



Led by the Eucharist

A girl kneels before the Blessed Sacrament during adoration at Youth 2000 on March 11. The Eucharist-centered youth retreat marked 20 years in the Diocese of Owensboro this year.

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On March 23, a tractor-pulled wagon bearing the body of Bishop John J. McRaith processed through the streets of Owensboro, coming to St. Stephen Cathedral where it was received by Bishop William F. Medley. **Page 5**



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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

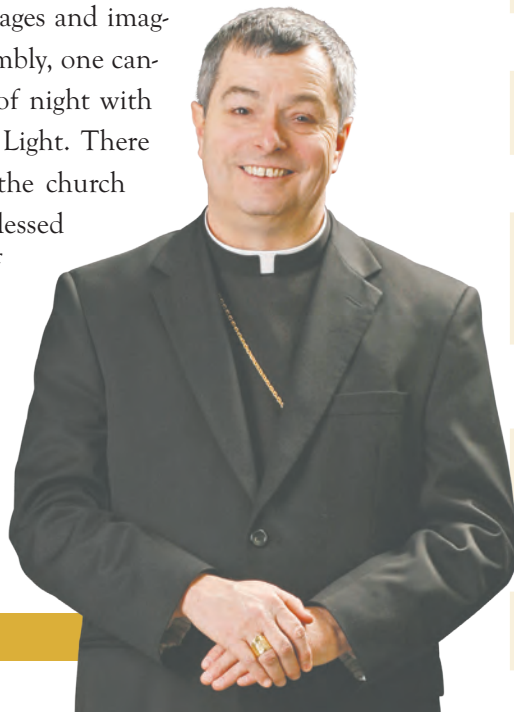
Mention April 15 to most Americans and you might get a frown or even an audible “ugh.” This is the deadline date every year for all Americans to file income taxes.

April 15 this year however can be for Christian believers a day of prayer and anticipation. This year April 15 is Holy Saturday, that sacred day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On this day, at nightfall, the Church, having kept a holy vigil, gathers to celebrate the Easter dawning.

The liturgy of Holy Saturday is unique. Most Catholics, I suspect, have never experienced this drama of God’s Word and Sacred Signs and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. Even Catholics who routinely fulfill the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath by attending Mass on Saturday evening, might steer away from the Easter Vigil. Why? Well, it starts late; it is not to begin until sundown – so in the springtime that generally means after 8 p.m. And, it is long, and Catholics often believe holding any liturgy or Mass to under an hour is an eleventh commandment.

This great festival is a drama of light and darkness, and water and oil, and incense and perfumed chrism. The Church’s ritual on this night is a grand production, but one abundant in images and imagery. Beginning in darkness, the assembly, one candle at a time, breaks the blindness of night with the proclamation that Christ is our Light. There is a crescendo of light as we enter the church and break the darkness. For a few blessed moments our only light is that of candles and we make ourselves one with the ages who have gone before us without the benefit of electric lighting. When at last we fully light the church it is as we sing, “Glory to God in the highest.”

The Litany of the Saints is sung



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR APRIL 2017

APRIL 1	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation – St. Augustine, Grayson Springs and St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
APRIL 2	6:00 p.m.	Blessing of sign & prayer garden – Newman Center, Murray
APRIL 3	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service – Precious Blood, Owensboro
APRIL 4	8:00 a.m.	Mass – St. Pius X Preschool, Owensboro
APRIL 5	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Service for Protection & Healing – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
APRIL 9	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
APRIL 11	6:30 p.m.	Chrism Mass – Owensboro Sportscenter
APRIL 12	9:00 a.m.	Staff Mass & Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
APRIL 13	6:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
APRIL 14	3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy – St. Stephen Cathedral
APRIL 15	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil – St. Stephen Cathedral
APRIL 17	9:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting – MCC Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
APRIL 19	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance – MCC
APRIL 20	9:00 a.m.	Mass – Western Kentucky Correctional Complex, Fredonia
APRIL 22	12:00 p.m.	Men Who Cook – Owensboro Convention Center
APRIL 25	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	School Mass & Senior Conversations – St. Mary High School, Paducah Paducah Office Hours Confirmation – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
APRIL 26	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation – St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley
APRIL 27	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	School Mass – Maximilian Montessori Academy, Owensboro Confirmation – Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
APRIL 29	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation – St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
APRIL 30	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Confirmation – St. Peter of Alcantara Parish, Stanley Confirmation – St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

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to continue the sacred story that Old Testament and New Testament readings have brought us to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the zeal of the early Church. Invoking the prayer of the saints demonstrates that God's revelation is continuous.

Water is another core image of the Easter Vigil. Fresh water is blessed with the primary intention here to baptize new members. The newly initiated are then actually dressed in new clothes of white to signify a new life in Christ.

The newly-blessed water rejuvenates all as the people are touched by that water after renewing their Baptismal promises. "Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises? Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, ... in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, ...in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?"

There is no substitute for the faithful observance of 40 days of Lent. But if like so often before Lenten promises and practices have fallen a little short of Ash Wednesday resolutions, the Easter Vigil offers a deep and wonderful retreat.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Remembering Bishop McRaith

Statement from Bishop William Medley

I am very saddened by the death of Bishop John Jeremiah McRaith. I extend my sympathy to his dear family and the people of the Diocese of Owensboro. He was our shepherd from 1982 – 2009. He was a kind and noble man. As people of faith, we claim joy even in our sorrow. Bishop John now enters into the glory of God's Kingdom won for him by Jesus Christ. Let us pray for one another.

Statement from Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz

I mourn the loss of Bishop John J. McRaith, my friend and an exemplary bishop. For 26 years, he served the Diocese of Owensboro with distinction, witnessing the growth of the Church. At all times he retained the heart of a pastor, always relishing the time that he spent with his priests and people. Bishop McRaith also was sought after for his teaching, witness, and leadership in stewardship and how to give for the sake of others. Since his retirement in 2009, he continued in his love of Christ and those he served. I personally will miss my friend Bishop McRaith, who welcomed me as Bishop of Knoxville in the Province of Louisville 17 years ago and who was consistently supportive of my brother bishops and me. May good Bishop McRaith rest in peace and enjoy the eternal reward promised to those who trust in God and serve him faithfully.

Diocese of Owensboro 2017 Priest Assignments

Mikulcik, Rev. Ken: Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville, effective June 13, 2017.

Buckner, Rev. Mark: Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley, effective June 13, 2017.

Thomas, Rev. Shaiju: Pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho and St. Elizabeth Parish in Curdsville, effective June 13, 2017.

Joseph, Rev. Jojy: Pastor, St. Paul Parish in Princeton and St. Mark Parish in Eddyville, effective June 13, 2017.

Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith dies at 82



Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith, Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro from 1982 to 2009, died the morning of Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the age of 82.

John was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota on December 6, 1934 to Arthur Luke McRaith and Marie Hanley McRaith. He grew up on a farm with three siblings; James, Jane and Margaret Mary. He graduated from St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, on February 21, 1960. In 1982, he was ordained as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro. In addition to shepherding the Catholic Church of western Kentucky, Bishop McRaith served as board member for Brescia

University, the Daniel Pitino Center, McAuley Free Clinic in Owensboro, and Lourdes Hospital Foundation in Paducah.

Bishop McRaith was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Marie McRaith; his brother, James “Jim” McRaith; his sister, Jane Moening; niece, Shannon Ekeren-Moening; and nephew, Barry McRaith.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Mary Madden and the following nieces and nephews: Molly Wahlgren, Meaghen Madden-VanDyke, Matthew Madden, Mary Elizabeth Lehman, Tim McRaith, Dan McRaith, Brian Moening, and Sarah Moening.

On Thursday, March 23, a tractor-pulled wagon processed with the body of Bishop McRaith from Glenn Funeral Home to St. Stephen Cathedral. The procession stopped at the Owensboro Catholic 4-6 campus and also passed by Owensboro Catholic High School so students and staff could pay their final respects.

On Friday, March 24, a Mass of Christian Burial was held with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz from the Archdiocese of Louisville presiding and with Bishop William F. Medley as concelebrant. Interment followed at Mount St. Joseph in Maple Mount, Kentucky.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the Diocese of Owensboro in support of charitable work across the diocese and to Catholic Relief Services.



Bishop McRaith in 1997 on his tractor with tiller. WKC file photo.



Bishop McRaith greeting the crowd at his installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro. WKC file photo.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Bishop William Medley visit with Bishop John McRaith at the Carmel Home on February 11, 2017. WKC file photo.

Special Coverage

Due to the deadline of this issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic we were unable to include many of the pictures, memories and statements we've received surrounding the passing of Bishop McRaith. Please look for more coverage in the near future.

Whitesville RCIA catechumen, candidates, 'feel more whole'

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Heather Chubb with son, Henry, are candidates in the RCIA program at St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville. They will be confirmed and receive their first Communion at the Easter Vigil this April. Photo courtesy of the Chubb family.

There are countless ways in which people find themselves joining the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) – the Catholic Church’s process of becoming Catholic.

For several of those participating in RCIA at St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville, it was certainly more than coincidence.

A year or so ago, when her son, Henry, was attending Daviess County Middle School, Heather Chubb noticed two boys in school uniforms on Henry’s bus each morning.

She later learned the uniformed students attended St. Mary of the Woods School, since the county had an agreement to transport the children attending the smaller, Catholic school.

When Daviess County proved a poor fit for Henry, Chubb called St. Mary’s.

“I met with Sister Suzanne,” said Chubb of the school’s former principal, Sister Suzanne Sims, OSU, who retired last year.

She also had a chance to visit the sixth-grade classroom, where all of the students told her why they loved attending a Catholic school.

“Henry started there after Christmas break, in sixth grade,” said Chubb, adding that she saw a “remarkable change in my child; he found himself.”

