Ohio." Rob related very well to children, young adults, and parents. The climax of his presentation was a satire of improper ways to receive Communion, with sports play-by-play, highlighting the need for proper attention and reverence when we receive Him. (For two weeks after the event, the author's children were acting out their own versions of the skit at home.)

Whole family catechesis was also carried forward into the Arise program. On Wednesday nights, Lourdes hosted an Arise family night, beginning with a meal, and then breaking up into age-based groups for the Arise session. "We had 5 adults groups, a high school group, a middle school group, a third through fifth grade group, a kindergarten through 2nd grade group, plus childcare for younger kids," said Danny. The focus was on families learning together, but at age-appropriate levels where each person could get the most benefit.

The latest whole family catechesis program was a Family Advent Party, held on December 1st, the first Sunday of Advent. It began with a New Year's party, celebrating the beginning of the new liturgical year, complete with hats, noise-



Our Lady of Lourdes pastor Fr. Brad Whistle gets festive while visiting the families at the Whole Family Event.

In the picture at right, Catechists with the Religious Education Program serve donuts, coffee, and juice to the families at the Whole Family Event. Photos submitted by Drew Hardesty



makers, and refreshments. The meaning of the Advent wreath was discussed in

a family setting, complete with a room-sized Advent wreath, where families discussed the activities they could do to have a better Advent. Each family was also given a Jesse tree, with a discussion of the tradition, as well as time to make and decorate ornaments for it. Families were together for the whole event.

Upcoming plans for whole-family

events include a second Converge event Danny, sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion, family nights for Arise during Lent, a Whole Family Event in Lent (similar format to the Advent one), and a "Family Faith Fest" this summer with adult sessions held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School.

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Holy Name Students Attend Ky Youth Assembly

Tyler Holliday and Gabe McFarland in Frankfort for the Kentucky Youth Assembly this past December. Submitted by Holly Farina for Holy Name School



Lenten Day of Prayer

Wednesday, March 20

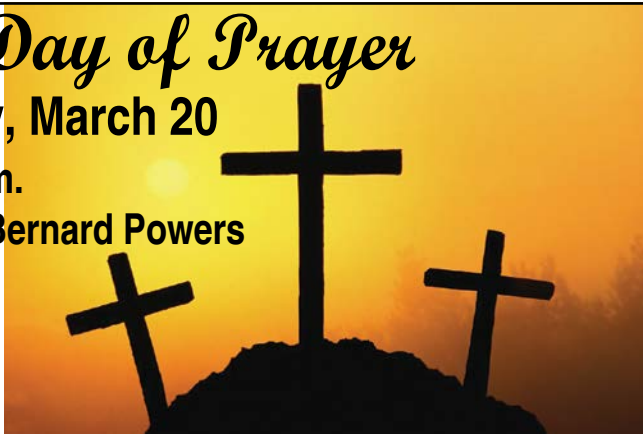
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

Cost: \$20

Program includes
Mass, lunch and
Reconciliation

To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206
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Eucharistic Adoration

1 p.m.- 5 p.m.



2nd Sunday of the month - Maple Mount

4th Sunday of the month - St. Stephen's

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are asking the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of every month to pray for vocations. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Motherhouse Chapel in Maple Mount, 8001 Cummings Road. The adoration will conclude with evening prayer with the Ursuline Sisters. The public is also welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen's Cathedral on the fourth Sunday of every month which will also conclude with evening prayer. Those who cannot attend are asked to pray during that time for new members to hear the call to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and/or a vocation within the church. For more information about the Ursuline Sisters, visit

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Rediscover the Sacrament of Reconciliation

All parishes *Wednesdays During Lent* 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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Experience God's Love in the
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When friends or loved ones tell us they'll be arriving late, our response to them is "We'll leave the light on for you." Now the Diocese of Owensboro is sending the same message.

In the new "The Light is On For You" initiative, the Catholic churches in the Diocese will be open extra hours for prayer and confession. Beginning the first week of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week, priests will be available in churches across the diocese from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hear confessions. (Please check with your parish to verify days and times.)

Generally, parishes offer opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons and by appointment. In an effort to make the sacrament more accessible to more people, additional hours are being offered.

As *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, the Sacrament goes by several names. It is sometimes called the "sacrament of conversion" or the "sacrament of reconciliation" or "penance." It is probably most commonly referred to as "Confession" since it involves a confession of sins to a priest.

Whatever name we use for the Sacrament, its purpose is to remove whatever it is in our lives that separates us from God. Like the father in the parable of the prodigal Son, God waits and hopes for our return every time we stray.

We invite you to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.

For more information about "The Light Is On For You", please visit www.rcdok.org/lightison

Holy Name 8th Grade Students Pen Layne's Law for KYA, Present To Layne's Parents



Above left, Warren Norman and Tyler Holliday, 8th graders at HNS, oversee the presentation of Layne's Law by HNS students to Layne Goodwin's parents.

Above at right, Layne Goodwin's parents thank the 7th grade bill authors, Simon Sutton, Bethany Young, Belle Townsend and Tyler Durham, for their hard work on Layne's Law for KYA in December. Submitted by Holly J. Farina for Holy Name School



DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
Catholic Pastoral Center

Welcome to the Diocese of Owensboro's Youth 2000 weekend. Our Whole Catholic Church celebrates with great joy when you come together.

Jesus assured us that when two or more people gather in His name, that he will be present to us. As hundreds gather for Youth 2000 we know that Jesus Christ Will be present in profound Ways.

My prayer for you is that you will encounter the Lord Jesus in this celebration and know the joy of a life lived in Worship of God and service to God's people. Every human encounter holds the promise of revealing more to us about Our Lord and His presence in our lives. This Youth 2000 can bring you to know Christ more through the Eucharist and adoration and prayer, through the sacrament of reconciliation, through your friends new and old who join with you.

Open yourselves in these days to God's mystery and God's majesty. Let God surprise you with His love and care for you!

Our diocese is indebted to the Marian Shrine Committee and our diocesan Office of Youth Ministry for their tireless efforts to provide you with this opportunity. Their efforts and those of many others will be repaid when you go forth from this experience, with renewed faith, to share the Good News with our diocese and with the world.

I Will be at Youth 2000 and look forward to being with you and praying with you as you seek a closer relationship with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. I pray for you every day.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro



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112TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. RES. 606

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, on December 1, 1812.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 30, 2012

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, on December 1, 1812.

Whereas 19-year-old Catherine Spalding, born in Charles County, Maryland, and Bishop John Baptist David, born in France, responded to the need for education on the Kentucky frontier by founding the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (referred to in this preamble as the “Sisters”), on December 1, 1812;

Whereas, after Ellen O’Connell, a gifted teacher from Baltimore, Maryland, and daughter of a college professor, joined the Sisters and prepared Catherine Spalding and Harriet Gardiner for teaching, the 3 Sisters opened their first school, in 1814, at St. Thomas Farm, in Nelson County, Kentucky;

Whereas, after 2 years of teaching, the school serviced both boarding and day students with a total enrollment of 37 girls, including 13 non-Catholic students;

Whereas, in 1822, the Sisters purchased property located 3 miles north of Bardstown, Kentucky and named that property Nazareth;

Whereas, at Nazareth, the Sisters built log houses and a new school, known as Nazareth Academy;

Whereas, in 1825, Henry Clay, Kentucky statesman and orator, gave the first commencement address at Nazareth Academy, where his daughter, granddaughter, and great granddaughter eventually received an education, along with Sarah Knox Taylor, the daughter of President Zachary Taylor;

Whereas, during the Civil War, the Sisters nursed both Union and Confederate soldiers;

Whereas Dr. J. O. Murray, a physician in the Union Army in Louisville, Kentucky, wrote to Nazareth, “I regret very much to inform you of the death of Sister Catherine Malone on January 31, 1862, at General Hospital No.1 in this city. She, as well as the other sisters at this hospital, have been untiring and most efficient in nursing the sick soldiers. The military authorities are under the greatest obligation to the sisters of your order.”;

Whereas, in 1861, at the request of a commanding officer of the Union Army, 22-year-old Sister Mary Lucy Dosh and the other Sisters at St. Mary’s Academy in Paducah, Ky. closed their school to nurse Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war;

Whereas, while nursing, Sister Mary Lucy Dosh consoled patients and often gave up her own food to provide nourishment for the sick and wounded;

Whereas Sister Mary Lucy Dosh contracted typhoid fever and died on December 29, 1861, resulting in doctors and soldiers from Union and Confederate forces calling a truce to mourn her death and officers from both sides accompanying her body up the Ohio River on the U.S. Gunboat Peacock, for burial at St. Vincent’s Academy, in Union County, Kentucky;

Whereas, on January 17, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln sent the following letter to Nazareth as a precaution against any military intrusion: “Let no depredation be committed upon the property or possessions of the Sisters of Charity at Nazareth Academy, near Bardstown, Kentucky.”;

Whereas, in 1878, a yellow fever epidemic besieged the people of the Mississippi River Valley, during which time approximately 120,000 cases of yellow fever were reported and 20,000 people died;

Whereas, in Holly Springs, Mississippi, the Sisters closed a local parochial school to nurse the sick, with 6 of the Sisters succumbing to yellow fever between September 22 and October 11, 1878, which prompted the townspeople to erect a monument at the gravesites of the 6 Sisters, honoring their service and sacrifice;

Whereas, in 1918, 29 Sisters, along with sisters from other orders, helped nurse over 10,000 wounded and sick World War I soldiers at Camp Taylor, in Louisville;



On Nov. 30, 2012, Sisters Elaine McCarron, right, and Rachel Willett, left, (who helped draft the document) received the official printing of the resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, on December 1, 1812. The joint resolution was submitted by Ben Cardin and Mitch McConnell. Photo from <http://www.scnfamily.org/>

Whereas the Sisters, finding the soldiers sleeping on bare mattresses and dressed in uniforms and boots, requested bed linens

and hospital clothing for the sick and wounded at Camp Taylor;

Whereas 90 soldiers, many with Spanish Influenza and battle wounds, died during the night that the Sisters first arrived at Camp Taylor;

Whereas deaths at Camp Taylor noticeably declined as the Sisters provided skilled nursing and a commitment to hygiene;

Whereas an officer remarked that he knew when a Sister was in the barracks at Camp Taylor, because the men were especially quiet and well-mannered;

Whereas, by the mid-20th century, the Sisters were located in 10 States, taught in more than 100 elementary schools, 30 secondary schools, 2 colleges, and 6 schools of nursing, and cared for the sick in 12 hospitals and children in 6 orphanages;

Whereas the Sisters opened their first foreign mission in India in 1947, and subsequent foreign missions in Belize in 1975, Nepal in 1979, and Botswana in 2000;

Whereas, in 1986, Nazareth Home, a nursing care facility that the Sisters opened in 1976, in Louisville, became the first long-term care facility in Kentucky to accept HIV/AIDS patients;

Whereas, as of November 2012, the Sisters—

- (1) staff an HIV/AIDS hospice and administer 2 preschools in Botswana; and
- (2) provided disaster relief and housing assistance in many places, including—
 - (A) New Orleans, Louisiana;
 - (B) Joplin, Missouri;
 - (C) Nelson County, Kentucky;
 - (D) Appalachia; and
 - (E) Belize; and

Whereas the Sisters find inspiration and strength for their service in the words of 2 Corinthians 5:14, “Caritas Christi urget nos” (“the charity of Christ urges us”):

Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) commemorates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (referred to in this resolution as the “Sisters”), on December 1, 1812;
- (2) commends the dedicated service of the Sisters who provided nursing care during the Civil War, World War I, and epidemics of yellow fever, cholera, and smallpox in the South;
- (3) recognizes the service of the Sisters in providing health care on the frontier of Kentucky and elsewhere through the establishment of hospitals in Kentucky, 4 other States, the District of Columbia, and abroad;
- (4) lauds the role that the Sisters continue to play in providing education, health care, and nursing home care in response to the needs of economically and socially disadvantaged individuals, families, and communities; and
- (5) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Sisters.

Source: <http://scnfamily.tumblr.com/post/38972460039>

Photographer to display work at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

February, 2013 27

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery, St. Meinrad, IN, will host an exhibit of photographs by Andrea Hoelscher called "Little Women." The exhibit will be on display from January 13 to February 21.

Hoelscher says her "Little Women" series is a reflection on learned gender roles. The photos are illustrated with household scenes populated with female figurines. "The women in these photographs are surrounded by the domestic trappings of femininity. Sponges and laundry piles loom like buildings, and a muffin tin becomes a sticky trap. Instead of actually doing housework, or applying



make-up, the women encounter these objects as the basis of the very world they explore."

The Ferdinand, IN, photographer has a bachelor of fine arts in photography and drawing from the University of Northern Iowa and a master of fine arts in photography from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

She has exhibited her work in shows and galleries in New York, Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky, Virginia, Oregon, North Dakota, Illinois and Ohio. Currently, she is an adjunct faculty member in the Art Department of the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

For library hours, call (812) 357-6401 or (800) 987-7311, or visit the Archabbey Library's website: www.saint-meinrad.edu/library/hours/. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Those wishing to view the exhibit may want to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing time.

At left, photo from the "Little Women" exhibit.



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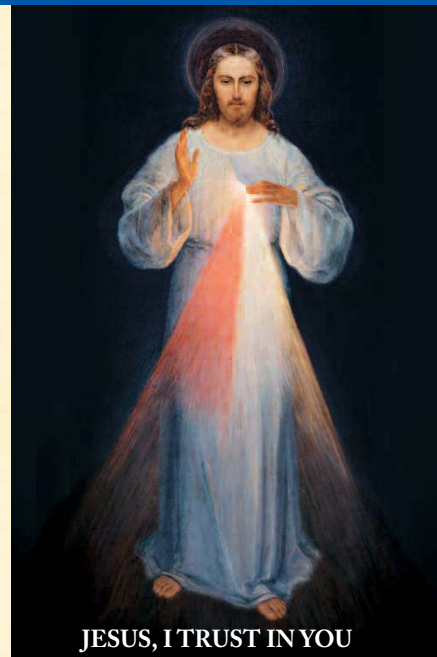
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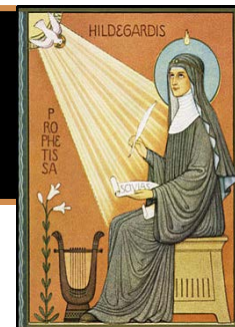
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Sister Cheryl

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Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch Sunday. Fee: \$180 for residents or \$130 for commuters.

A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200.

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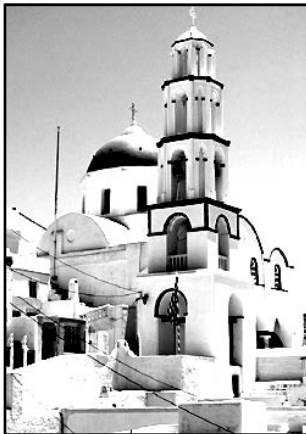
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**Sts. Joseph & Paul Church
Offers Catholicism Series**

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church offers or ever wanted to dive deeper into your faith? Sts. Joseph & Paul Catholic Church offered a program called the Catholicism Series, created by Fr. Robert Barren and Word on Fire productions. The Catholicism Series theme was what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. The Catholicism Series website states, "Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting informational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church."

Sts. Joseph & Paul offered the program for three days covering the first three videos of the series with plans to offer the rest of the twelve videos over the course of the year in a miniseries. Fr. Carl McCarthy facilitated the program showing the clips and then offering discussion with participants in attendance. In the three nights of the program close to ninety parishioners partook in the series.



Above: Fr. Carl McCarthy Pastor of Sts. Joseph & Paul parish leads a discussion of one the video clips of Catholicism Series

Below: Fr. Carl McCarthy and people listen to fellow parishioner as he gives his insights of the Catholic Church. Article and photos submitted by Matt Hunt





Joy To The World!

The St. Mary Magdalene Confirmation Class and Youth Group caroling at the Mount St. Joseph Villa on Dec. 16, 2012. Submitted by Crissy Stevenson, St. Mary Magdalene Youth Minister.



God's Loving Arms

Our Catholic Faith and Medical Science

By Julie Ward Murphy

I read a wonderful article online in the Catholic World Report. It gave two perspectives on the topic of clinical depression and how vital medical science is for this debilitating illness and the role our Catholic faith can have with just as much vital importance. A medical doctor and a priest were interviewed.

Joining this discussion, let me share my experience dealing with depression. I have a wonderful therapist who has a vital role in my mental health. My doctor prescribes the necessary medication for my medical condition that I know without a doubt has helped me tremendously. So has my wonderful Catholic faith, my faith in God, who has put these important people in my life.

My faith tells me that God has given these people, my doctor and therapist, their talents as gifts so that they can be there for those who seek help. My Catholic faith has had a huge part in my healing process. I am able to receive the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist; the graces we receive in that Gift are immeasurable. I have the sacrament of Confession which at times is very difficult, but afterwards I feel the graces of emptying all my sins and walking out renewed with a desire to try harder and feeling redeemed by God's merciful heart. There is no greater feeling than experiencing forgiveness when you feel what you did is unforgivable. That is the best therapy and it didn't cost me a penny. I can call a priest and ask for the Anointing of the Sick. I can in the silence of my heart converse with God making a holy hour in the presence of our Lord and

implore His help. Let me also throw in there the power of the intercession of the Saints. On the flip side, another important guide can be the books written by devout Catholics who give me resources to look up a particular bible verse, or book to read to fit my own personal struggle.

We have at our disposal the science of medicine to help a serious illness, and the spiritual resources given so we can attain strength while going through any trial.

I am living proof that I need all of these resources in my life to have a quality of life that God's wants and desires for me and all of His children to have. The choice is ours. They are personal choices for any individual but it is important to recognize their value for a healthier life.

I would like to end this article with a meditation from the spiritual reading of, "The Imitation of Christ"

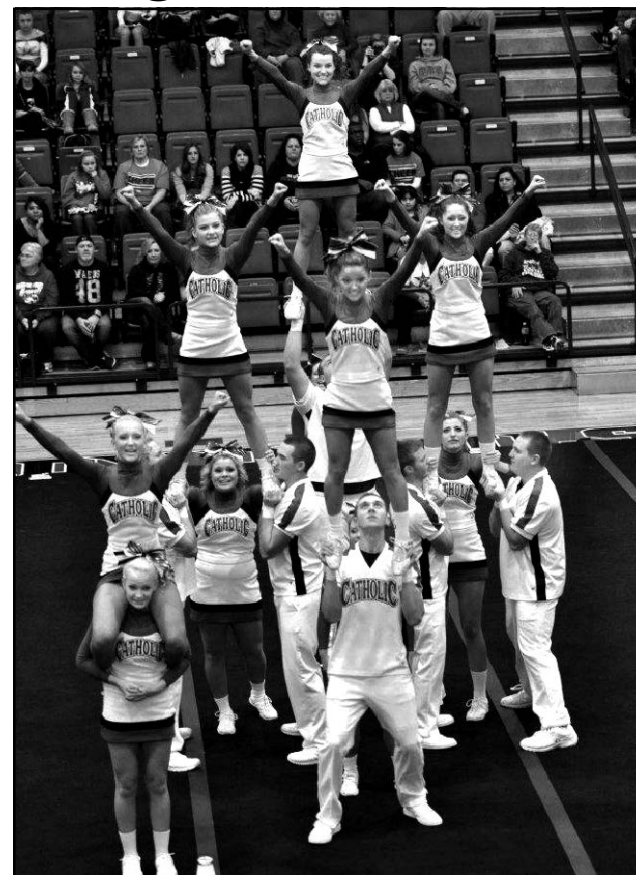
"My child, you cannot always have a burning desire for holiness, nor remain constantly in a high degree of contemplation; but because of fallen nature, you must sometimes descend to lower things and shoulder the burden of this corruptible life, even though you dislike it and find it wearisome; for as long as you are contained in this mortal body, we experience weariness, and heaviness of heart."

When I feel tired, too tired to pray, it is OK, sometimes dryness in prayer is also from God. Just keep trying, and offer your day to God and He will carry it for you.

Editor's Note: God's Loving Arms is written especially for Western Kentucky Catholic readers about times of suffering which people known to the author share. Julie Murphy encourages people to contact her at love4ben81192@hotmail.com to communicate about her articles.

OC Cheerleading Finish Runner Up at KAPOS

Congratulations to the OCHS Cheerleading Squad on placing runner up in the Jan. 5, 2013 Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (KAPOS) Regional competition in the 1A CoEd division. Coaches Mrs. Emily Waddell and Wes Nall. OCS Photo



Christmas Program At Holy Name School

Holy Name School Second grade performs the Nativity on Dec 19.

Below right, Music teacher, Janet Barkley, introduces the 6th grade performance during HNS' Christmas program. Submitted by Holly J. Farina



**Marriage Celebrations for February 2013
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50
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Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Thomas & Janice Foster, 57

Vince & Joan Frey, 54

John & Mary Medley, 52

Charles & Patricia Hamilton, 56

Anthony & Mary Brown, 67

Paul & Beverly Cecil, 53

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Kenneth & Jean Higgs, 59

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

William & Martha Duncan, 59

Bernard & Betty Feltrop, 58

John & Carlene Gabe, 50

Mike & Bobbie Ann Willett, 50

Richard & Doris Market, 50

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Joe & Sue Vallelonga, 40

Joe & Betty Kunkel, 40

Robert & Rita Otto, 56

Donald & Mary Jane Scarbeau, 53

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Denis & Martha Wheatley, 53

Adrian & Velma Wheatley, 59

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Larry & Linda Field, 51

John & Bonnie Popowski, 53

George & Martha Taylor, 57

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Martin Louis & Mary Ruth Bumm, 60

James & Patricia Krampe, 53

Henry Gary & Patricia M. Satterwhite, 53

Silas E. & Catherine Lorine Simon, 66

Fred John & Gloria Jean Zinobile, 58

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Guy & Linda Connor, 52

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Doug & Etta Gough, 25

Wayne & Loretta Nally, 52

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

James L. & Dorothy Calhoun, 67

Philip & Barbara Thomas, 25

St. Ann, Morganfield

Chuck & Karen Wempe, 25

Joe & Florence Henshaw, 67

Franklin & Agnes Hancock, 65

Willard & Joyce Greenwell, 60

Ronald & Mary Davis, 56

St. Anthony, Peonia

Fred & Vida Lee White, 51

Clifford & Margie Higdon, 64

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

James & Faye Johnston, 51

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Carl & Paula Ball, 56

St. Henry, Aurora

Al & Patricia Kasten, 57

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Russ & Ellen Carrico, 25

Jim & Ann Munsell, 40

Thomas & Juanita Elliott, 55

Randal & Julia Elder, 51

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Edwin & Mary Imogen Houser, 59

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Don & Betty McCormick, 60

H. C. & Gustava Thompson, 60

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Charles & Alice Bruce, 52

Art & Arlene Bitsky, 57

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Robert & Rose Coplen, 62

St. Lawrence, Philpot

James M. & Frieda Payne, 55

St. Leo, Murray

Robert & Paula Beavers, 53

St. Mark, Eddyville

Ralph & Shirley Keeney, 50

St. Martin, Rome

Bill & Jane Shelton, 62

St. Mary, Franklin

Lewis & Helen Garst, 52

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jim & Barbara Schwartz, 40

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Bryce & Sue Roberts, 40

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Charles & Barbara Peltier, 50

St. Peter, Waverly

Allen Ray & Carolyn Mackey, 61

Robe & Retha Fulcher, 25

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

William & Margaret Haines, 52

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Bobby & Theresa Barnett, 51

Frankie & Betty Clark, 58

James F. & Penny Howard, 53

William & Martha Zoglmann, 59

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Larry A. & Mary Ed Henning, 40

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Bill & Rosemary Payne, 52

Thomas E. & Lucy H. Neal, 52

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James R. & Evelyn Cecil, 58

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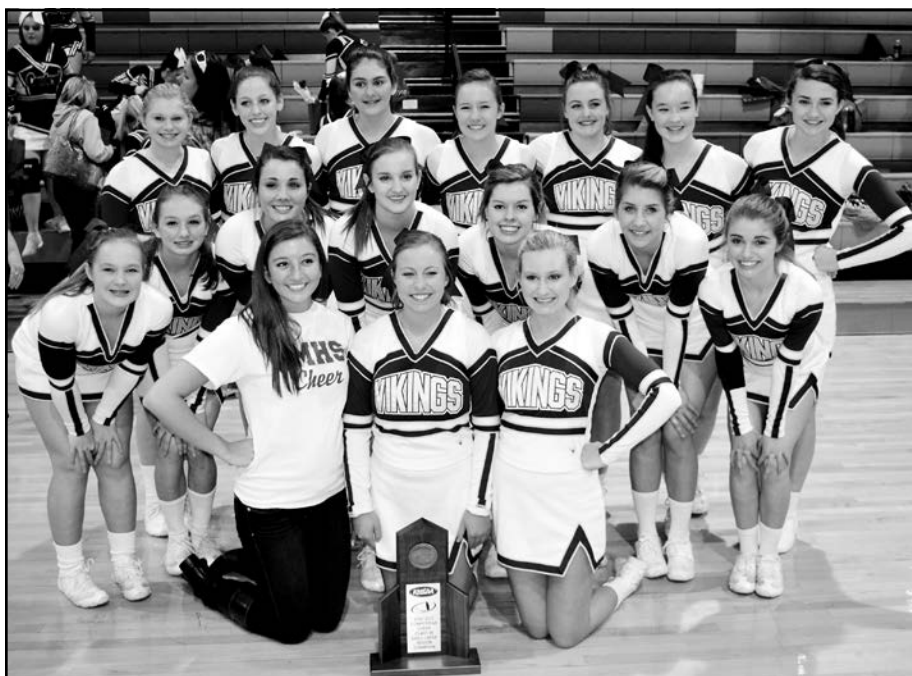
“The day you learn to surrender yourself totally to God, you will discover a new world, just as I am experiencing. You will enjoy a peace and a calm unknown, surpassing even the happiest days of your life.”