Chubb, who was raising her son in the Episcopal faith, said Henry “always had a special relationship with God, even when he was young.”

One day he approached his mother and said “Mom, I want to become Catholic, and I want you to join me.”

“I’m not going to tell him he can’t be something he wants to be,” said Chubb, who had attended Catholic school as a child and had been curious about Catholicism. Plus, she pointed out that the Episcopal Church shares many similarities with Catholicism, so the transition would be smoother.

They began St. Mary of the Woods Parish’s RCIA this past fall.

Chubb said she and Henry have enjoyed the weekly RCIA classes, and couldn’t say enough about the RCIA team including pastor Fr. Brian Roby,

faith formation director Carrie Howard, and former associate pastor Fr. James Walling, who has since transferred to a new assignment as a Fathers of Mercy priest.

She said her sponsor is parishioner Sharon Boardman, who is “perfect.”

Fellow Whitesville RCIA participant, Ashton Bickett, had been “interested in Catholicism for a very long time.”

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Ashton Bickett with husband, Nick, and children Alexia Tucker, Gabriel and Reid Bickett. Ashton is a catechumen in St. Mary’s RCIA and will be baptized, confirmed and receive her first Communion at the Easter Vigil. Photo courtesy of the Bickett family.

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“My husband grew up Catholic,” said Bickett, who explained that in their marriage vows she had promised to raise their children in the Catholic faith.

“This is the best way to follow through with my words,” said Bickett, adding that her husband is her sponsor.

Bickett said one challenge for her has been simply “not having grown up Catholic,” and learning

aspects of the faith like praying through the saints’ intercession.

She said she was nervous when first attending Mass, but realized that “no one is judging you” even if the visitor does not know all the words and parts of the liturgy.

Bickett is a catechumen in RCIA, which means she was not baptized before. She will be baptized,

confirmed and receive her first Communion at the Easter Vigil.

“I am excited about being able to accept the Eucharist,” she said, but admitted she is equally excited about being baptized.

“I finally feel more whole,” she said.

Bishop says Mexico pilgrimage showed ‘interconnectedness’ between Mexican, U.S. Church

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Bishop Medley and Fr. Jason McClure celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Photo courtesy of Chris Gutiérrez.

If there was a simple way to describe his February 13-19 pilgrimage to Mexico, Bishop William F. Medley said he would call it his “thanksgiving tour.”

“It was all centered around our visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe,” said Bishop Medley, who said Guadalupe is believed to be the most-visited shrine in the entire world.

Bishop Medley traveled to Mexico City and the surrounding area with the Diocese of Owensboro’s Hispanic ministry director, Chris Gutiérrez; Fr. Carmelo Jimenez of St. Michael Parish in Sebree; and Fr. Jason McClure, diocesan vocations director.

Besides visiting the basilica, the bishop’s group also visited the Archbishop of Tuxtla Gutiérrez in Chiapas, Mexico, to thank him for permitting Fr. Jimenez to serve in Kentucky for over a decade, as well as visiting the motherhouse of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad Gentes.

Several of these religious sisters currently serve in the Diocese of

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Owensboro, and Bishop Medley had wished to offer his personal thanks to their mother superior and community.

“We were able to visit the home of Fr. Julio (Barra’s) family and have dinner there, and we went out to dinner with Fr. Carmelo’s family,” said Bishop Medley.

Bishop Medley said he was filled with “gratitude at the gifts the Catholic Church in Mexico has given us in Fr. Carmelo, Fr. Julio and the sisters.”

The group visited a seminary in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, which included a seminary high school. That same day, Bishop Medley, Fr. Jimenez and Fr. McClure participated in a priesthood ordination, which was held in the open streets and had approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

That week they visited a number of important historical and religious sites in Mexico, but Bishop Medley said the highlight truly was being able to concelebrate Mass at the Guadalupe basilica with Fr. Jimenez and Fr. McClure.

Bishop Medley said they lit candles at the basilica and prayed for the Church in western Kentucky, especially those who wish to visit Guadalupe “but now cannot move as easily between their new home (in the United States) and their ancestral home.”

He said the pilgrimage “deepened in me an appreciation for the interconnectedness of the Catholic Church in the United States and the Catholic Church in Mexico.”



Fr. Jason McClure, Bishop Medley, Chris Gutiérrez and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez (not shown) visited the motherhouse of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad Gentes in Mexico. Several of this community's sisters serve the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo courtesy of Chris Gutiérrez.



Bishop William F. Medley with Archbishop Fabio Martínez Castilla of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez in Chiapas, Mexico, at a priesthood ordination in February. Photo courtesy of Chris Gutiérrez.

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Asking for ‘a chance’

Sebree parishioner reflects on living in U.S. while undocumented

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor's note: In late 2016, The Western Kentucky Catholic and the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Communications began a project to learn about the experience of local Catholics living as undocumented immigrants. This past January, Laura Clarke – digital media specialist/videographer – and I met and interviewed Jorge, who belongs to St. Michael Parish in Sebree. Jorge was born in Guatemala and today lives and works in Kentucky. Jorge, who is undocumented, shared why he came to the United States, what he has observed over the years, and what are his hopes – and concerns – for the future. -Elizabeth Wong Barnstead

Jorge was studying to become a teacher in Guatemala when his little sister was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

“I was praying, God, please do not take her from me,” said Jorge. “It’s hard to tell God to ‘do his will.’”

His sister tragically died at six years old. Adding to the grief of their child’s death, Jorge’s parents were left with heavy debt from the many doctor’s bills.

As is the case in many developing countries, Guatemala’s poverty is staggering, especially in its indigenous communities. Jorge’s parents had no way to repay the doctors, and Jorge needed to make a difficult decision.

He had one more year to complete his education, but decided to put his career on hold to help his parents pay off the debt. He arrived in the United States in 2005 to look for a job that could earn enough money to help his family.

“When I was crossing the border, I asked God, ‘let me go into the United States. You know why I am going there; I want to see my mom happy,’” said Jorge.

Jorge’s story is not unique. According to Justice for Immigrants, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop’s immigration reform campaign, many people come to the United States as undocumented immigrants when the current immigration system fails to provide an option to arrive legally.

Jorge spent six years living and working with two of his siblings in Georgia. Then he moved to Sebree, Kentucky, where he joined St. Michael Parish in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Learning and changing

Today, Jorge works for a flooring company, has learned English and is hoping to earn his GED. He also helps out with other activities like cleaning up around the City of Sebree, attending Hispanic ministry events and preserving Guatemalan culture for younger generations.

More than 10 years have passed since he crossed the border in hopes of paying off his family’s medical bills.

Thinking back to his dream of becoming a teach-

er, Jorge said sometimes plans must change.

“Of course now, after 11 years, the education system has changed, so if I go back now I’d have to start all over... or, I don’t know,” he said with a shrug and a smile.

He said he is glad he tackled the English language, though it was a challenge.

Jorge remembers after attending his second English class, he was walking down the street and heard people speaking English.

“I didn’t understand anything,” he said. “And I thought, ‘in five years, I will understand, and probably speak like they do.’ And after five years, I could.”

But as an undocumented immigrant, deportation is an ever-present thought – even when it comes to learning English.

“For myself, I am willing to learn different things because you never know when you’re going to use it,” he said. “Like in my case, if I get deported one day, I’ve got the advantage that I know basic English.

The Church and immigration

To learn more about the Catholic Church’s stance on immigration, visit justiceforimmigrants.org, the official website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ campaign for comprehensive immigration reform.

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And that will probably help me out in my country.”

Being united

Jorge said there are times “that I regret coming” to the United States, such as when “you see your friends get deported.”

In fact, his own brother was deported after his green card was not renewed.

But there are many aspects of America that he admires, such as businesses’ willingness to support other businesses.

He admitted there is currently a divide between English-speaking Catholics and Spanish-speaking Catholics, who usually attend Masses in their native languages: “It is a big challenge to have one Church with different cultures.”

He hopes time and collaboration will bridge the gap, and that more people will consider visiting Mass in a language different from their own.

“For example, in married life, two people think differently,” he said. “However we’ve got the goal to work together no matter what. So it works the same for us as two different cultures. We come from different cultures, but we have one goal: to be united.”

Having a chance

Jorge said the current political climate, such as a cultural animosity toward immigrants, worries him: “I’m afraid that a lot of innocent people will get deported.”

He explained that often when people are deported, “a lot of families get separated,” and that this is not good for the nation as a whole.

According to Migration Policy Institute, a non-partisan think tank in Washington, D.C., immi-

grants to the U.S. and their U.S.-born children now number approximately 81 million individuals – 26 percent of the United States’ population.

“If we don’t have a good family, we won’t have a good city,” said Jorge. “If we don’t have a good city, we can’t have a good state. If we don’t have a good state, we can’t have a good country.”

Jorge said he hears a lot of the discussion as to whether immigrants are taking jobs that should go to natural-born American citizens.

“There are a lot of jobs out there,” he said. “But not many U.S. citizens want to work as (immigrants) do. And I say that because I know it; because I live in it.”

Jorge used to be a safety supervisor for sanitation at a food processing plant: “And you are dealing with the chicken guts, and the blood on the floor, and stuff like that... as immigrants, we do it because we have families to support.”

“We are actually filling those positions that many companies are looking for,” he said.

Jorge encouraged U.S. citizens to listen to the stories of immigrants, especially those who are undocumented.

He said if he ever had an opportunity to speak to members of the U.S. government, he would “ask them for a chance for everybody.”

“To study their case,” he said. “Not just make them sign paperwork for their deportation, without knowing who that person is.”