- Blessed Jaime Hilario Barbal (1898-1937), Martyr, Feast Day January 18

“El día en que aprendas a rendirte totalmente a Dios, descubrirás un nuevo mundo, tal y como yo lo estoy experimentando. Disfrutarás una paz y una calma nunca antes conocidas, que sobrepasarán aún los días más felices de tu vida.”

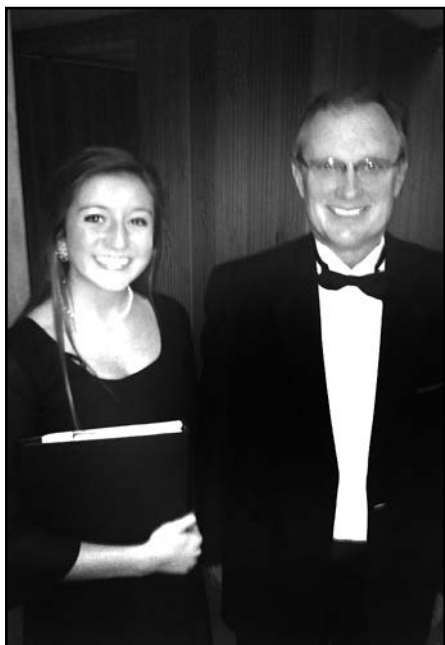
- Beato Jaime Hilario Barbal (1898-1937), Mártir, Día de fiesta enero 18

St. Mary Cheerleaders Headed to State Competition



The SMHS Varsity cheerleaders competed in the First KHSAA-sponsored State Cheerleading Competition on Saturday, January 26. The competition was held at the E.A. Diddle Arena on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. The squad represented Region I at State Competition having won first place in the 1A Large Varsity Division at Regional Competition held on December 15. The team includes Katie Stewart-captain, Aubree Nettles and Maddie West – co-captains, Madeline Hollowell, Caroline Curtsinger, Addison Griffin, Shelby Henderson, Kristin Merges, Hannah Waltmon, Anna Wilson, Audrey Hulette, Gab Milliano, Kelly Stewart, Alli Shields, Emily Bowerman, Allanay Ford, and Maddie Cook. Submitted by Jackie Hopper

SMHS Senior Maddie West Sings in Uof L Honor Choir



St. Mary Senior, Maddie West, had the honor of participating in the 2013 University of Louisville Honor Choir January 13 & 14, 2013. Dr. Kent E. Hatteberg, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Louisville, contacted Maddie and personally invited her to be a part of this choir. Dr. Hatteberg conducts the Collegiate Chorale, Cardinal Singers, and University Chorus. It was a wonderful experience for her and she was able to sing and interact with the U of L Cardinal singers as well as many of the students and professors. She spent two days of intense rehearsals of 8 hours each day ending with a concert on Monday night. Maddie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David West. Pictured is Maddie West and Louisville Choral Director Dr. Hatteberg. Submitted by Jackie Hopper.



Studying the Catechism

Sister Marietta Wethington and Sister Ann McGrew, right, lead the opening prayer at a study session on Jan. 10 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Seven people came for the first chance to study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, during this Year of Faith celebrating 50 years of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The monthly sessions will be led by Sister Ann, director of the Center, and Sister Marietta, both Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. The study will be held on the second Thursday of each month (excluding July) in 2013, at a cost of \$10, which includes lunch. The next session is Feb. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Also pictured are participants Mike McLevaine, Sisters of the Lamb of God Debra Ann Bailey and Audrey Mary Gold, Mariam Kavanagh, a postulant with the Sisters of the Lamb of God, and Nancy Martinez, a candidate with that community. (Not pictured: Debbie Keelin and Ursuline Sister George Mary Hagan.)



Left to right, Debbie Keelin, from Christ the King Parish in Madisonville, Ky., follows along with the opening prayer, as does Nancy Martinez, Mariam Kavanagh and Sister Audrey Mary Gold, at the Jan. 10 study of the Catholic Catechism at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photos

Glenmary Sisters' 6th Annual Men Who Cook

This unique food competition/party features approximately 50 chefs and raises funds to support the mission work of the Glenmary Sisters who provide spiritual and material support to the poorest of Americans. The Glenmary Sisters were founded in 1941. They are a community of Catholic Sisters who live and minister in rural America. Saturday, February 23rd, 2013 (7pm - 11pm) at the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. (\$35 each at the door) \$25 ticket includes: food, soda, beer, live music, silent auction, celebrity chefs. Dishes include: Appetizers, Side Dishes, Entrees and Desserts. Ticketed guests sample a little of this, a little bit of that...yummy!

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For Tickets or Information contact Richard at 270-315-5747 or 270-686-8401. Or email: Richard@glenmarysisters.org

St. Mary Elementary Fifth Grade Students Share Blankets With River City Mission

PADUCAH, Ky. - River City Mission homeless shelter director, Shirley Barlow, visited the St. Mary Elementary School 5th grade students and accepted blankets they had collected.

"Jesus didn't even have a blanket when he was born," commented several

students. The students decided to collect blankets as their Advent service project and donate them to the River City Mission.

"Faith is not about everything turning out OK; Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out."

Pictured on left is 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Carol Klatt, and shelter director, Ms. Barlow, explaining the River City Mission to St. Mary 5th grade students. Submitted by Jackie Hopper, Development Officer, St. Mary School System



OCHS Names Student Academic All State Achievers – Fall Season, Athletics

Below is the list of the OCHS students who earned Academic All State for the fall season. First Team All State the GPA must be between 3.75 - 4.0 Honorable Mention GPA must be between 3.25 - 3.74

Academic All State First Team

- Boys golf: Sam Lilly, Justin Magnuson
- Girls Golf: Olivia Cason, Kelsey Conkright
- Girls Soccer: Sarah Halem, Caroline Hayden, Lucy Kurtz, Emily Linn, Annabel Moore, Jamie Lanham, Meghan Mattingly, Hailey Poole
- Boys Soccer: Matthew Caldwell, Andrew McIntosh, Davis Mitchell, Dylan Payne, Jose Solorza, Philip Lovekamp, Neil Mattingly
- Volleyball: Erin Ford, Rebecca Gross, Stephanie Hayden, Tori Lanham, Katherine Hagan, Rachel Krampe
- Football: Payton Ford, John David Rudy, Andrew Carlisle, Dustin Cole, Joseph McIntosh, Chandler Osborne, Stefan Swift, Chris Vessels, Ben Wathen
- Cross Country: Michael Clore, Adam Hayden, Marty Crowe, Ryan Carlisle, Michael Goedde

Academic All State Honorable Mention

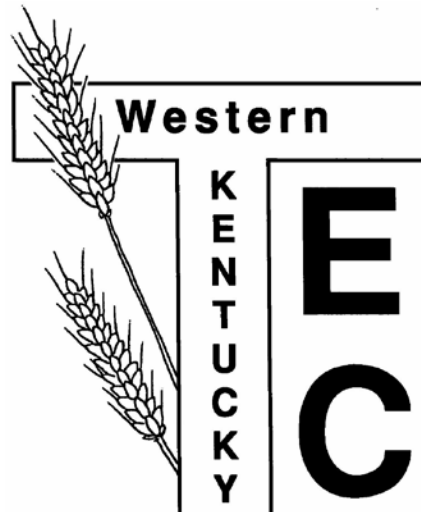
- Boys Golf: John Augenstein,

William Thompson

- Girls Golf: Logan Jenkins, Elizabeth Cason, Haley Ingram
- Girls Soccer: Mikayla Berry, Lindsey Klump, Madeline Reid, Sarah Riney, Kelly Lanham, Brooke Logsdon, Anna Blair, Katelyn Dant, Kali Paul
- Boys Soccer: Daniel Jacobs, Mason Robertson, Will Wright, Peter Day, Luke Dickens, Nathan Jacobs, Seth Tignor, Jack Wheatley, Trey Andrews, Nick Nunley
- Volleyball: Molly Thompson, Hannah Aull, Ashley Mattingly, Lainey Johnson, Mayme Switzer, Megan Woodall
- Cross Country – Boys and Girls - Nolan Mullican, Isaac Knott, Sam Hall, Peter Mattingly, Nathan Roberts, Michael Thompson, Daniel Fulkerson, Brian Gross, Alex Lanham, Trevor Lowe, Katashia Berry
- Football: Christopher Krampe, Noah McCormack, Eli Miller, Michael Mills, Lucas Reynolds, Zack Haynes, Matthew Norcia, Jansen Riney, Holden Staples, Jackson Brett, Ryan Clark, Anthony Garner, Isaac Gough, Houston Hartz, Jonathan Heath, Will Mullican, Joey Oakes, Reece Payne, Bradley Norcia, Houston Ray.

Blessed Sacrament Chili Lunch Bingo and Raffle

HUNTING RIFLE RAFFLE: The Knights of St. Peter Claver Council # 396 and Ladies Auxilliary Court 396 will host a Chili lunch Bingo and Raffle on Saturday, February 2, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Fellowship Hall, 602 Sycamore St, Owensboro. Raffle tickets for a hunting rifle (308 Savage 99C with scope and case) are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from Blessed Sacrament Chapel Office (926-4741), from Knight Gary Hagan (316-0485)s or at the drawing on Feb 2. POC: Veronica Wilhite, Parish Life Coordinator, Blessed Sacrament Chapel (270) 926-4741



TEC #167 will be held
Feb 15-17 at Gasper River Retreat Center in Bowling Green. TEC, or Teens Encounter Christ, weekends are for high school juniors and seniors. College aged students and adults who have completed diocesan Safe Environment Training and background checks may observe the weekend. The weekend will begin on Friday evening and will end Sunday afternoon. Applications for this TEC may be downloaded from the TEC website, <http://www.wkytec.org/>. Deadline for postmarked applications is February 1st. Please sign up EARLY, as the February TEC is always full!

March 1-3 Women's Retreat: "Insights from Saint Hildegard"

"Recognizing God: Insights from Saint Hildegard, Doctor of the Church" is the subject of a women's retreat March 1-3 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Hildegard, a 12th century Benedictine nun, served as a visionary, philosopher, physician, musician, abbess, preacher, mystic, artist, and church reformer. On Oct. 7, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named her the newest Doctor of the Church, along with Saint John of Avila. Hildegard joins three other women and 31 men as someone whose life and writings are recognized as worthy teachers ("doctors") for the universal Church. The retreat leader will be Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU. Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. The fee is \$180, or commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10 percent off if paid in full by Feb. 1. Contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. A retreat brochure can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org under Conference and Retreat Center.

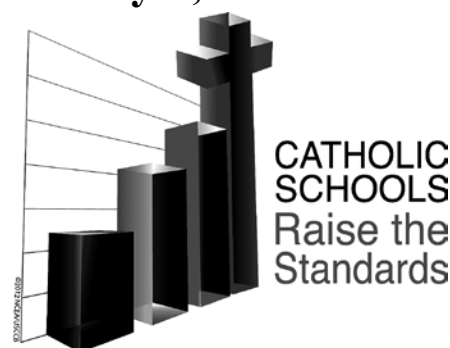
AMDG. Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam – For the Greater Glory of God.

National Catholic Schools Week 2013

January 27 - February 2, 2013

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2013 is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2013 is January 27 to February 2. Schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large.

The 2013 theme supports the recent launch of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, that ensure the effective operation and responsible governance Catholic schools across the country, thus promoting high academic stan-



dards and Catholic identity. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.



St. Ann students qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program

MORGANFIELD, Ky. - Duke TIP 4th - 6th Grade Talent Search offers recognition of a student's outstanding academic abilities. Students are challenged to take the EXPLORE test to evaluate their academic development. To qualify for this honor recognized students scored within the 95th percentile or higher on the IOWA standardized achievement test or Co-gat test given each spring at St. Ann School.

Row 1: Max Dezember, Lilli Butler, Madison Steelman, Hannah Thomas, Cameron Greenwell, Garren Duckworth, Raelle Beaven, Morgan Beaven, Gretchen Greenwell; Row 2: Kaleb Nelson, Jaeden Rossio, Weston Clements, Drew Davis, Brayden McGraw, Olivia Thomas, Ellie Rubush, ; Row 3: Benson Greenwell, Gray Greenwell, Madison Morris, Addison Waller, Maddie Clements, Emma Sheffer, Heather Crowdus, Hunter Robinson, Abe White; Row 4: Macy Butler, Jacqueline Davis, Aubrey Hancock, Jordan Stewart, Anna Wheatley, Samuel Hite, Avery Welden, Kent Davis, Max Moosbrugger, Jarett Gough, Paden Dyer. Emily Greenwell qualified for Duke Tip but was not present for the photo. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson

American Girl Catholic School Uniform

By Sr. Mary Ann Walsh

Catholic schools are in vogue. Proof: You can buy a Catholic school uniform for an American Girl doll. In your favorite plaid. You can find them for Barbie too. All the best dressed dolls are sporting them. They're \$25-\$30 online.

However, though the dolls are going traditional, the Catholic schools are not. Catholic Schools are in transition mode.

National Catholic Educational Association's latest statistics for the 2011-2012 academic year note that nationwide there are 6,841 Catholic Schools: 5,636 elementary/middle and 1,205 secondary. More than 26 percent of them, 1,822 Catholic schools, have waiting lists for admission. Total school student enrollment is 2,031,455, with 1,440,572 in elementary/middle schools and 590,883

in secondary schools. Most students are Catholic, but more than 15 percent are not.

The schools have a long history - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Catholic schools, opened her first school in Baltimore in 1808. Today's schools are a far cry from then.

The need to work to attract students is one reason. Years ago Catholic schools didn't recruit. Students came from the parish in which they were located. Now with Mass attendance down, many families don't see the parish school and do not automatically think local Catholic school. Schools no longer expect the nearby parish to underwrite them, though some parishes do to an extent. Now Catholic schools must market - sell themselves as never before. Catholic el-

ementary schools are adopting practices once reserved for high school and higher education. Enrollment management and advancement practices such as annual giving programs are being introduced to let schools plan and manage resources responsibly.

Finances are but one concern, however. The more important questions address the why of Catholic education. In our pluralistic society, intentional efforts must go to creating an environment that stresses not just the three Rs plus religion, but also respect for the human person and the goal of eternity.

Religious values are real. One mother told me that a boy in her daughter's class had cancer. He was dying and the children prayed for him every day. She liked that her child was learning to deal with one of life's realities and to bring concerns to Jesus.

Another mother told of her four-year-old's experience. On the first day of pre-school he was reflective throughout lunch. Finally he confided, "You know, Mom, you can trust God." Then he sang about trust in God, a ditty he'd just learned. The message will do him well for life.

Today, school backers know that the common elements of a successful Catholic school include a strong Catholic identity, clear doctrinal teaching and sacramental focus, mission driven decision-making, a strong, vision-oriented administrator and faculty, active parent involvement, focused academic curriculum and an emphasis on community involvement.

Soon another measure of success will be how schools provide Catholic education for the Hispanic community and otherwise support the nation's new families and immigrants.

Decades ago Catholic schools moved children of immigrants up the social ladder through education. The schools started as an alternative to public schools that promoted Protestantism. Today they provide a different form of alternative education, giving parents at all economic levels a choice to send their children to a school that is right for that child, academically excellent and supportive of the faith for which the school exists.

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En Nombre de Dios

By Luis Aju



End of year Festivities and 2013 a New Year

The end of the year and the Christmas and New Year holidays have been moments of reflection about Christmas and about time itself, which goes by day after day; the days, the weeks, the years all of them accompanied with a number of situations that happen around us. During the holidays when almost everyone takes time to break the routine and devotes time to God and oneself, in the sense that we stop and ask ourselves, what am I doing? Why do I do what I do and for whom? It is always good to hear from ourselves and our personal

goals, of why we are dedicated to what we are doing. In these situations we ask for strength as we go through the vicissitudes of life. God continues to call us continue our vocation to which he gave us.


By participating in the novenas, and Posadas in preparation for Christmas, we do it with the purpose of finding inner and outer silence, and examine the way we live, because we end another year of life. To identify with time, a year brings changes in plans and activities, but the most important item about each year is to raise awareness in our relationship with God, with nature, with our neighbors and everything that God allows to happen around us. The biggest gift is to recognize that all human beings are creatures of God Almighty, the Creator. All of us men and women are God's creatures; therefore no one is better than anyone, from a perspective of faith. After all we are all endowed with the same dignity. The exercise of our gifts, that God gives to us as a gift itself is not a cause for dominion over others,

but a virtue in which we carry out our vocation. As children of God, we should exercise a leadership that has been given to us to share with everyone.


In this newspaper, we express our thoughts, our reflections and our views as Catholics, which is not to say that what you, dear reader, will find in this

column is nothing more or less than an incentive for you to start the New Year having very clear goals. May the New Year be a time of great faith, and a time for making your dreams for your family and your community a reality.

May God bless each one of us that serve a community or a family.



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Catholic Young Adults

The Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group (open for ages 18-40) will be hosting a book discussion group reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. In this book, Lewis provides a series of lessons in the importance of taking a deliberate role in living out Christian faith by portraying a typical human life, with all its temptations and failings, as seen from devils' viewpoints. This engaging book will be a great Lenten reading to help rid ourselves of sin. Books are free but donations are accepted. The group will meet Monday nights February 18, 25 and March 4, 11 at 7pm at the St. Stephen Youth House (508 West 7th Street, Owensboro). Please let Sarah or Robin know if you would like to join and need a copy of the book. They can be reached at 270-683-1545 or youngadult@pastoral.org.



Join us on our next Spinning Day!

Saturday, February 2nd

Whether you are an experienced spinner, weaver, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56). Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill.

Sessions are from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Lunch is \$15

The group plans to “spin, knit and talk until we’re done!”

2013 DATES: Feb. 2 • March 8-10 weekend retreat
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Decorating St Joseph Church for for Advent

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Above, the St. Joseph, Mayfield parish education second grade class decorating our Advent/Christmas tree. In the picture at left is the whole K-5 grades group standing in front of their Advent/Christmas tree. The K-5 classes took turns each week decorating the tree with the colors of Advent. When they returned to classes after Christmas, they finished their white ornaments for the Christmas Season. Submitted by Melissa G. Armstrong, Coordinator of Religious Education, St. Joseph Church.

What better way to remember the season?



St. Ann students Parker Gough, Jordan Hagedorn Gracie Buckman, Paisley Eckman, Rachel Greenwell, Ella Gough, Landon Gough, Briley Henshaw, Rhagan Thomas, Annie Beaven, Lilli Goodloe, Waylon Wheatley, Kaden Steelman, Breann Thomas, Isabelle Duckworth, Kaden Kanipe perform in the annual St. Ann Christmas Play, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

In the picture at bottom right, St. Ann students Camden Girten, Lauren Lovell, and Josie Timmons prepare to play the bells for residents of the Breckinridge Place spreading Christmas cheer. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson

AMDG. Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam – For the Greater Glory of God.



Students of Mrs. Leigh Ann Vowels first grade class performed in the annual Christmas Play celebrating the birth of Jesus. Sydnie Vessels and Brady Greenwell played the part of Mary and Joseph. They were joined by kings and shepherds Parker Gough, Ella Gough, Landon Gough, Sara McCallister, Rhagan Thomas, Annie Beaven, Lilli Goodloe, Waylon Wheatley, and Kaden Steelman.



Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Asks Mary To Hold Newtown, CT Close To her Heart

Prayers from Hopkinsville, KY were sent to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Newtown, CT. Many victims' funerals were held there.

Monsignor Weiss,

Please know that the students and faculty/staff of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School prayed for and remembered

the victims of the recent tragedy in Newtown. Our 4th grade students processed into church carrying candles to the altar at the beginning of Mass. Before the closing song, Fr. Richard Meredith, our pastor, asked that the candles be taken to the Pieta sculpture in our church where they remained for three days.

Attached (**at right**) is a picture that shows Mary not only sorrowful over Jesus but also holding Newtown close to her heart.

God bless you during this Holy Season and the new year.

- Sarah Kranz, Principal, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School.

Parent Volunteers, Firefighters Unite To Upgrade Holy Name School Playground Equipment

HENDERSON, Ky. - The Holy Name School Preschool Playground has recently been updated with Bingo funds generated through the volunteer hours of our preschool parents. Holy Name is supported by the community as you can see in the help of the local fire department.



Holy Name Preschool Parents Dale Fulcher and Nathan Zollner along with volunteers from the Henderson Fire Department assemble the new additions to the playground. They are assembling a tricycle - go-round. Submitted by Sandy Fleming.

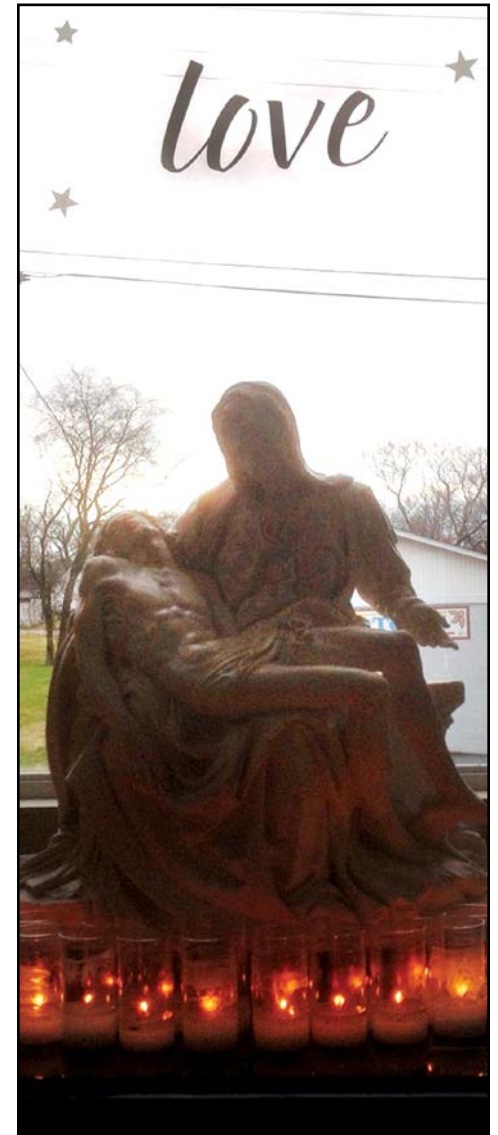


Holy Name Preschool students Jake Hayden, Nate Raymer, and Abby Davis enjoyed climbing on the new Hippo



Holy Name Preschool students Blake Henry and Mallory Littrel race on the tricycle - go - round.