Meet Jorge

Learn more about Jorge’s experience as an undocumented, Catholic immigrant living in Kentucky in a web-exclusive video, to be released later this month. To be among the first to see the video, subscribe to the diocesan email newsletter at owensborodiocese.org/subscribe, and follow Facebook.com/DioceseOfOwensboro.

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Retreats at Gasper provide ‘relaxed,’ space to ‘get back to the basics’

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When the youth of Holy Name Parish arrive at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center, “you can almost hear a collective sigh of relief as they get a chance to escape the busyness of normal life,” said Charlie Hardesty, the parish’s youth director.

Hardesty, who usually leads three separate retreats per year to Gasper River for junior high teens, high schoolers and twelfth-graders, said Gasper’s retreat environment lets the youth “breathe and begin to create some calm and stillness in their otherwise hectic lives.”

The retreats provide a slightly different “feel” from Gasper’s regular camps, said Hardesty.

“I think retreats feel different from camp in that the atmosphere isn’t so activity-driven on retreat,” he said. “The facility as a whole seems more relaxed and at peace during retreat.”

Ben Warrell, the camp and retreat center’s director, said a variety of groups have come on retreat at Gasper, which is located in Bowling Green.

Warrell said these include parish youth group retreats, senior retreats from all three high schools in the Owensboro diocese, public and Catholic school retreats, Confirmation retreats, men’s and women’s retreats, teambuilding retreats for businesses, Pre-Cana retreats for engaged couples, class reunions and retreats for people undergoing the Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA.

He said Gasper has also hosted a number of groups from nearby Western Kentucky University,

which includes the Newman Center, WKU’s “Week-end in the Woods” and WKU’s Chinese Flagship Program.

“Most groups – the majority of our groups are youth groups – will lead their own retreats,” said Warrell, and explained that Gasper’s staff leads the outdoor activities like zip line, giant swing, Jacob’s ladder and vertical playground.

“There are a couple of retreats where we have led the entire thing, mostly Confirmation retreats, but we are open to anything,” he said. Warrell added that with Gasper’s newly-completed dining hall, meals and clean-up are available to retreat groups who do not wish to bring their own food.

Jan Lange, principal of St. Joseph School in Bowling Green, said their school takes grades first through seventh on day retreats at Gasper River, with an overnight retreat for the eighth-graders.

“We’ve been doing this since the first year that Gasper opened,” said Lange. Gasper River celebrates 10 years this spring.

Lange said the classes enjoy praying the rosary along the stones by the creek which form a giant rosary, and others like to pray at the large crucifix on the property.

“By taking them there every year, when they are older and it’s time to go to camp, they’re excited,” she said. “We’re so blessed to be in Warren County, where Gasper is,”

Lizbeth Gonzalez attended a Hispanic youth ministry retreat at Gasper River in 2015, and said her

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a five-part series commemorating the 10-year anniversary of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

experience remains with her even after graduating high school.

Gonzalez, who attends SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, said the outdoors can still remind her that “God is in everything.”

“Sometimes I like to sit outside and look at the trees and remember that God is here,” she said.

Hardesty agreed: “Gasper offers a sacred and attractive space to get back to the basics of life and again, become available to God.”



Youth from Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson attend the parish’s 2017 high school retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. Photo courtesy of Charlie Hardesty.

 Learn more

To learn more about Gasper River, how to register for a camp or to donate, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org.

All invited to prayer service with bishop

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro will host a vespers-style prayer service with Bishop William F. Medley to pray for the protection and healing of all impacted by child abuse.

Anyone who would like to pray for those affected by child abuse are welcome to attend.

“For some, this will be a time of healing, for some, it will be a time of resolve,” said Molly Thompson, director of the Office of Safe Environment in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Thompson said the prayer service will be less than an hour long and structured around Liturgy of the Hours, including a homily by Bishop Medley.

“This is open to everybody, not just Catholics,”

said Thompson, who explained that this annual prayer service has taken place in the diocese since 2011, rotating to different parishes across western Kentucky.

Bishop Medley told The Western Kentucky Catholic that this gathering is very important for the Catholic Church.

“We are committed to healing the hurting, and reaffirming that children are safe in the Church and in our schools,” he said.

Thompson said prayer “is one way of responding to pain,” and that the prayer service is meant to “be a place for people to know that the Church is trying to address this and discuss ways to keep abuse from happening again.”

Mount St. Joseph hosts diocesan family life office gathering



Fr. Richard Meredith speaks to the group gathered in Conference Room A of the Retreat Center on the morning of March 14. Photo courtesy of Mount St. Joseph.

Representatives of diocesan family life offices from the five states that make up Region V brought their annual conference to the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount on March 13-15, 2017. Region V is made up of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, said Joe Bland, director of family life for the Diocese of Owensboro.

The first two days of the conference are informational workshops on issues dealing with family life in the Catholic Church, Bland said. Since the conference is always held during Lent, the final day was a retreat on Pope Francis' exhortation on the family, “Amoris Laetitia,” led by Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, a Father of Mercy based out of Auburn.

April is National
Child Abuse Prevention
Month

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



You are invited to join
Bishop Medley for
Evening Prayer

Wednesday,
April 5, 2017
at 6:30 p.m.

Blessed Mother Parish
601 E. 23rd St.
Owensboro, KY 42303

Pray for protection and
healing for all impacted
by child abuse.

2017 Parish Picnic Schedule for the Diocese of Owensboro

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 20	Serving at 11 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 28	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 3	Booths open at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 3	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 10	4-9 p.m. SPIRITFEST parish picnic event	Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
JUNE 10	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 17	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 24	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly
JULY 1	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 1	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
JULY 1	Serving 2- 9 p.m.; Clarkson location.	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine
JULY 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
JULY 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 22	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
JULY 29	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
AUG 1	Drive-thru picnic beginning at 5 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 5	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 5	Serving at noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 12	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
AUG 26	Serving at 3 p.m. EST	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
SEPT 9	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 9	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 16	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 16	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 17	Serving at 11 a.m.; at St. Lawrence	St. William & St. Lawrence, Philpot
SEPT 23	BBQ & raffle 2-4 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 24	Serving at noon	St. Leo, Murray
SEPT 24	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
SEPT 24	Serving at 1 p.m.	St. Michael, Sebree
SEPT 30	10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner & Silent Auction	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

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"The Joy of Love" Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis



Thursdays
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 13

• May 11 • June 8
• Aug. 10 • Sept. 14

• Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14

Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

Classes led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

\$20 per class (includes lunch)

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206

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Mount Saint Joseph
Conference and Retreat Center

8001 Cummings Road
Maple Mount, Kentucky 42268

Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. To learn more, call 270-852-8328 or visit KyCaringConnection.org.

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Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy, call us at 270-852-8328 or toll-free at 1-877-803-5064.

May 2017 to mark 100th anniversary of Fatima

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

May 13, 2017, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima that began on May 13, 1917 and continued on the 13th of each month until October 1917.

The Blessed Mother came to the three shepherd children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, with a message and a plan for peace for the world. The message and the plan for peace was simply to draw close to Jesus her Son through prayer, especially to pray the rosary every day.

The message of Fatima also called for us to do penance for the reparation of sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, along with offering sacrifices to the Lord for the conversion of sinners. This message of Fatima is just as important for our world today in 2017 as it was for the world in 1917.

Pope Francis had mandated the Church's centennial celebration of the apparitions of Fatima with a special plenary indulgence (the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin) from Nov. 27, 2016 to Nov. 26, 2017.

The plenary indulgence of the jubilee is granted:

a) To the faithful who visit the Shrine of Fatima in pilgrimage and devoutly participate in a celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the symbol of faith (Creed), and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

b) To the pious faithful who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly displayed for public veneration in any church, oratory or ad-

equate place, during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions (the 13th of each month, from May to October 2017), and devotedly participate there in any celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the symbol of faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

c) To the faithful who, due to their age, disease, or other serious reason, are impeded from moving, if, repentant of all their sins and having the firm intention of performing, as soon as possible, the three conditions mentioned below, in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, spiritually unite in the days of the apparitions to the jubilee celebrations, offering with trust to God, all-merciful through Mary, their prayers and pains, or the sacrifices of their own lives.

A plenary indulgence can be gained once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); and
- pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Some parishes already have on display an image of Our Lady of Fatima for people even now to venerate as a way of preparing for the abundant graces that Pope Francis hopes that the members of the Church will seek and desire to receive during this

Jubilee Year.

How wonderful it would be for all parishes on the 13th of each month from May to October to have an image of Our Lady of Fatima in our churches so that men and women, young and old will venerate the with devotion Mary who brings us a message of peace and hope even for the world today. Maybe during this 100th anniversary year we can follow the example of the three shepherd visionaries who desired to keep Jesus company by offering many sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and the reparation for sins.

Meatless Fridays, the offering of the setbacks, disappointments and inconveniences of daily life may be the penance that we can offer to Jesus to help bring back a sinner (ourselves included).

Some parishes during this year are participating in a Novena to Our Lady of Fatima from the 5th to the 13th of each month of 2017 along with the Litany to Our Lady of Fatima. In many places where this novena has been said many graces and prayer requests of our Lady have already been answered. Our Lady of Fatima is here to help us all to be her children so that we will all be drawn to the feet of her Divine Child.

So in simple words the message of Fatima is:

- Pray the rosary daily for peace in the world.
- Perform and spread devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Pray, fast, and do penance for the conversion of poor sinners and to make reparation for the sins of the world.

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April 2017 fish fries in the diocese

Editor's note: Canons 1250 and 1251 state that all Fridays are days of penance in the Catholic Church. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requests that Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, and practice some form of penance on the other Fridays throughout the year. Due to fish being a popular Lenten Friday option in this part of the world, the tradition of Friday fish fries has become a common activity for many. Below is information for April 2017 fish fries held in the Diocese of Owensboro, submitted by the parishes. Questions may be directed to the individual parishes.