In the picture at right, Holy Name Preschool students Brayden Rideout, Jenna Stewart, Carson Troxel, and Michael Henderson watch in anticipation as the parent volunteers and members of the Henderson Fire Department assemble their new playground equipment



Service Project Helps Provide Food For People In Need

"And the King will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." New Jerusalem Bible, Matthew 25:40

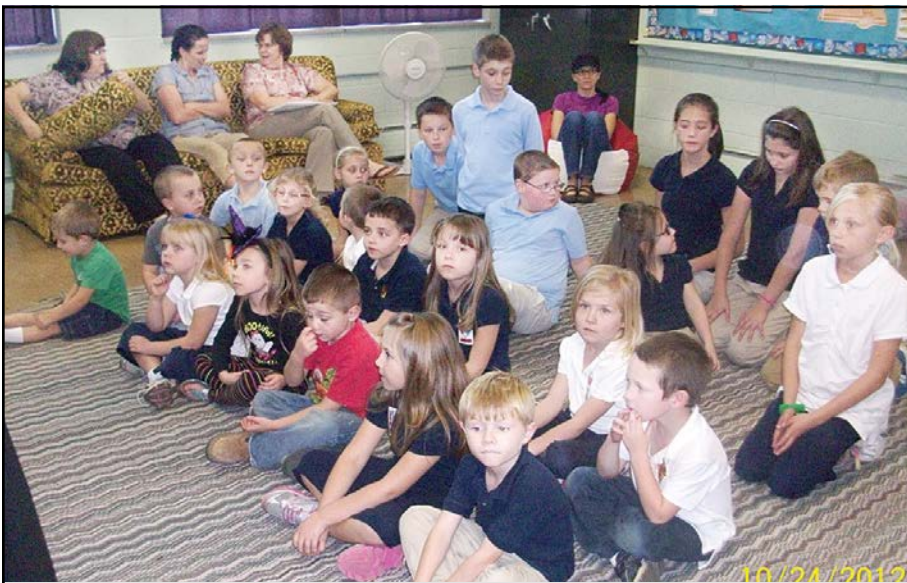
Union Co. high school students from St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown, gathered to assemble Christmas food baskets for the needy. This is an annual service project provided by the generous donations from the parishioners and Uniontown Knights of Columbus. In this picture are, from left, Patrick Wolfe, Taylor Wolfe from St. Peter Parish, Waverly, Austin Clements, Travis Morse, Alexis Elder, Raileigh Gough, Sara Ferguson, Cortini Morse, and Melody McBride. Not pictured: Justin Spaulding. Photo Submitted by Lark Buckman

St Paul School Celebrates As “Catholic Schools Raise The Standard”

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Pictured here is Father Steve Hohman teaching Spanish to Mrs. Emily's K, 1, 2 classroom. Father Steve uses his laptop to play the song 'Feliz Navidad' to help the children learn the words. The children look forward to Father's Spanish class twice a week. Mrs. Emily's class includes Alex Skaggs, Ethan Crawford, Luke Sharp, Hailey Lampton, Allyssa Skees, Dakota Litsey, Angelica Elliott, Rebecca DePoyster, Molly Geary, John Morgan Pirtle, Shelby Davis, & Nathan Witten.



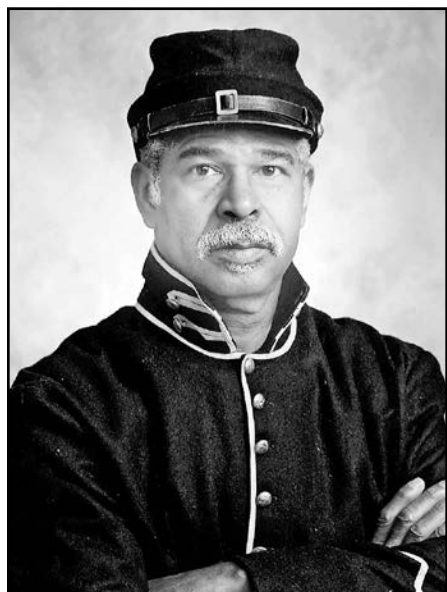
Students at St. Paul Catholic School enjoy the beautiful fall afternoon. Students pictured here are Alex Skaggs, Ethan Crawford, Hailey Lampton, Allyssa Skees, Dakota Litsey, Luke Sharp, Angelica Elliot, Rebecca DePoyster, Molly Geary, John Morgan Pirtle, Shelby Davis, Nathan Witten, Keegan Sharp, Isaac DePoyster, Lydia Mudd, Katie Embry, Laura Higdon, & Gabriel Mudd. St. Paul School recently celebrated it's 100th year anniversary. St. Paul Church, seen in the background, also celebrated it's 200th anniversary.

In the picture at left, students at St. Paul learn about bullying and school safety through the program, Kids on the Block. Teachers, Joan Butterworth, Emily Drake, Janice Darst, & Principal, Sister Anne Michelle Mudd enjoy the program as well. Photos and captions submitted by Gina Sims



In the two pictures at bottom left, St. Paul School students gave of their time and talents once again to put on their annual Christmas play. On the evening of December 21, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, & friends watched with pride as their children showed the true meaning of Christmas. Many thanks to the teachers and parents for helping their children learn their lines, and especially to the director of the play Amy DePoyster for all of her time and hard work

The Owensboro Human Relations Commission and Brescia University Present Rev. Newton Bush: "Freedom at a Terrible Price" with Kentucky Chautauqua®



ment of slaves who had earned their freedom.

But earning freedom wasn't easy for Kentucky's slaves. Eager to fight for freedom for himself and those he loved, Bush devised a plan to escape Green's farm and made his way to Camp Nelson where he enlisted in Company E of the 5th Regiment United States Colored Cavalry.

Army life offered a whole new set of struggles for the colored soldiers. In addition to fighting the Confederate soldiers, members of the Colored Cavalry had to deal with insults from the white soldiers. Bush and the colored soldiers were fighting both for the Union and for the respect of their fellow soldiers.

Bush's life mirrors that of many African-American troops from Kentucky. They endured slavery and put their lives on the line fighting for the Union, only to return from the War surrounded by an ungrateful nation continuing to deny African Americans the same rights at white citizens.

Rev. Newton Bush died in 1925 and is buried at Green Hill Cemetery, the site where the Civil War monument bearing his name stands.

Robert Bell portrays Reverend Newton Bush for Kentucky Chautauqua. Bell is a living historian and charter member of the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery, Reactivated, and a Life Member of the Camp Nelson Heritage Foundation. He also is a charter member of the United States Colored Troops Living History Association, a national group dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the history of the African-American men who served during the Civil War. Bell has presented talks on the United States Colored Troops across Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. with support from: Scripps Howard Foundation, Lindsey Wilson College, the Cralle Foundation, The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, People's Bank & Trust Company of Hazard, the Brown-Forman Corporation,



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For more information on this event at Brescia University, contact the office of Academic Affairs, at 270-686-4250.

As part of Black History Month, Brescia University is partnering with the Owensboro Human Relations Commission to bring a living history character to campus via Kentucky Chautauqua through the Kentucky Humanities Council.

Robert Bell, from Louisville, will bring life to Reverend Newton Bush, who lived from 1845-1925. His presentation, "Freedom at a Terrible Price," will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, February 3, 2013 in Taylor Lecture Hall, which is located in the Brescia University Science Building (East 7th St. and Frederica).

Rev. Newton Bush (1845-1925) was born to Jake and Adeline Bush, who were owned by Nicholas P. Green. The family lived on Green's Franklin County farm, where thirty-five slaves were responsible for taking care of the farm, tending to the livestock, and caring for the Green family.

When President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, slaves were freed throughout the county, but not in the border states which included Kentucky. The Emancipation Proclamation allowed for the enlistment of African Americans into the United States Colored Troops. Once again, Kentucky was excluded, as President Lincoln fought to keep Kentucky loyal to the Union. In 1864, Kentucky became the last state to allow the enlist-

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL, Henderson is currently seeking applications for the position of Principal beginning July 1, 2013. Description: Pre-K through 8th grade, 475 students. Qualifications: Practicing Catholic, Minimum of four years teaching experience, Master's degree preferred, Kentucky administration certificate or working toward certification, Excellent administration/communication skills

Send resume to the following address: Reverend Father Larry McBride, Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 511 Second St., Henderson, KY 42420

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm ...



... CHRISTMAS CAROLING ... St. Jerome's Family Life Committee coordinated Christmas Caroling around Fancy Farm on December 16. Parishioners gathered at the Parish Hall for hot chocolate before heading out around town. There was a great turn out and the community enjoyed seeing them and hearing them sing.

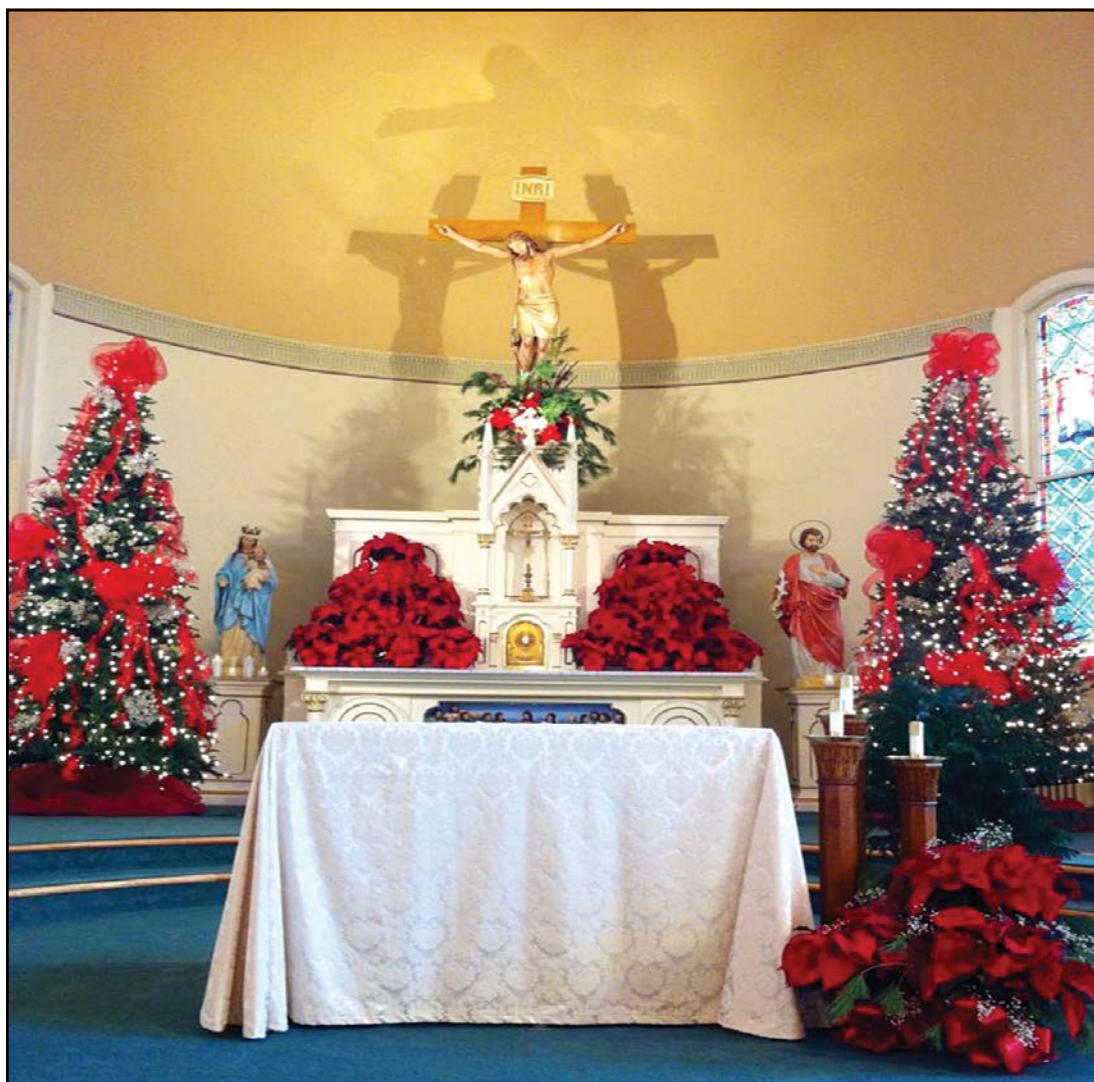


... ADVENT CELEBRATION ... St. Jerome's Family Life Committee coordinated an Advent Celebration on December 2. Soups and sandwiches were served. Adults were able to make an Advent wreath from fresh greenery to take home with them. The kids were able to go around to six stations: Live Nativity Scene, card making, ornament making, pine cone wreath making, votive candle holders, prayer chain. After they went to each station

they were able to go to the "store" to choose a present for their parents and have it wrapped. Pictured is Pat Wilson wrapping presents that the children have chosen. Pictured are the prayer chains and ornaments used to decorate the trees in church after the "hands of hope" ornaments were removed from them. Photos Submitted by Sherry Jones



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... HELPING THOSE IN NEED FOR CHRISTMAS ... St. Jerome's Social Concerns Committee placed 'sharing' trees in church with "hands of hope" ornaments. Information for the ornaments came from community members and local organizations. The organizations we helped were Hope for Life, Needle and Food Pantry, and Lighthouse Ministries. We were also able to help give gifts to several local children and adults in need. Parishioners were encouraged to take an ornament from the tree, purchase or donate what was listed and bring back to church for the gift to be delivered. Pictured at left are the gifts to be delivered.