Precious Blood, Owensboro | April 7; all 5 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro | April 7, 5-7 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington | April 7, all 4-7 p.m. (EST)

Mary Carrico Memorial School, Knottsville | April 7; all at 4:30-6 p.m.

St. Pius X, Calvert City | April 7; all 4-7 p.m.

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph | Fish fry and auction (live & silent), April 7; serving at 5:30 p.m., auction at 6:30 p.m.

St. Ann, Morganfield | April 7; all 5 p.m.

St. Columba, Lewisport | April 7; all 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro | April 7; 5:30 p.m.

Intercultural competence workshop to build 'lifelong commitment'

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro is growing increasingly "rich in different ethnic groups," which Alejandro Siller-González, assistant director for Hispanic programs at the Congar Institute in Texas, says is a great opportunity to "build bridges."

"We talk about the Catholic Church as universal – so that includes everybody," said Siller-González. "We talk about unity, and that should express itself in churches and dioceses."

On June 6-8, 2017, Siller-González will help facilitate a workshop titled "Building Intercultural Competencies for Ministers," which will be held in Maple Mount at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

The workshop is open to anyone involved in any form of ecclesial ministry, including priests, deacons, religious men and women, lay ministers, parish staff and others.

The workshop will focus on building competence in all areas of the church's cultural diversities, not limiting participants to a mere crash-course in certain ethnicities.

Siller-González explained that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has been prioritizing cultural diversity in U.S. Catholicism, leading to the development of guidelines to improve intercultural awareness and competence.

These guidelines are being presented across the country in this workshop, which is sponsored by the USCCB, Our Sunday Visitor, and the Congar Institute for Ministry Development, which helps equip ecclesial ministers for work in churches and dioceses.

Siller-González said the workshop will not only develop skills and build understanding among participants, but it will also help identify "what is this workshop calling me to do?"



Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers

To learn more and register for this workshop, visit owensborodiocese.org/bicmworkshop.

The cost is \$30 and the deadline to register is May 31.

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan website (owensborodiocese.org/safe). The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Rhonda Gillham, Ed Hodskins, Mary Beth Hurley, Tony Kraus, Mike Marsili, Leslie Phelps, Kelly Roe, Lanny Thomas, and Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

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- Make reparation for blasphemies and outrages against Mary's Immaculate Heart, especially by performing the Five First Saturdays devotion.

- Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart.

So during this 100th anniversary year of the apparitions of Fatima, learn the message of Fatima and live the message of Fatima.

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

Diocese to host traveling Fatima statue

The Diocese of Owensboro will be host to the traveling replica of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, April 24 through Wednesday, April 26. This comes to the diocese through the Fatima Tour for Peace, led by the World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A. This event is in celebration of 100 years since Our Lady of Fatima's apparition to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917.

The schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, April 24**

Arrival in Bowling Green to St. Joseph Parish at approximately 9 p.m. with procession into the church.

- **Tuesday, April 25**

7 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Rosary

9:30 am Mass with students of St. Joseph School

10:30 a.m. Presentation on Fatima

3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4 p.m. Transfer of statue to Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy in Auburn, Ky.

5 p.m. Vespers at the Fathers of Mercy

- **Wednesday, April 26**

7:30 a.m. Mass

To learn more, visit fatimatourforpeace.com or contact St. Joseph Parish at 270-842-2525.

Novena prayer to Our Lady of Fatima (5th-13th of each month in 2017)

Most Holy Virgin, who has deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere love of this devotion. By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in your rosary, may we gather the fruits contained therein and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, the Peace of Christ for the world, and this favor that I so earnestly seek of you in this novena... (here mention your request). I ask this of you, for the greater glory of God, for your own honor and for the good of all people. Amen.

Say the Our Father, Hail Mary Glory Be (three times each).

Litany of Our Lady of Fatima (said with novena prayer):

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country.

Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our clergy.

Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent.

Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.

Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in thee.

Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in thee.

Our Lady of Fatima, help those who invoke your aid.

Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all dangers.

Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.

Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we lovingly ask of thee.

Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us.

Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers.

Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient fervor.

Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offenses.

Our Lady of Fatima, bring all men to the feet of thy Divine Child.

Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

Si se menciona el 15 de Abril a la gente aquí en los Estados Unidos tal vez ponen una cara triste o hasta digan “uf”. Porque este día es la fecha límite cada año para mandar nuestra declaración de impuestos aquí en los Estados Unidos.

El 15 de Abril este año sin embargo puede ser un día de oración y anticipación para los creyentes Cristianos. Este año el 15 de Abril es Sábado Santo, el día sagrado entre el Viernes Santo y el Domingo de la Resurrección. En este día, al atardecer, la Iglesia, después de mantener una santa vigilia, se congrega para celebrar el amanecer de la Pascua.

La liturgia del Sábado Santo es única. Sospecho que la mayoría de los Católicos nunca han experimentado este drama de la Palabra de Dios y Signos Sagrados y la celebración de los Sacramentos de Iniciación. Incluso los católicos quienes cumplen el mandamiento de asistir a la Misa participando a la misa de vigilia de los sábados, tal vez no llegan a la Vigilia Pascual. ¿Por qué? Bueno, empieza tarde; no puede empezar antes del atardecer – entonces en la primavera generalmente significa después de las 8 p.m. Y es larga, y muchos católicos creen que es el décimo primer mandamiento que la liturgia o la misa no debe durar más de una hora.

Esta gran fiesta es un drama de luz y tinieblas, y de agua y óleos, e incienso y crisma perfumado. El rito de la Iglesia en esta noche es una gran escena, pero abundante en imágenes y simbolismo. Comenzando en la oscuridad, la asamblea, vela por vela, rompen la ceguera de la noche con la proclamación que Cristo es nuestra Luz. Hay un crescendo de luz cuando entramos a la iglesia y rompemos las tinieblas. Por unos momentos sagrados nuestra única luz es de las velas y nos unimos a todos los que nos han precedido sin el beneficio de luz eléctrica. Entonces por fin encendemos todas las luces mientras cantamos, “Gloria a Dios en el cielo.”

La Letanía de los Santos se canta para continuar la historia sagrada del Antiguo Testamento y el

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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MARZO ABRIL DEL 2017:

ABRIL 1	4:00 p.m. Confirmación – San Agustín, Grayson Springs y Santa Isabel, Clarkson
ABRIL 2	6:00 p.m. Bendición del letrero y jardín de oración en el Centro de Newman en Murray
ABRIL 3	6:00 p.m. Servicio Cuaresmal de Penitencia – Preciosísima Sangre, Owensboro
ABRIL 4	8:00 a.m. Misa con los niños prescolares de San Pio X, Owensboro
ABRIL 5	6:30 p.m. Servicio de Oración por la Protección y Sanación – Santísima Madre, Owensboro
ABRIL 9	11:00 a.m. Misa en la Catedral – Domingo de Ramos
ABRIL 11	6:30 p.m. Misa Crismal – Owensboro Sportscenter
ABRIL 12	9:00 am. Misa y Reunión del Personal – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
ABRIL 13	6:00 p.m. Jueves Santo – Catedral
ABRIL 14	3:00 p.m. Viernes Santo – Catedral
ABRIL 15	8:00 p.m. Vigilia Pascual – Catedral
ABRIL 17	10:00 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
ABRIL 19	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
ABRIL 20	9:00 a.m. Misa en el Complejo de Correcciones de KY Occidental – Fredonia Misa en la Penitenciaría Estatal
ABRIL 22	12:00 p.m. Hombres que Cocinan – Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro
ABRIL 25	10:00 a.m. Misa Escolar – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah 11:00 a.m. Conversaciones con los “Seniors” – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah 12:30 p.m. Horas de Oficina de Paducah 6:30 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santísima Madre, Owensboro
ABRIL 26	6:00 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Antonio, Browns Valley
ABRIL 27	11:00 a.m. Misa Escolar – Academia Maximiliano Montessori, Owensboro 6:00 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
ABRIL 29	5:00 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Gerónimo, Fancy Farm
ABRIL 30	9:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia de San Pedro de Alcántara, Stanley 3:00 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San José, Bowling Green

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Nuevo Testamento que nos han llevado a la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús y el fervor de la Iglesia primitiva. Invocando la oración de los santos demuestra que la revelación de Dios es continua.

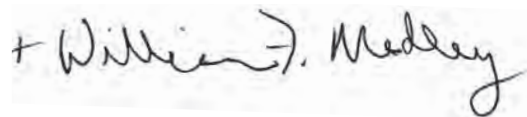
El agua es otra imagen central de la Vigilia Pascual. El agua fresca es bendecida con la intención principal de bautizar a nuevos miembros. Los recién iniciados después son vestidos en ropa nueva blanca para significar una vida nueva en Cristo.

El agua recién bendecida rejuvenece a todos mientras toca a cada uno después de renovar sus promesas bautismales. “¿Renuncias a Satanás, y todas sus obras y todas sus seducciones? ¿Crees en Dios, el Padre Todopoderoso...en Jesucristo, su Único Hijo, nuestro Señor,...en el Espíritu Santo, la santa Iglesia Católica, en la comunión de los santos, en el perdón de los pecados, en la resurrección de los muertos y la vida eterna?”

No hay sustitución por la observancia fiel de los 40 días de la Cuaresma. Pero si como suele pasar no hemos cumplido las promesas y prácticas cuaresmales que propusimos en el Miércoles de Ceniza, la Vigilia Pascual nos ofrece un retiro profundo y maravilloso.

Vayan en la paz de Cristo.

Aleluya. Aleluya.



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro



V ENCUENTRO

DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS: TESTIGOS DEL AMOR DE DIOS
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE

¡El proceso del V Encuentro ha empezado en la Diócesis de Owensboro!