... CHURCH DECORATED ... Volunteers from our Art and Environment Committee decorated St. Jerome Church for the Christmas season. They did a beautiful job! Pictured is the altar. Photo's submitted by Sherry Jones, Jennifer Thomas, Ashley Hansen and Beth Carrico.

Quilters Guild of St. Anthony of Padua

The group pictured at right, in front of the "Glenmary Block" on the grounds of St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers, are (from left to right): Georgia Bradshaw, Betsy Fusco, Dolly Bardsley, Donna Bassett, Pat Gorbett, and Helen Krivan. This group was formed in Sept. of 2012 and finished their first quilt in late October of 2012. Their quilt pattern is "Salt Water Taffy". The queen-sized cover will be raffled off in time for Valentine's Day as part of a parish fundraiser. Photo taken by Rose May. Submitted by Georgia Bradshaw



OCHS SCRUBS Highlights Great American Smokeout

OWENSBORO, Ky. - November 15th was the annual Great American Smokeout. OCHS students of SCRUBS (Students Creating Respect

Using Better Solutions) hosted this community event.

It is never too late to quit smoking.

- The moment you quit smoking, the air around you is no longer dangerous to children
- 20 minutes after you quit, your blood pressure returns to normal
- 24 hours after you quit, your chance for heart attack decreases
- 1 year after you stop smoking, your risk of heart disease falls by 50% 10-15 years later, and your life expectancy is comparable to those who have never smoked.

Smokers were asked to pledge to be smoke-free and to avoid smoking around others, especially children on the day of the Great American Smokeout. Going smoke-free for one day hopefully will encourage smokers to live smoke-free for a lifetime. Non-smokers were asked to pledge to continue to live smoke-free and to support a smoker to be smoke-free.

There were 179 individuals in the community who pledged to be smoke-free or support a smoker. A total of 15 names were drawn from a raffle to receive a free frozen turkey



WBKR Chad Benefield, SCRUBS members Jenna Ruth, Ryan Clark, Stephanie Wall. SCRUBS Co-sponsors are Bev Howard and Sherry Krampe. Submitted Photo

in honor of "Going Cold Turkey."

Special thanks to those individuals and businesses who sponsored Go Cold Turkey hosted by OCHS SCRUBS members: Danhauer Pharmacy, Domtar Paper Company, Dr. J. Ross/Metro Urology, Glenmore Distillery, HealthPark, Kurtz Auction and Realty, Legends Sports, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mitchell, OCHS, OCS SCRIP Office, Old Hickory, OMHS Wound Center, Physicians Affiliated Care, Sherwin Williams-Frederica, Waffle House on Frederica St., WBKR, YMCA/Athenian, Yolo.

For more information and additional resources on how to become a non-smoker, call the National Quit-Line:

"The Children of the World"



The St. Mary Elementary, Paducah, 5th graders along with Pre-K-4th grade students presented the "Children of the World" Christmas Program under the direction of Mrs. Piper. Mary was played by Maddie Kerr and Joseph was played by Billy Johnston. The three Kings were: John Ryan Curtsinger, Isaac La Barge, & Sam Whelan. Top, left to right: Bethany Russell, Jaclyn Meredith, Margaret Butts, Allison Shockley Abby Kuntz, Billy Johnston, Maddie Kerr, Abby Hatton, & Jessica Bowerman; Bottom, left to right: Isaac La Barge, Sam Whelan, & John Ryan Curtsinger. The St. Mary High School was filled with family, friends and the Holy Spirit. Submitted by Felicia LaBarge

How Persecution of Catholics in Maryland Led to the Establishment of the Catholic Church in Kentucky

By John Broxon

OWENSBORO, Ky. - This article was inspired by a comment made by Fr. Phil Riney at Blessed Mother Church July 22nd. He compared the HHS mandate (requiring that Catholic agencies must violate their consciences or face large fines) to the persecution of Catholics in Maryland during the colonial period. He also stated that the persecution in Maryland led to many families with last names we recognize moving to Kentucky.

That piqued by curiosity. What persecution was he talking about? After all, wasn't Maryland the Catholic colony in America? I grew up in an area with a small Catholic minority. When we learned about the colonies in public school, we always heard a lot about the Puritans in New England, along with a snippet about the Catholic colony in Maryland, but nothing about persecution.

Therefore, I did some research. Most of the story is not taught in our history books. It may be politically incorrect to speak of religious persecution in America, but it is true nonetheless.

Maryland did start as a Catholic colony. George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, obtained a charter for Maryland from King Charles I in 1632. George's son Leonard led a group of Catholic settlers, in the ships the Ark and the Dove, to Maryland two years later, and founded a thriving colony. These colonists were fleeing religious persecution in

England, where Catholicism had been suppressed for 75 years.

Despite their hopes for peace, this group was opposed by colonists from Virginia from the start. The Virginians ardently opposed the granting of the colony's charter to Lord Baltimore. In 1644, a group of Virginia colonists went so far as to attack the Maryland colony, attempting to destroy it. They attacked in a ship named the Reformation, caused the governor and leaders of the colony to flee from the colony, captured and burned the capital city of St. Mary's, destroyed the houses and chapels of the colonists, and captured one of their priests, taking him back to England to stand trial. The raids continued for two years (a period referred to as Claiborne and Ingle's Rebellion).

After the re-establishment of the governor's authority, a period of peace and prosperity returned to Maryland. In 1649, the colony passed a number of beneficial laws, including an Act of Toleration, guaranteeing religious freedom to everyone in the colony.

However, this period of peace was short-lived. In 1643, Virginia had passed laws establishing the Anglican Church as the only allowable church in that colony, which resulted in a large number of Puritans being driven into Maryland, where they were welcomed. In 1650, though, the Puritans rebelled and took over Maryland's government, repealing the Act of Toleration and declaring Catholicism and Anglicanism illegal,

and making the members of those churches ineligible for public office. Catholic churches were destroyed, and most priests fled the colony.

After eight years, Governor Calvert's government was re-established in the colony, and the Act of Toleration was re-enacted. Peace for Catholics continued until 1689, when the English King James II (a Catholic) was deposed and replaced by Parliament with the protestant William of Orange.

The change in England's government led to the removal of Governor Calvert, and the Catholic penal laws that were in place in England (the laws the original settlers were fleeing) were established in Maryland. The Anglican Church was made the official church of the colony, and all citizens were taxed for its support. Catholics were forbidden from public office and practicing law. Catholic schools were closed. This was followed by the Act of 1704, in which Catholics were prohibited from practicing their religion, and priests and parents were forbidden to teach Catholicism to their children. This situation continued until the passage of Maryland's Bill of Rights in 1776.

Almost 90 years of continuous persecution, combined with raids from the British during the Revolutionary War, caused the Maryland Catholics to want to move to an area where they could practice their faith. Even though a new religious toleration law was in place, people's attitudes do not change very quickly, as shown by the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's. Anti-Catholicism continued in Maryland (and in the rest of the US) under the surface for many years and resurfaced with a vengeance in the Know-Nothing movement of the 1830's.

So the Catholics in Maryland began looking for a homeland where they could practice their faith without opposition. As

early as 1752, Charles Carroll, a leading Maryland citizen and later a signer of the Declaration of Independence, attempted to purchase land in the Louisiana Territory for Maryland Catholics to relocate to. However, he was not successful.

In 1785, the migration to Kentucky began in earnest, with the League of Catholic Families, forming in order to settle near each other and support each other in the wilderness. This was a group of 60 Catholic families, including many of the surnames common among Kentucky Catholics, and they moved to central Kentucky in several groups between 1785 and 1795.

As they became more established, family groups moved west along the Ohio River, and their descendants make up a significant portion of the Catholics in the Owensboro diocese.

So, the strong Catholic presence in many areas of western Kentucky is a direct result of the persecution of Catholics in Maryland. Maryland started as a Catholic colony, and the majority of the Catholics in the American colonies lived in Maryland. However, the practice of their faith was allowed for 37 of the first 140 years the Maryland colony was in existence. The search of these families for religious freedom led them westward, to central Kentucky and from there further west into the rest of Kentucky and beyond.

John Broxon is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and a member of Knights of Columbus Council 14290. Partial List of Sources used: Peakes Family History (freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sh-essick/); Local Catholic History of KY and TN (freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~localcatholic/US-LouisvilleKY-TN.htm); Maryland to Kentucky (www.md2ky.com); Catholic Encyclopedia (newadvent.org).

A Sign of Today's Times

"Far from virulent U.S. anti-Catholicism of the 18th and 19th centuries, today the number of Catholics in top US leadership posts is at all-time high. There are six Catholic Supreme Court justices, including the chief justice. If the Senate confirms Sen. John Kerry for Secretary of State that puts four Catholics directly in line behind the president to lead the country: Vice President Joe Biden, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, President Pro-tem of the Senate Patrick Leahy of Vermont, and Secretary of State Kerry. The 113th Congress reached an historic high for number of Catholics in Congress, 163. The new Congress opened Jan. 3, 2013 with 136 Catholics in the House, 75 Democrats and 61 Republicans. The 27 Catholic senators are comprised of 18 Democrats and nine Republicans.

"Since at least the 1960s, Catholics have been the single largest denomination in Congress. Although when Protestant denominations are counted together, they still constitute the largest number of members, at 56 percent."

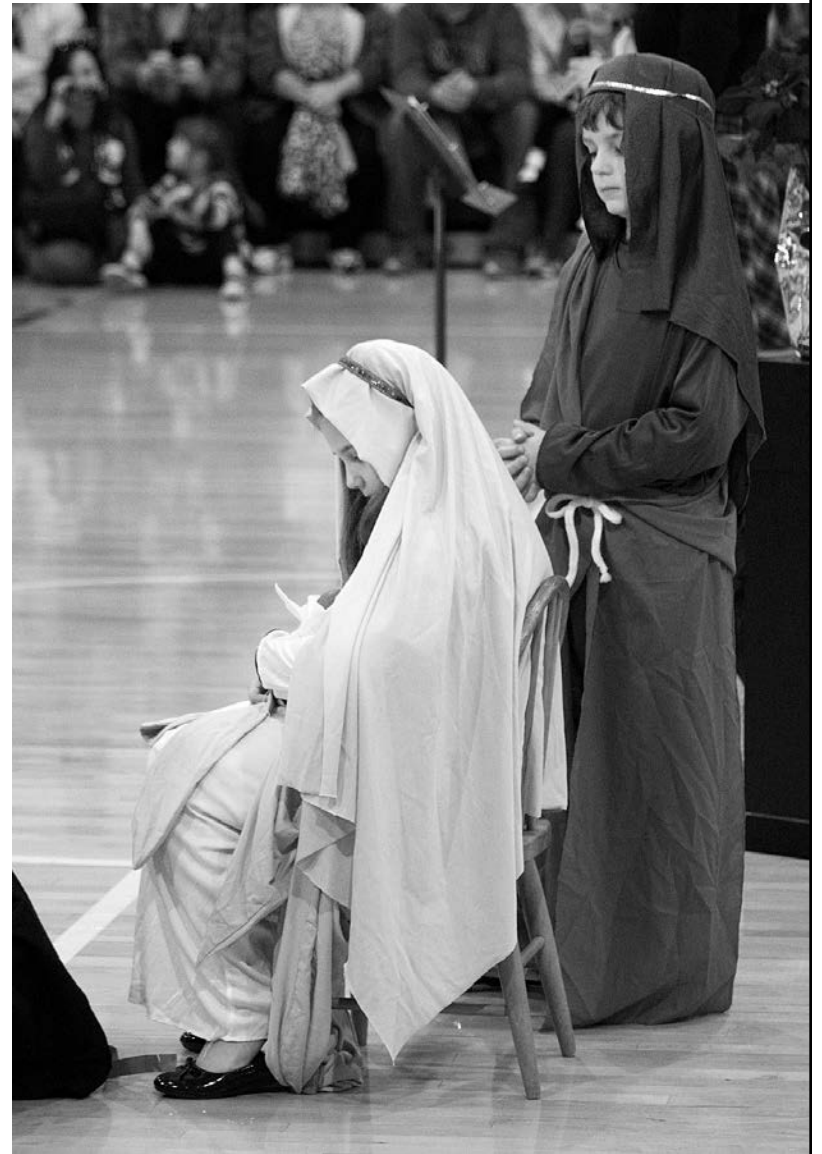
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Some of the family names associated with the migration of Catholics from Maryland to Kentucky in 1785-1795

Abell	French	Mills	Cambron	Johnson	Rapier
Bold	Hagan	Mollihorne	Carrico	Lancaster	Russell
Boone	Hamilton	Montgomery	Cash	Lee	Smith
Bowles	Hart	Mudd	Cecil	Lucas	Spalding
Bolin	Hayden	Nally	Clark	Luckett	Speaks
Brewer	Hill	Norris	Coomes	Mahoney	Stevens
Brown	Howard	Payne	Dant	Mattingly	Thawles
Burch	Howe	Peake	Edelen	McAtee	Thompson
Byrne	Hutchins	Queen	Elliott	Melton	Wathen
			Fenwick	Miles	

Submitted by Nicole Gray

The Elementary K-3 Campus Christmas Program conducted by Heather Hayden was enacted on December 14th at 12 noon. All of the students stood as their grade level sang special Christmas Songs for their Moms, Dads, Grandparents and family members. There was also a "Caroling Sing-a-long" at the end that everyone participated in. Guest pianist was James Warren. In attendance was Bishop William Medley, Sr. Sharon from The Glenmary Sisters, Ken Rasp - Director of OCS and Kurt Osborne - Assistant principal at OCHS.



Thanks to all the girls and boys for a wonderful job!





KNOTTSVILLE, Ky. - Randy Lanham with High Hopes Music in Owensboro arranges and produces the Bluegrass In The Schools programs. He contacts school administrators in August to set up a date for the Bluegrass presentation.

On January 10, 2012, students, faculty and staff of Mary Carrico Catholic School (MACC) here heard the Bluegrass band, Monroeville from eastern Tennessee, with band members from Virginia and from Missouri. There are many different presentations that the

bands can make, depending on how much time a school wants to devote to it.

On January 19, the MACC community listened to their music and antics for around 45 minutes. The band mentioned that if any students are interested, they can take classes on Saturday mornings at the Bluegrass Center in the Riverpark, Owensboro. To contact Randy Lanham, his email is highhopesmusic@hotmail.com.

Mary Carrico Catholic School principal, Ray Montgomery, said,



Members of the Bluegrass band, Monroeville from eastern Tennessee; some band members are from Virginia and from Missouri.

“Randy came to Mary Carrico Catholic School before Christmas, 2012 to conduct several teaching sessions for interested students on the guitar and the fiddle at no cost to the school or student. Monroeville is a good Bluegrass band. We all enjoyed their pre-

sentation and their music a lot.”

The Foundation for Bluegrass Music believes in passing along bluegrass music to the next generation of fans and musicians. One of their goals - and ours, too! - is to help educators (elementary through university level, including home schooling parents) to become more “bluegrass aware.” The classic bluegrass sound jelled in the mid-’40s with Bill Monroe and His Blue Grass Boys, so it is a relatively new style of music. It’s also one of the very few musical genres to originate in the United States, so it has a “roots music” cultural value for American students in particular.

Like jazz and blues, bluegrass is also a valid style of music for teaching improvisational skills. Perhaps more so than most other genres, bluegrass music connects students to a larger, multi-generational and international community of musicians and fans who love the music. Learning to play a bluegrass instrument is usually a life skill—something a student will continue to do for a number of years after he or she has left high school music programs. <https://ibma.org/node/23>



Trinity’s Hailey Roby Signs to Play Softball for Midway College

On Friday, January 11, Trinity High School senior Hailey Roby signed to play softball for Midway College.

Hailey has been playing softball since she was six years old, and she has been a pitcher since she was eight. Hailey will pitch for the Midway Eagles. Above, Hailey is surrounded by some



of her Trinity classmates. Above, she is pictured with her new coach, Leigh Oakley. Photos by Christina Rhodes



El fin de año y las fiestas de Navidad y año Nuevo han sido momentos de reflexión acerca de la Navidad y el contar del tiempo, que día a día pasa; los días, las semanas, los años y un sin número de

situaciones que pasan alrededor nuestro. Estos días en que casi todo mundo toma cierto tiempo para salir de la rutina y dedicarse un momento a Dios y a uno mismo, en el sentido de que necesitamos hacer este tipo de actividad

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y preguntarnos, ¿Que estoy haciendo? ¿Porque lo hago y para quien lo hago?, siempre es bueno volver a escuchar de nosotros mismos nuestros objetivos personales, del porque nos dedicamos a lo que estamos haciendo. En este sentido pedimos más fuerzas y seguir adelante, aun en medio de las vicisitudes de la vida. Dios nos sigue llamando a seguir con nuestra vocación a la cual él nos dio.

Al participar en las novenas del fin de año, y las Posadas en preparación a la Navidad, tiene como propósito; encontrar un poco de silencio interior y exterior, y examinar nuestra forma de vivir; porque terminamos un año más de vida. Para identificar el tiempo, un año trae con sigo un cambio en activi-

dades y planes, pero lo más importante al final de cada año es hacer conciencia, en nuestra relación con Dios, con la naturaleza, con nuestros semejantes y todo lo que Dios permite tener en nuestro alrededor. Lo más grande es reconocer que todos los seres humanos somos Criaturas del Dios Todo poderoso, El creador. Todos nosotros los hombres y las mujeres criaturas de Dios, por lo consiguiente que nadie es más que nadie, desde una perspectiva de Fe. Puesto que todos somos dotados con la misma dignidad. El ejercicio de nuestros dones que Dios nos lo da como regalo no es motivo de dominio sobre otros sino es una virtud en la que podemos llevar a cabo nuestra vocación. Como hijos de

Dios, ejerciendo un liderazgo que se nos ha dado y que Dios nos lo ha encomendado para compartir con los demás.

En este periódico, expresamos nuestras reflexiones y nuestros puntos de vista como Católicos, lo cual no quiere decir que lo que usted, querido lector, encuentra en esta columna no es nada más ni nada menos que un incentivo para que usted al iniciar el Año Nuevo tenga sus metas bien claras. Que el nuevo año sea un tiempo de mucha fe, y realización de sus sueños en medio de su familia y de su comunidad.

Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de nosotros los que servimos a una comunidad o a nuestra familia.

Feliz cumpleaños, Hna. Panchita. En gratitud a su servicio de amor a la comunidad y a la Diócesis de Owensboro. Dios la bendiga.

En estas fotografías apreciamos el gesto de la Comunidad Hispana a la Celebración del cumpleaños de la Hermana Panchita. El evento se llevó a cabo el día domingo 14 de enero de 2013, en la parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en la ciudad de Owensboro. Muchos de nosotros los que servimos en el ministerio hispano la acompañamos para esta ocasión. Varios miembros de la Comunidad Hispana vinieron a la celebración. Hubo tiempo para los abrazos de todos como felicitación a la Hna Panchita. El impacto de la obra que realiza la hna. Panchita en esta área de la Diócesis es de admirar en estar con los necesitados y servirles. La Diócesis y la oficina del Ministerio Hispano extienden su felicitación y gratitud a la Hermana. Escribio; Luis Aju.

El domingo 13 de Enero fue la celebración de los 84 dichosos de la Hna. Panchita. Varios de los jóvenes de la Parroquia la acompañaron para esta fiesta. Fiesta porque fue el cumpleaños de ella. Se ha identificado de muchas maneras con la comunidad hispana de esta área. Feliz cumpleaños hna. Panchita. Dios la bendiga y que cumpla mas para su felicidad y de la comunidad. F.Luis Aju



Las Hermanas Ursulinas ayudan a la gente hacerse quien Dios quiere que sean.

¿Haz tu considerado la vida religiosa para ti?

Quizás tu conozcas a la Hermana Panchita Wilhelm, la directora del Centro Latino en Owensboro. La misión Ursulina es proclamar a Jesús a través de la educación y la formación Cristiana en el espíritu de nuestra fundadora, Santa Ángela Merici. Pregúntale a la Hna. Panchita sobre su vida como Hermana Ursulina de Monte San José. Para aprender más sobre nosotros, visita a www.ursulinesmsj.org. Contactar Hermana Panchita, (270) 993-8143 o 683-2541.



O a Hermana Martha Keller, directora del Ministerio Vocacional (270) 229-4103 ext. 212 martha.keller@maplemount.org



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Hna Panchita lista para deleitar el succulento almuerzo, preparado para ella, la presencia de mucha gente muestra la gratitud hacia ella por su gran labor de servir a los pobres del área, tiene que tener una vocación de amor, para servir a los pobres, como nos enseña Jesús. Hna. Panchita gracias por ser mas cuidadosos con nuestro prójimo. Luis Aju

4 Febrero, 2013

Las Pastorelas: Una Vieja Tradición navideña

Es la historia de la Navideña sobre la natividad. La Pastorela cuenta la historia del viaje de los pastores a Belén para ser testigos de la primera Navidad.

Hace dos mil años, una adolescente embarazada y muy bendecida, junto con su nuevo marido, peregrinó a Belén para participar en el censo romano. Con una estrella brillante ante ellos y el diablo a sus espaldas, la pareja encontró su destino lleno de compañeros de viaje y fueron rechazados una y otra vez antes de que un posadero compasivo les dio permiso para



1 El Sr. Gartolon con una de las feligreses de la Parroquia, observan como el diablo, invita a la tentación, en no participar en los actos de la Iglesia como expresión de rechazo a nuestras devociones. F. Luis Aju

que se refugiaran en su establo. Allí, sobre un lecho de paja, el niño Jesús nació. Los pastores no tardaron en aparecer para rendir homenaje a la bebé.

El viaje de los pastores es el enfoque de 'La Pastorela', una obra dramática de la cultura mexicana del suroeste americano alrededor de la mitad del siglo 19. Esta interpretación paródica de la historia utiliza la canción y la danza para dramatizar la batalla entre el bien y el mal que hizo estragos a lo largo de viaje de los pastores. El diablo hace todo lo posible para mantener a los pastores de llevar a cabo su propósito, pero en el final triunfa el bien sobre el mal - con la ayuda de San Gabriel.



3 En la soledad los muchos jóvenes, son tentados por el diablo, por eso los adultos debemos de cuidar de nuestros hijos, porque hacer el mal a nosotros mismos y a los otros esta siempre a la puerta. Por eso no debemos de dejar nuestros hijos e hijas solas puede ser la tentación mas fuerte. F.Luis Aju.

Las Pastorelas: A Centuries Old Christmas Tradition.

It is the Christmas story about when baby Jesus was born. La Pastorela tells the story of the shepherds' journey to Bethlehem to witness the first Christmas.

Two thousand years ago, a pregnant and blessed teenager, along with her new husband, sojourned to Bethlehem to take part in the Roman census. With a bright star before them and the devil at their backs, the couple found their destination packed with fellow travelers and were turned away time and again before a compassionate innkeeper

gave permission for them to take shelter in his stable. There, on a bed of straw, the Christ child was born. Shepherds would soon appear to pay homage to the baby.

The journey of the shepherds is the focus of 'La Pastorela,' a dramatic play from the Mexican culture of the American southwest circa the mid-19th century. This parodic interpretation of the story uses song and dance to dramatize the battle between good and evil that raged along the shepherd's journey. The devil does all he can to keep the shepherds from succeeding, but in the end good triumphs over evil -- with the help of Saint Gabriel (San Gabriel). Source: Yahoo Answers.com.



Es te grupo de jóvenes, representan a los otros jóvenes que protagonizaron la presentación de la Pastorela en esta Navidad. Mil Gracias jóvenes por su presentación. Estuvo muy bien hecho. F.Luis Aju



En esta fotografía, podemos ver como el ángel lea con el diablo, para salvaguardarnos de su influencia, la fe que tenemos es que siempre Dios nos protege y nos da siempre la protección, quizás muchas veces es escuchar la voz de la conciencia. F.Luis Aju

Otra familia, que juntamente con los hijos escuchan el relato, del como el diablo entra en nosotros, invitándonos a no poner atención a los actos que puedan enseñarnos algo, como esta presentación. F. Luis A.





Miembros de la Parroquia de San Jose y Pablo, en Owensbooro, rezan y cantan en la posada de la Navidad en Dic. 2012, todos con sus papeles con los cantos, para la posadas del día 24 de Dic. Fue ocasion para decir Feliz Navidad a la comunidad. F.Luis Aju.