El quinto proceso de Encuentro en los Estados Unidos invita a los líderes diocesanos y parroquiales a tener un encuentro con los católicos hispanos, especialmente con los que viven en las periferias. La meta del V Encuentro es discernir maneras en que la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos pueda responder, servir e involucrar mejor a los hispanos como discípulos misioneros. Póngase en contacto con su parroquia para aprender cómo el proceso del V Encuentro se está implementando al nivel local y visita vencuentro.org para aprender más sobre el proceso al nivel nacional.

Las asignaciones sacerdotales del 2017

Mikulcik, Padre Ken:

Párroco, Parroquia Sagrado Corazón, Russellville, efectivo el 13 de junio del 2017.

Buckner, Padre Mark:

Párroco, Parroquia de San Antonio, Browns Valley, efectivo el 13 de junio del 2017.

Thomas, Padre Shaiju:

Párroco, Parroquia de Santa María Magdalena en Sorgho y Parroquia de Santa Isabel en Curdsville, efectivo el 13 de junio del 2017.

Joseph, Padre Jojy:

Párroco, Parroquia de San Pablo en Princeton y Parroquia San Marcos en Eddyville, efectivo el 13 de junio del 2017.

VOCARE 2017

Únase con otros de todas partes de la diócesis para celebrar las vocaciones el 22 de septiembre del 2017. Centro de Convenciones en Owensboro. Para aprender más: owensborodiocese.org/vocare.

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Guthrie, KY - 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335 o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús,

Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo,

Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

Cada 2do y 4to Domingos de Mes 10:30 p.m.

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754

Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431

Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071

Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

3er. Jueves de Mes 8:30 a.m. (Capilla Hospital de Lourdes)

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001

Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276

Contacto: Hermana Patricia Sullivan, OP (270) 726-6963

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

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Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455

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Aprenda más en owensborodiocese.org/vocations

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Cualquier persona que sepa de un abuso de un menor de dieciocho años es obligado por ley informarles a las autoridades estatales apropiadas: policía local o la línea dedicada para el Abuso Infantil de Kentucky (gratis: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

Además, para informar a la Diócesis sobre el abuso por parte de algún personal (pagado o voluntario) de la Iglesia, en el pasado o presente, favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral a esta línea confidencial: 270-852-8380. La Diócesis de Owensboro acaba de revisar su reglamento sobre el abuso sexual, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2014 y está disponible en todas las parroquias y también en el sitio web diocesano (owensborodiocese.org/safe).

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Presidente), y Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano. La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

Monseñor Juan Jeremías McRaith



Monseñor Juan Jeremías McRaith, fue Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro entre 1982- 2009 y falleció en la mañana del domingo, 19 de marzo del 2017 a la edad de 82.

Juan nació en Hutchinson, Minnesota el 6 de diciembre del 1934 a sus padres Arthur Luke McRaith y Marie Hanley McRaith. Creció con tres hermanos; James, Jane y Margaret Mary. Se graduó del Seminario de San Bernardino en Dubuque, Iowa, y fue ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de New Ulm, Minnesota el 21 de febrero del 1960. En 1982, fue ordenado como tercer Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Aparte

de también pastorear la Iglesia Católica de Kentucky occidental, el Obispo McRaith sirvió como miembro de la junta directiva de la Universidad de Brescia, el Centro de Daniel Pitino, la Clínica Gratis de McAuley en Owensboro y la Fundación del Hospital de Lourdes en Paducah.

El Obispo McRaith fue precedido en muerte por sus padres, Arthur y Marie McRaith, su hermano, James “Jim” McRaith, su hermana, Jane Moening; sobrina, Shannon Ekeren-Moening; y sobrino, Barry McRaith.

Le sobrevive su hermana, Margaret Mary Madden, y los siguientes sobrinos: Molly Wahlgren, Meghan Madden-VanDyke, Matthew Madden, Mary Elizabeth Lehman, Tim McRaith, Dan McRaith, Brian Moening, y Sara Moening.

El jueves, 23 de marzo, una carreta llevada por tractor procesó con el cuerpo del Obispo McRaith

desde la Funeraria Glenn (900 Old Hartford Rd) a la Catedral de San Esteban (610 Locust St.). La Misa en la Catedral fue a las 12:05 p.m. con una vigilia pública hasta las 8 p.m. Un Servicio de Velorio fue programado a las 6 p.m. en la Catedral. El Viernes, 24 de marzo, una visitación pública se llevó a cabo en la Catedral desde las 8 - 10:45 a.m., con la Misa de Exequias a las 11 a.m. El Arzobispo José Kurtz de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville presidió junto con el Obispo William F. Medley concelebrando. Seguido del sepelio en el Monte San José en Maple Mount, Kentucky.

Expresiones de condolencia se pueden hacer en la forma de donaciones a la Diócesis de Owensboro en apoyo al trabajo de caridad a través de la Diócesis y también a Catholic Relief Services.



Obispo McRaith saludando a la gente durante su instalación como el Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Foto del archivo de WKC.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan y Obispo William Medley visitando al Obispo Juan McRaith en Carmel Home el once de febrero de este año. Foto del archivo de WKC.



Obispo McRaith en 1997 arando con su tractor. Foto del archivo de WKC.

El Obispo dice que la peregrinación a México le mostró la relación entre la Iglesia de México y de los EEUU

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Si hubiera una forma sencilla de describir su peregrinación a México entre el 13 y 19 de febrero, el Obispo William F. Medley dice que la llamaría su “visita de agradecimiento.”

“Todo fue centrado en nuestra visita a la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,” dijo el Obispo Medley, quien dijo que el santuario de Guadalupe es la más visitada en todo el mundo.

El Obispo Medley viajó a la Ciudad de México y su alrededor con el director diocesano del ministerio hispano, Cristóbal Gutiérrez; el Padre Carmelo Jiménez, Párroco de la Parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree; y el Padre Jason McClure, director diocesano de vocaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Además de visitar a la basílica, el grupo del obispo también visitaron al Arzobispo de Tuxtla Gutiérrez en Chiapas, México, para agradecerle por permitir al P. Jiménez servir en Kentucky por más de una década. Parte del viaje fue también visitar la Casa Madre de las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Ad Gentes en Tlaxcala.

Varias de las hermanas de esta comunidad religiosa actualmente sirven o han servido en la Diócesis de Owensboro, y el Obispo Medley quiso ofrecer su agradecimiento personal a la Madre General y toda su comunidad.

“Pudimos visitar la casa de la familia del P. Julio (Barrera) y cenar allí, y también salimos a comer con

la familia del P. Carmelo,” dijo el Obispo Medley.

El Obispo Medley dijo que está lleno de “gratitud por los dones que la Iglesia Católica en México nos han brindado en el P. Carmelo, el P. Julio y las Hermanas.”

El grupo visitó a un seminario en Tuxtla Gutiérrez, que incluye un seminario menor de la secundaria. El mismo día el Obispo Medley, el P. Jiménez y el P. McClure participaron en una ordenación sacerdotal, lo cual se llevó a cabo en las calles abiertas y había aproximadamente 1,000 personas en asistencia.

Esta semana visitaron a varios sitios de importancia histórica y religiosa en México, pero el Obispo Medley dijo que momento culminante fue poder concelebrar la Misa en la Basílica de Guadalupe con el P. Jiménez y el P. McClure.

El Obispo Medley comentó que encendieron velas en la basílica y rezaron por la Iglesia de Kentucky occidental, especialmente a los que quisieran visitar a Guadalupe “pero ahora no se pueden mover fácilmente entre su nuevo hogar (en los Estados Unidos) y su hogar ancestral.”

Dijo que la peregrinación “profundizó en mí una apreciación por la relación entre la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos y la Iglesia Católica en México.”

Fotos por cortesía de Cristóbal Gutiérrez.



El Obispo William F. Medley con el Arzobispo Fabio Martínez Castilla de la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez en Chiapas, México, en una ordenación sacerdotal en febrero.



El Padre Jason McClure, Obispo Medley, Cristóbal Gutiérrez y el Padre Carmelo Jiménez (no aparece en la foto) visitaron a la casa madre de las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón Ad Gentes durante su peregrinación a México. Varias de las hermanas de esta congregación sirven en la Diócesis de Owensboro.



El Padre Carmelo Jiménez, Obispo Medley y el Padre Jason McClure celebran la misa en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México.

Pidiendo ‘una oportunidad’

Un parroquiano de Sebree reflexiona sobre vivir en los EEUU siendo indocumentado

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Nota de la Editora: Al final de 2016, El Católico de Kentucky Occidental y la Oficina de Comunicaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro empezaron un proyecto de aprender sobre la experiencia de Católicos locales quienes viven como inmigrantes indocumentados. En Enero, Laura Clarke – especialista de los medios digitales y camarógrafa – y yo nos reunimos y entrevistamos a Jorge, quien pertenece a la Parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree. Jorge nació en Guatemala y hoy vive y trabaja en Kentucky. Jorge, quien es indocumentado, compartió porqué vino a los Estados Unidos, qué es lo que ha observado a través de los años y cuáles son sus esperanzas – y preocupaciones – para el futuro. Dale “Me gusta” en nuestra página de Facebook e inscribirte al Boletín Electrónico para ver cuando sale el video. - Elizabeth Wong Barnstead

Jorge estaba estudiando para ser maestro en Guatemala cuando su hermana menor fue diagnosticada con un tumor cerebral.

“Estaba rezando a Dios, por favor no me la quites,” dijo Jorge. “Es difícil decir a Dios ‘haga tu voluntad.’”

Trágicamente su hermana falleció cuando tenía seis años. Además del dolor de la muerte de su hija, los padres de Jorge también se quedaron con una gran deuda de las muchas facturas de los doctores.

Como es el caso en muchos de los países en desarrollo, la pobreza en Guatemala es impactante, especialmente en las comunidades indígenas. Los padres de Jorge no tenían ninguna forma de pagar a los doctores, y Jorge tenía que tomar una decisión difícil.

“Cuando estaba cruzando la frontera, le pedí a Dios, ‘déjame pasar a los Estados Unidos. Tú sabes porque voy para allá; quiero ver a mi mamá feliz,” contó Jorge.

La historia de Jorge no es única. Según Justicia para los Inmigrantes, la campaña para una reforma migratoria de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de

los Estados Unidos, muchas personas vienen a los Estados Unidos como inmigrantes indocumentados cuando el sistema actual de la inmigración ha fallado en proveer una opción para llegar legalmente.

Jorge pasó seis años viviendo y trabajando con dos de sus hermanos en Georgia. Después se mudó a Sebree, Kentucky, donde se hizo miembro de la Parroquia de San Miguel en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Aprendiendo y cambiando

Hoy, Jorge trabaja por una compañía instalando pisos, ha aprendido inglés y espera sacar su GED. También ayuda con otras actividades como limpiar alrededor de la Ciudad de Sebree, asistir a los eventos del ministerio hispano y preservando la cultura guatemalteca para las nuevas generaciones.

Más de 10 años han pasado desde que cruzó la frontera con la esperanza de pagar las facturas médicas de su familia.

Pensando en su sueño de llegar a ser maestro, Jorge dice que a veces los planes tienen que cambiar.

“Claro, ahora después de 11 años, el sistema de

educación ha cambiado, entonces si regreso ahora tendría que empezar otra vez...o, no sé,” dijo encogiendo los hombros y sonriendo.

Él comentó que le alegra que haya enfrentado el inglés, aunque fue un desafío.

Jorge recuerda que después de asistir a su segunda clase de inglés, él estaba caminando y escuchó personas hablando en inglés.

“No entendía nada,” dijo. “Y pensé, ‘en cinco años, voy a entender, y probablemente hablar como ellos’. Y después de cinco años, sí pude.”

Pero como un inmigrante indocumentado, la deportación es un pensamiento siempre presente – aun cuando se trata de aprender inglés.

“Para mí, estoy dispuesto aprender cosas nuevas porque nunca sé cuándo lo voy a usar,” comentó. “Como en mi caso, si estoy deportado algún día, tengo la ventaja de que conozco el inglés básico. Y eso probablemente me ayudaría en mi país.”

Siendo unidos

Jorge dijo que hay momentos “que me arrepiento de haber llegado” a los Estados Unidos, por ejemplo

cuando “ves a tus amigos deportados.”

De hecho, su propio hermano fue deportado después de que no le renovaron su “tarjeta verde.”

Pero hay muchos aspectos de los Estados Unidos que admira, como la disponibilidad de algunos negocios de apoyar a otros negocios.

Admitió que siente que actualmente hay una división entre los Católicos que hablan inglés y los Católicos que hablan español, quienes normalmente asisten a la Misa en sus lenguas nativas: “Es un desafío grande de tener una Iglesia con diferentes culturas.

Él espera que el tiempo y la colaboración puedan cubrir la distancia, y que más personas van a considerar visitar a la Misa en una lengua distinta que la suya.

“Por ejemplo, en la vida del matrimonio, las dos personas piensan distintas,” comentó. “Sin embargo hay que tener la meta de trabajar juntos pase lo que pase. Entonces funciona igual como dos culturas distintas. Venimos de diferentes culturas, pero tenemos una sola meta: ser unidos.”

Tener una oportunidad

Jorge dijo que el ambiente político actual, y la hostilidad cultural en contra de los inmigrantes, le preocupa: “Tengo miedo que muchas personas inocentes vayan a ser deportados.”

Él explicó que muchas veces cuando las personas están deportadas, “muchas familias están separadas,” y eso no está bien para el país en general.

Según el Instituto de las Leyes de la Inmigración, un comité de expertos sin partido en Washington, D.C., los inmigrantes que vienen a los EEUU y sus hijos nacidos en los EEUU ahora se acercan a 81 millones de personas – 26 por ciento de la población de los Estados Unidos.

“Si no tenemos una buena familia, no tendremos una buena ciudad,” dijo Jorge. “Si no tenemos una buena ciudad, no podemos tener un buen estado. Si no tenemos un buen estado, no podemos tener un buen país.”

Jorge dice que escucha mucho de la discusión si es que los inmigrantes le están quitando trabajos que deben ser para los ciudadanos nativos de este país.

“Allí afuera hay muchos trabajos,” comentó. “Pero no hay muchos de los ciudadanos de los EEUU que quieren trabajar igual que (los inmigrantes) quieren. Lo digo porque lo conozco; lo he vivido.”

Jorge trabajaba como inspector de seguridad por una compañía de sanitación en una planta procesadora de comida: “Estás en medio de las tripas de los pollos, y la sangre en el piso, y cosas así...como inmigrantes lo hacemos porque tenemos familias que tenemos que mantener.”

“De hecho estamos llenando las posiciones que muchas compañías quieren llenar,” dijo.

Jorge animó a los ciudadanos de los EEUU escuchar a las historias de los inmigrantes, especialmente los que son indocumentados.

Él dice que si tuviera la oportunidad de hablar con los miembros del gobierno de los EEUU, “les pediría dar una oportunidad para todos.”

“Estudiar su caso,” dijo. “No solamente hacerles firmar los papeles de su deportación, sino conocer quién es la persona.”

545 personas asistieron a Youth 2000

Youth 2000 se llevó a cabo en la Diócesis de Owensboro entre el 10 y 12 de marzo del 2017 en el Centro de Convenciones en Owensboro. El 20° evento anual atrajo a 545 personas, 375 de los cuales fueron adolescentes. El retiro de Youth 2000 incluyó Misa, adoración, charlas, alabanzas, y tiempo de convivio con los demás adolescentes y jóvenes que vinieron de alrededor de Kentucky y más allá. Youth 2000 es organizado por los Franciscanos de la Renovación de Nueva York y es patrocinado por el Santuario Mariano en Bowling Green.



Los adolescentes levantan sus manos durante una canción en Youth 2000.

Ferias Parroquiales del 2017

FECHA	HORA DE SERVIR	PARROQUIA
3 Junio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San José, Leitchfield
10 Junio	4-9pm Evento SPIRITFEST	Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
10 Junio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San Pio X, Owensboro
8 Julio	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	San Alfonso, San José
5 Agosto	Sirviendo al mediodía	Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro
9 Septiembre	Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.	Santísima Madre, Owensboro
16 Septiembre	Sirviendo de 4-8 p.m.	Cristo Rey, Madisonville
23 Septiembre	Comida y Rifa 2-4 p.m.	Inmaculada, Owensboro
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo al mediodía	San Leo, Murray
24 Septiembre	Sirviendo 1 p.m.	San Miguel, Sebree

Los retiros en Gasper proveen un espacio ‘relajado’ para ‘volver a lo básico’

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Cuando los adolescentes de la Parroquia Santo Nombre llegan al Campamento Juvenil y Centro de Retiros Católico del Río Gasper, “casi puedes escuchar un suspiro colectivo de alivio cuando tienen la oportunidad de escapar de sus vidas normalmente tan ocupadas,” dijo Charlie Hardesty, el director de pastoral con los adolescentes de la parroquia.

Hardesty, quien normalmente dirige tres retiros separados cada año a Gasper para los adolescentes de la escuela secundaria, de la escuela preparatoria y para los de doceavo grado, dice que el ambiente de los retiros en Gasper permite que los adolescentes “respiren y comienzan a crear un poco de calma y silencio en sus vida tan apuradas.”

Los retiros proveen un “sentir” un poco distinto a los campamentos regulares, dice Hardesty.

“Pienso que los retiros se sienten diferente a un campamento en que el ambiente no es tan centrado en actividades en un retiro,” comentó. “El lugar se percibe más relajado y de paz durante el retiro.”

Ben Warrell, el director del campamento y centro de retiros, mencionó que una variedad de grupos han hecho retiros aquí en Gaspar, que está ubicado en Bowling Green.

Warrell comentó que estos grupos que han llegado incluyen para retiros de grupos de adolescentes de las parroquias, retiros de los que están en su último año de las tres escuelas preparatorias católicas de la diócesis, retiros de las escuelas públicas y católicas, retiros de confirmación, retiros de hombre y de mu-

jes, retiros para negocios que quieren fomentar un espíritu de equipo, retiros Pre-Cana para las parejas antes de casarse, convivios de compañeros de la escuela, y retiros para los que están participando en el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana o RICA.

Mencionó que Gasper también ha sido anfitrión para varios grupos de la Universidad de Kentucky Occidental cercanos, los cuales incluyen el Centro de Newman, “Fin de Semana en el Bosque” de WKU, y el Programa Principal Chino.

“La mayoría de los grupos son grupos de adolescentes que guían sus propios retiros,” comentó Warrell, y explicó que el personal de Gaspar guía las actividades afuera como la tirolina, columpia gigante, escalera de Jacob y el juego vertical.

“Existen unos retiros en que el personal hemos guiado todo el evento, la mayoría retiros de Confirmación, pero estamos abiertos a todo,” dijo. Warrell añadió que con en el comedor recién terminado de Gasper, se ofrecen las comidas y limpieza a los grupos de retiros que no quieren traer su propia comida.

Jan Lange, directora de la Escuela San José en Bowling Green, dijo que su escuela lleva a los grados desde el primer grado hasta el séptimo grado a participar en retiros de un día en Gasper, con un retiro de dos días para los de octavo año.

“Hemos estado haciendo eso desde el primer año que Gasper abrió,” comentó Lange. Gasper celebra 10 años esta primavera.