Sr. Bartolon y su familia, ponen atencion a la exposicion del P. Carmelo, acerca del significado de la Celebracion de la Navidad y el acto como drama de la Pastorela. No o obstante el frio de la noche del 24 de Dic. Papá y mamá junto con sus hijos en la celebracion para hacer comunidad. Gracias por el ejemplo y las otras familias tambien. F.Luis Aju

Puesto Vacante: Director Y/O Maestro De Escuela Católica:

La escuela primaria de San Pablo en el Condado de Grayson está buscando alguien para ser director/maestro al principio del año escolar 2013-14. Esta es una escuela pequeña pero está creciendo y presenta grandes oportunidades para este puesto. Cualquier candidato interesado debe ser un Católico fiel y activo y tener las calificaciones necesarias para enseñar. Los interesados pueden mandar su curriculum vitae a la Iglesia Católica de San Pablo, por correo a 1821 St. Paul Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754, o por correo electrónico a stpaulgrayson@windstream.net. Para más información, también nos puede llamar a (270) 242-7436.



Como parte de la celebracion, el P. Carmelo comparte con los jovencitos de la parroquia, la Historia del Nacimiento de Jesus. Explicaba la tradicion de la celebracion de las posadas y el día 24 de diciembre y la Celebracion de la Navidad. Ademas se hablo de conservar las manifestaciones de alegria en la comunidad que hemos aprendido de generacion en generacion y que poco a poco va arraigandose en la cultura. F.Luis Aju



Trabajando para hacer un futuro mejor

La imagen que encontramos aquí es del Padre Steve Hohman enseñando español a la clases de la señora Emily K, 1, 2 . El Padre Steve usa su computadora portátil para reproducir la canción 'Feliz Navidad' para poder ayudar a los niños a aprender la letra de la canción. Los niños esperan con ansiedad la clase de español del padre dos veces a la semana. La clase de la Sra. Emily incluye Alex Skaggs, Ethan Crawford, Sharp Lucas, Lampton Hailey, Skees Allyssa, Litsey Dakoda, Elliott Angelica, DePoyster Rebecca, Geary Molly, John Morgan Pirtle, Davis Shelby, y Witten Nathan. Es muy interesante e impresionante que los lideres vean la importancia del valor del bilingüismo en la Diócesis. "Trabajar para un Futuro Mejor" es la meta que debemos de tener todos. Además el Bilingüismo en la Diócesis es de vital importancia, porque vienen generaciones que dominan los dos Idiomas. La meta de ser bilingüe para los que servimos en la Iglesia Católica debe ser una meta personal de prioridad. Dios bendiga a los que forman a los niños (as) que están formando una sociedad futura que necesita mucho de nuestro apoyo. " Luis Aju

La Luz está encendida para ti

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+Monsieur
William Medley,
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pecado. En nuestro mejor esfuerzo nuestros sacerdotes se han comprometido a estar disponible para la confesión los miércoles por la noche de la Cuaresma.

(Consulte a su parroquia local, ya que habrá algunas variaciones en la programación, muchos sacerdotes son responsables por más de una parroquia.)

"La confesión es buena para el alma." El origen de esta cita es desconocido por mí, pero parece una verdad evidente. Entramos en la conversión cuando reconocemos que nuestras vidas no han sido

siempre lo que queremos que sea, porque sabemos en el fondo que no hemos sido lo que Dios nos creó para ser.

El Papa Benedicto XVI ha predicado una y otra vez que la confesión de los pecados puede ser una participación poderosa de el Año de la Fe que esta en marcha. La Nueva Evangelización a la cual la Iglesia ha sido llamada sólo puede mejorarse cuando buscamos la gracia de Dios.

Todos sabemos que nuestro pecado. La Iglesia, a través de la gracia de Jesucristo, ofrece muchas oportunidades para la gente buena se reconcilie. Experimentamos esto en el sacramento de la Eucaristía, en la lectura de la Sagrada Escritura, en los actos de oración y penitencia y abnegación. Sin embargo Jesús facultó a la Iglesia para ofrecer su gracia en una forma más extraordinaria en el sacramento de la Penitencia. Algunos pueden haber tenido una mala experiencia en el pasado, otros simplemente perdieron la costumbre, mientras que otros nunca se confesaron lo suficiente para entender su poder.

Esta es una invitación a la conversión, la santidad y la sanción. "La Luz Esta Encendida Para Ti", y esa luz es la Luz del mundo, Jesucristo.

Suyos en Cristo,

William F. Medley

+Monsieur William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro



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Miembros del Comité Examinador Diocesano Están Listos para Responder Llamadas

Los miembros del Comité que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Sr. Ken Bennett, Sr. Mike Boone, Sra. Kay Castlen, Chair, Pbro. Mike Clark, JCL, Pbro. Pat Connell, Sr. Jeff Ebelhar, Sr. Mike Flaherty, Sr. Nicholas Goetz, Sr. Brandon Harley, Sra. Teresa Henry, Sr. Dan Howard, Sra. Mary Beth Hurley, Hna. Eula Johnson, SCN. La Sra. Louanne Payne sirve como el enlace entre el Obispo y el Comité Examinador.

Cualquier persona que desea comunicarse con el Comité Examinador Diocesano debe llamar al Centro Pastoral Católico a 1-270-683-1545 y pedir hablar con un miembro del Comité Examinador. Para hablar con un miembro particular de este Comité, dígame a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico le dará la información de la persona que llama a un miembro del Comité Examinador Diocesano para seguimiento.

Las personas que llaman pueden ser anónimos para la llamada inicial a la recepcionista. Los números de teléfono de los miembros de este Comité no serán divulgados al público.

También se puede contactar al Comité por su email a reviewboard@pastoral.org. No se olvide de incluir su información de contacto. No se responderá directamente por email porque no se puede garantizar la confidencialidad por email. Seguimiento será por teléfono.

Calendario del Obispo Medley para el mes de febrero 2013:

1 de Febrero	8:00 a.m.	Misa de Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
2 de Febrero	10:00 a.m.	OCS/Sts. Joseph & Paul Rifa de Casa Salón de convivio Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
	1:30 p.m.	Primera Profesión de Religiosa, Sor. Cecilia María, Monasterio Pasionista, Whitesville
	7:00 p.m.	Vivaldi Gloria – Interpretación Musical, Evento del Jubileo Iglesia Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
3 de Febrero	10:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Immaculate, Owensboro
4-6 de Febrero		Taller de Obispos para Biótica, Dallas, TX
7 de Febrero	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
9 de Febrero	5:00 p.m.	Misa, Conferencia de Hombres Católicos, Catedral St. Stephen
10 de Febrero	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
	2:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
13 de Febrero	12:05 p.m.	Miércoles de Ceniza, Catedral St. Stephen
14 de Febrero		Conferencia Católica de KY. Reunión de Consejo Ejecutivo, Louisville, KY Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY Reunión Provincial, Louisville, KY
15 de Febrero		
16 de Febrero	6:00 p.m.	OCES 7ma Subasta Anual, Brescia University
17 de Febrero	2:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, Catedral St. Stephen
	7:00 p.m.	Rito de Elección, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
18 de Febrero	9:30 a.m.	Reunión de la Directiva del Personal de Sacerdotes
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del consejo Sacerdotal
20 de Febrero	8:30 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, Escuela Mary Carrico Memorial
	6:30 – 8:00	"La luz esta encendida para ti", Sacramento de Reconciliación (consulte el sitio web para ubicación – www.rcdok.org)
21-22 de Febrero		Reunión de la Directiva de Brescia University
27 de Febrero	6:30 – 8:00	"La luz esta encendida para ti", Sacramento de Reconciliación (consulte el sitio web para ubicación – www.rcdok.org)
28 de Febrero	8:30 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Paul, Leitchfield

La Luz está encendida para ti

Cuando los amigos o seres queridos nos dicen que van a llegar tarde, nuestra respuesta a ellos es "Vamos a dejar la luz encendida para ustedes." Ahora la Diócesis de Owensboro está enviando con mismo mensaje.

En la iniciativa "La Luz está encendida para ti", las iglesias católicas de la Diócesis estarán abiertas en horarios extras para la oración y la confesión. A partir de la primera semana de Cuaresma hasta el miércoles de Semana Santa, los sacerdotes estarán disponibles en las iglesias de la diócesis de 6:30p.m. a 8:00p.m. para confesar. (Por favor, consulte con su parroquia para verificar los días y horas).

En general, las parroquias ofrecen oportunidades para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación los sábados por la tarde y por cita. En un esfuerzo para hacer que el sacramento sea más accesible a más personas, se ofrecerán estas horas extraordinarias.

Como nos recordara el catecismo este sacramento tiene varios nombres. A veces se llama el "sacramento de la conversión" o el "sacramento de reconciliación" o "penitencia". Probablemente es más comúnmente conocido como "Confesión", ya que implica una confesión de pecados a un sacerdote.

No importa el nombre que utilizamos para el sacramento, su propósito es eliminar todo lo que está en nuestras vidas que nos separa de Dios. Al igual que el padre de la parábola del Hijo Pródigo, Dios espera y espera por nuestro retorno cada vez que nos perdemos.

Te invitamos a celebrar la misericordia de Dios y el perdón en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante esta Cuaresma.

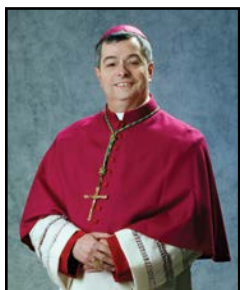
Para obtener más información acerca de "La Luz Está Encendida Para Ti, por favor visite www.rcdok.org/lightison.



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"Perdón padre, porque he pecado."

A pesar de que estas palabras han sido una parte fundamental de la identidad católica durante cientos de años, para muchos no se han hablado en su contexto formal por un tiempo muy largo, si alguna vez. Estas son las palabras con las que los católicos generalmente han iniciado su confesión a un sacerdote en el sacramento de la Penitencia, también conocido como



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el sacramento de la reconciliación, la conversión y el perdón.

Para algunos, la confesión habitual era una parte integral de la vida espiritual de la cual en alguna manera nos hemos alejado de

ella. Los católicos más jóvenes o adultos convertidos al catolicismo nunca se les ha enseñado el valor y el significado de este sacramento. Algunos pocos han valorado siempre este sacramento como una parte integral de la vida en Cristo, la vida en la Iglesia, y la vida en familia y en comunidad.

¿Por qué el sacramento de la Penitencia? En el Bautismo, todos los pecados son perdonados por la gracia de la vida nueva en Jesucristo. Pero la vida nueva recibida en la iniciación cristiana no anula la fragilidad y la debilidad de la naturaleza humana. Como seres humanos, niños y adultos, nos quedamos cortos, no

somos capaces de reflejar la imagen y semejanza de Dios, en la que fuimos creados para ser. Jesús ciertamente entendió la fragilidad de la naturaleza humana. Él experimentó en carne propia el quebranto y el pecado, incluso de sus discípulos escogidos. Incluso San Pedro, llamado por Cristo para ser la roca sobre la que se construyó la Iglesia, fracasó miserablemente, negando a su Señor y amigo.

El fracaso de Pedro y los demás Apóstoles hace aún más poderosa la institución del sacramento de la penitencia a través de ellos. "¡A Quienes les perdonen los pecados ellos serán perdonados!" Podríamos considerar a este sacramento como un sacramento de infinitas segundas oportunidades y esto es cierto. □ Pero es un sacramento de conversión, un proceso al que Jesús siempre nos llama porque nos hemos desviado del ceñir de Dios por nuestros pecados.

Durante esta próxima Cuaresma, que comenzará el Miércoles de Ceniza, 13 de febrero los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis se han comprometido a proveer horas para acceder el sacramento de la Penitencia y tal vez ofrecer algunas instrucciones sobre el significado y la importancia del sacramento para los fieles.

Nos unimos a varias diócesis de los Estados Unidos que en los últimos años se han esforzado para invitar a una mayor participación en el sacramento. La iniciativa se llama "La Luz está encendida para ti" como un recordatorio de que estamos llamados a vivir en la luz de Cristo, una luz que se ha oscurecido por nuestro

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LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TI

Celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Esta cuaresma las iglesias en la Diócesis de Owensboro prenderán sus luces y abrirán sus puertas para

CONFESIONES

Los miércoles en la tarde

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Por favor consulte con su parroquia local para horarios específicos)

En el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, cualquier pecado cometido, si es humildemente reconocido y la persona involucrada en él se acerca con confianza al sacerdote de confesión, él o ella nunca fracasan en experimentar el gozo que calma que viene del perdón de Dios.

-- Papa Benedicto XVI



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