Estudiantes de la Escuela Secundaria de San José en Bowling Green participan en un ejercicio para fomentar un espíritu de grupo durante un retiro de su clase en el Campamento Juvenil y Centro de Retiros Católico del Río Gasper. Foto de los archivos del WKC.

Lange dice que las clases disfrutaban rezar el rosario a través de las piedras junto al río que forman un rosario gigante y a otros les gusta rezar junto al crucifijo grande en la propiedad.

“Con llevarles allí cada año, cuando llegan a estar más grandes y les toca ir a los campamentos, ya están emocionados,” dijo. “Estamos bendecidos estar en el Condado de Warren donde se encuentra Gasper.”

Lizbeth González asistió un retiro de pastoral juvenil hispana en Gasper en el 2015, y dijo que su experiencia permanece con ella aun después de haber graduado de la escuela preparatoria.

González, quien asiste a la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, dice que estar afuera todavía le puede recordar que “Dios se encuentra en todo.”

“A veces me gusta sentarme afuera y mirar los árboles y recordar que Dios está aquí,” comentó ella.

Hardesty estuvo de acuerdo: “Gasper ofrece un espacio sagrado y atractivo para volver a lo básico de la vida y volver a estar disponible a Dios.”

Para aprender más sobre Gasper, cómo inscribirse para un campamento o cómo hacer una donación, visita a gasperriverretreatcenter.org

APRIL 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

MD to KY genealogy conference in June

The 2017 Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond Genealogy Conference will be held June 22-25, 2017, at Brescia University in Owensboro. To learn more or to register for the conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3/>, follow the conference at Facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc or contact president of the board of directors, Jane Hagan Smith, at marylandtokentucky@gmail.com or (502) 366-4962 or (502) 552-8087 (cell).

Now accepting nominations for Catechetical award

The Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 8, 2017 at the Fr. John Vaughan Center in Owensboro. Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of five years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Contact elaine.robertson@pastoral.org to learn more or for nomination forms. All nominations should be emailed or sent to Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 by April 25.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development seeks 2017 applicants

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Every November the Diocese of Owensboro participates in the CCHD collection, and a percentage of the collection is retained to provide funding for local organizations that meet CCHD criteria. The diocese's Catholic Charities office allocates the funding through grants. To obtain an application, contact Richard Murphy in the diocese's Office of Social Concerns at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Applications must be received by May 20, 2017 so grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2017. For full criteria and more information visit owensborodiocese.org/cchd.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation
Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

First Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: (270) 229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

April 4: Sister Amelia Stenger - The Environment and Our Health

May 2: Sister Mary Matthias Ward - Mary, The Mother of God...The Mother of the Church

June 6: Sister Ann McGrew - Mandalas

July 11: Sister Marietta Wethington - Centering Prayer

Aug. 1: Sister Ann McGrew - Lectio Divina

Sept. 5: Sister Vivian Bowles - Responding to our Losses through Healthy Grieving

Oct. 3: Sister Ruth Gehres - With Great and Longing Heart

V Encuentro is happening in the Diocese of Owensboro

The V Encuentro process has begun in the Diocese of Owensboro! The V Encuentro, as the fifth Encuentro process in the United States, invites diocesan leaders and parishes to encounter Hispanic and Latino Catholics, especially those living on the margins. The goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Catholic Church in the United States can better respond to, serve, and engage Hispanics and Latinos as fellow missionary disciples. Learn more at vencuentro.org.

Nominate your favorite teacher for 2017 Educator of the Year!

Attention parents and students of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro: has a teacher changed you or your child's life for the better? If so, nominate this teacher for the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year! To find a nomination form and eligibility requirements, visit owensborodiocese.org/educator-award/. This award is sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the Principals Association, and the award will be determined by a committee of judges. Nomination deadline is July 1, 2017.

Brescia Spring Concert to feature St. Paul School, Owensboro Catholic High students

On Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m., Brescia University will feature its annual Spring Concert in the Taylor Lecture Hall on Brescia's campus. The concert is free and open to all. The concert will feature Brescia's

band, choir, soloists and include readings and scenes by some of Brescia's drama students. The concert will be assisted by students from Owensboro Catholic High School, and special guests will be the orchestra recently formed at St. Paul School in Leitchfield.

Yarn Spinners at the Mount

Weekends of June 2-4, Aug. 11-13, Nov. 3-5 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount weekend retreats. Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. For information on room rates, costs, etc., contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

Catholic Women's Conference Aug. 25-26, 2017

This conference features Cyndi Spivey, a Christian faith and fashion blogger, and Hallie Lord, Catholic blogger, speaker and author of "On the Other Side of Fear: How I Found Peace" and will take place at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. This conference is being coordinated by St. Jerome Parish and sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro. Bishop William F. Medley will preside over Mass on Saturday morning. More information will be available soon.

St. Pius X Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! St. Pius X is hosting Vacation Bible School again this summer! The theme for this year is Hometown Nazareth, and it will be held the week of June 19-23, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More information on signups will be posted later! VBS includes lunch each day, along with a t-shirt given out at the beginning of the week. VBS is FREE! We will conclude the week with a celebration Mass on Sunday, June 25 at the 11 a.m. Mass. All are welcome, along with any youth and adult volunteers! Please pray for the success of our program and all those involved willing to serve God's children in this ministry! For more information, please contact Jeanie Lewis at (270)264-9818 or at lewisfamily2008@bellsouth.net.

To have your events listed in our Bulletin Board, email information of no more than 200 words to wkc.editor@pastoral.org by the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

WHEN

April 23, 2017
1:30 pm - 4 pm

WHERE

Blessed Mother Catholic Church
601 East 23rd Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

Speaker: Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM
Reconciliation Available

Open the Floodgates of Mercy



"Dear brothers and sisters, I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy." It's a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion.
-Pope Francis

Divine Mercy Agenda

- 1:30 "Message of Mercy"
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 "Spiritual Combat With the Chaplet"
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 "Fatima and Divine Mercy"
- 4:00 Veneration of Image, Benediction

INFORMATION

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic
Books: 270-689-9485
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Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

APRIL

- 3-7 Spiritual Direction Training (Week 7)**
- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Environment & Health**
- 8 Sts. Joseph & Paul RCIA
- 12-13 Audubon Area Workshop
- 13 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 18-20 Chix with Stix
- 22-23 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 28-30 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

MAY

- 2 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Mary the Mother of God**
- 5-6 Chapel Hill Women's Retreat
- 10 Owensboro Catholic 6th Grade Prayer Day
- 11 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 12-14 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 13 Private Wedding Reception
- 20-21 Mount Saint Joseph Academy Reunion

JUNE

- 2-4 Yarn Spinners Retreat**
- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Mandalas**
- 6-8 Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers Workshop
- 8 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 9-11 Christian Women's Retreat
- 17 Ursuline Associates & Sisters Day
- 19 Living, Learning with Love
- 25-30 Christian Leadership Institute

Center-sponsored programs are BOLD. Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. 270-229-0206

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Mother, daughter share missionary experience

BY LAVIDA MISCHEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In February, after hearing story after story from her daughter, Lavidia Mischel, Wilma Baird decided at 81 years of age that it was time for her to experience a mission trip to the mountain community of Lalomas, Haiti.

A retired third-grade teacher, one of the highlights of Wilma's trip was spending the day in the third-grade classroom. She witnessed firsthand the struggles of an impoverished school, including teaching without books and teaching hungry children, who are not provided lunch during a school day.

In 2012, SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro began a "twinning" relationship with St. Joseph Parish in Haiti, as well as its two Catholic schools.

Located in Nashville, Tenn., the Twinning Program of the Americas began its ministry in 1978. There are now several hundred American parishes that twin with impoverished Catholic parishes.

The twinning program is a non-profit organization focused on creating lasting sister parish relationships. The parishes develop a mutual and enriching relationship of sharing, solidarity and understanding. The twinning program is not a program of building a structure and departing... it is a ministry of building God's Kingdom through long-term relationships.

SS. Joseph and Paul has taken seven mission trips with plans to return this fall. For more information regarding the twinning program visit parishprogram.org.

Lavidia Mischel is a parishioner of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro.



Wilma Baird visits with Haitian children. Photo courtesy of Lavidia Mischel.



Mother-daughter team, Wilma Baird and Lavidia Mischel, on their mission trip to Haiti. Photo courtesy of Lavidia Mischel.



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Diocese of Owensboro welcomes two new seminarians

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 28:19).

One of the great characteristics of our Catholic faith, in my estimation, is our universality. As Catholics, no matter where we are on the planet Earth, when we step into a Catholic church, we are home. We might not understand the language and we might not be familiar with the local customs, but when we are in a Catholic church, we know where we are and who we are.

As Catholics, we celebrate our diversity and the Diocese of Owensboro has a long tradition of welcoming those who have journeyed great distances to be here. Around 2010 or so, such hospitality was extended to Burmese refugees as they began to settle into the Bowling Green area where they soon found their spiritual home at Holy Spirit Parish. As the Burmese community has grown, so has the need to respond to their pastoral and spiritual needs. We have been blessed to have the presence of Fr. Timothy Ling, a priest from the Diocese of Hakha in Burma (Myanmar), who has been serving the pastoral and sacramental needs of the Burmese people in western Kentucky.

Last year, our vocations office began a conversa-

tion with Fr. Timothy and his bishop, Lucius Hre Kung, exploring the possibility of a seminarian from their diocese to come to the United States and begin seminary studies for the Diocese of Owensboro. Much to our delight, Bishop Lucius, the bishop of Hakha, identified two of his seminarians whom he would generously recommend to study for priesthood in the Diocese of Owensboro. Those two seminarians arrived in January of this year and are currently in residence at Holy Spirit Parish, while studying English at Western Kentucky University.

It is with great joy that the Diocese of Owensboro welcomes our two newest seminarians, Stephen Van Lal Than and Martin Ma Na Ling. Stephen was born in a small village of Zathlir, Falam township, Chin State, Myanmar. He is the oldest of six children, two younger brothers, two younger sisters and a sister who died when she was two years old. Stephen knew since childhood that he wanted to be a priest and upon finishing high school, he entered seminary. He has been a seminarian for nine years. Stephen says that although he misses his family, they are very proud of him and respect his decision to study for priesthood in the Diocese of Owensboro. Stephen says that the most difficult part of adjusting to life in the United States has been the weather. For fun, Ste-



Stephen Van Lal Than (left) and Martin Ma Na Ling (right) during a recent liturgy at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. Photo courtesy of Holy Spirit Parish.

phen enjoys playing musical instruments, singing, reading books, playing soccer, volleyball, and cane ball.

Martin is from Mindat, Chin State, Myanmar. He is the second of eight children and has had a desire to become a priest since childhood. He entered seminary seven years ago and his family is very happy with his call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Owensboro. Martin says that adjusting to the food and the local accent has been most difficult for him. He has adjusted well and says that the people here

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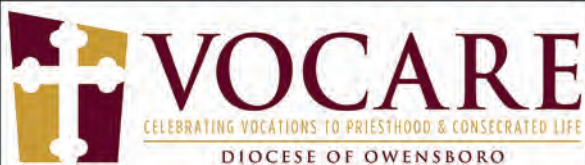
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April 14, 2017 | 14 de Abril del 2017

**Viernes Santo, a las 2:30pm.
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Good Friday, beginning at
2:30 p.m. in the Church
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are very kind, helpful, generous and very friendly. Martin enjoys playing the guitar, piano, and soccer.

Stephen and Martin are planning to continue their seminary studies at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in the fall. The Diocese of Owensboro is truly blessed by the presence of the Bur-

mese community and Stephen and Martin's call to serve the Church here. Let us keep Stephen, Martin, and all of our seminarians in our prayers and may we all embrace the part we play in the evangelical mission of the Church to make disciples of all nations.

Fr. Jason McClure serves as director of the Office of Vocations and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Twenty Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Celebrate Jubilees

BY MOUNT ST. JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Twenty Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious life this year. To read about their ministries, visit the Ursuline Sisters' webpage ursulinesmsj.org/ministries/jubilarians.

- Sister Mary Durr, a native of Paul, Neb., is celebrating 80 years.
- Sister Mildred Katzer, a native of Garnett, Kan., is celebrating 80 years.
- Sister Rose Marie Craycroft, a native of New Haven, Ky., is celebrating 75 years.
- Sister Marie Julie Fecher, a native of Dayton, Ohio, is celebrating 75 years.
- Sister Jane Miriam Hancock, a native of Waverly, is celebrating 75 years.
- Sister Martina Rockers, a native of Garnett, Kan., is celebrating 75 years.
- Sister Emerentia Wiesner, a native of Richmond, Kan., is celebrating 75 years.
- Sister Joseph Angela Boone, a native of New Haven, is celebrating 70 years.
- Sister Dorothy Helbling, a native of St. Anthony, N.D., is celebrating 70 years.
- Sister Francis Mary (Fran) Wilhelm, a native of Waterflow, N.M., is celebrating 70 years.
- Sister Catherine Kaufman, a native of Dahlgren, Ill., is celebrating 60 years.
- Sister Rosemary Keough, a native of Auburn, N.Y., is celebrating 60 years.
- Sister Lois Lindle, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sister Grace Simpson, a native of Fairfield, is celebrating 60 years.
- Sister Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Ballard, a native of Fairfield, is celebrating 50 years.
- Sister Pat Lynch, a native of Kingston, Pa., is celebrating 50 years.
- Sister Maureen O'Neill, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 50 years.
- Sister Judith Nell Riney, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating 50 years.
- Sister Suzanne Sims, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating 50 years.
- Sister Helen Smith, a native of Bartlesville, Okla., is celebrating 40 years.

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Holy Redeemer builds the future through VBS



Photo courtesy of Holy Redeemer Parish.

Lisa Whitehouse of Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam writes:

“Holy Redeemer is not a very big parish but sometimes big things come in small packages. Although we are dedicated to our community inside and outside the church we are most proud of our children and what they are doing. We don’t have a school associated with our parish but we have an excellent CCD program. We have a weeklong VBS every summer that the children who attend the church – along with children who attend other churches – get very excited about. Each year more and more children attend and some come back and enroll in CCD in the fall. They all work hard all week collecting money for different charities each year. It is important to realize that the children are our future and teaching them about God through CCD, VBS and by examples as parents, we are in a small part growing our Church.”

545 attend Youth 2000



Bishop William F. Medley was main celebrant for the closing Mass on Sunday morning.

Youth 2000 in the Diocese of Owensboro took place on March 10-12, 2017 at the Owensboro Convention Center. The 20th annual retreat drew 545 attendees, 375 of whom were youth. The retreat included Mass, adoration, talks, Mass, praise and worship, and time for fellowship with other youth from around western Kentucky. Youth 2000 is run by the Franciscans of the Renewal from New York, and is sponsored by the Marian Shrine in Bowling Green. Western Kentucky’s Youth 2000 is the longest-running retreat of its kind in the United States. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

Trinity youth become Eagle Scouts



(Left to right) Zach Roberts, Zeke Roberts, Matthew Mills, Lucas Howard and Zachary Hardesty. Photo courtesy of St. Mary of the Woods Parish.

On March 12, five Trinity High School students from the Whitesville and Knottsville area became Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor held at St. Mary of the Woods Parish Hall in Whitesville. These new Eagle Scouts, from Troop 247, are Zach Roberts, Zeke Roberts, Matthew Mills, Lucas Howard and Zachary Hardesty. Besides family and friends, present were also pastor Fr. Brian Roby; historian Brett Mills; and Whitesville public officials Al Mattingly, Mike Koger, Charlie Castlen, Greg Beyke, Ray Hamilton, Jo Mayfield and Dick LeSuer.



Photo courtesy of Mike Galbraith.

Cathedral hosts 2017 Scouting Awards Mass

March 12 was the Diocese of Owensboro’s annual Scouting Awards Mass, which took place at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro and was celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley. The gathering drew 34 scouts from around western Kentucky, and scouts received a number of awards for their service to God, family and community.

April Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Robert & Pat Risch, 50
Bobby & Phyllis Bastin, 25
Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 58
Bobby & Patricia Rafferty, 54
Louis & Mary Aull, 56
Ward & Mildred Pedley, 62
Michael & Donna Koger, 5
Dennis & Thelma Clark, 65
Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 64
Paul & Joyce Christian, 68
Kenneth & Elaine Williams, 54

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Ben (Frank) & Gloria Adams, 52

Christ the King, Madisonville

William & Rebecca Markham, 51

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

John & Kathy Johnston, 25
Ronald & Brenda Sauer, 50
Albert & Nadine Schwallier, 65

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

James & Helen Bailey, 61
Cecil & Cacilda Phelps, 57
Everett & Mary Leasor, 51

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Bob & Beverly Steckler, 64

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Larry & Ellen Gaynor, 40
Clayton & Gloria Gray, 55
Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 62

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Gordon & Rose Cobb, 55
Brad L. & Beverly Hamilton, 57
Ralph & Judy Thomas, 58
Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 61

Maurice & Shirley Wink, 58

Parish of the Immaculate,

Owensboro

Paul & Kelli Davis, 5
James & Jennifer Hall, 10
Jake & Beth Trogden, 10
Jackie Wayne & Theresa Wyatt, 40
Frank & Barbara Crump, 65
Charles A. & Mary Lois Payne, 56
Rex D. & Margaret Robinson, 53
Edward B. & Agnes Stallings, 54
Robert L. & Mary Vollman, 64
Donald E. & Mary J. Weaver, 53

Precious Blood, Owensboro

James & Kay Berry, 40
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Richard & Nancy Mayes, 59
Thomas & Sue Mary Wedding, 60

St. Agnes, Uniontown

James & Gladys Austin, 72
David & Mary Jane McGan, 10
Benny & Rita French, 63

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Donald & Ginny Peters, 55

St. Ann, Morganfield

Bobby & Julia Greenwell, 25
Ronald & Ellen Mattingly, 51

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Tom & Kathy Zaleski, 61

St. Anthony, Peonia

Ralph & Joyce Pierce, 50

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Carl I & Joyce Eskridge, 53
Pat & Wilma Lenhart, 53

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Bob & Lois Tashjian, 61

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Bill & Pam Matlock, 40
Joe & Carol Anne Mikez, 62
James J. & Velda Carbonel, 53
Leonard & Norma Neihoff, 54
William & Judith Neihoff

St. Henry, Aurora

Jack & Dodee Sergeant, 66
John & Marian Martin, 51
Charlie & Elaine Hinkebein, 40

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jamie & Christy Ivie, 5
T. J. & Ashley Taylor, 10
Robert & Patricia Langston, 53

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Eric & Amy Gibson, 5
Terry & Lisa Ballard, 5

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Robert & Dolores Rudzinski, 51
Joseph & Tracy Imel, 25

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Murrel & Jackie Richardson, 58
Curtis & Carla Grant, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Mario & Amalia Medina, 50
Tony & Lindsay Luciano, 51
Joe & Evelyn Jolley, 53

St. Jude, Clinton

David & Anita Burton, 57

St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence/Philpot

Victor & Lois Johnson, 62
Tony & Mary Helen Rhodes, 56

St. Leo, Murray

Bud (Francis) & Jammie Poat, 53

Douglas & Vicky Lambert, 51

Edward & Marilyn Wolf, 54

St. Martin, Rome

Richard & Anita Dixon, 54

St. Mark, Eddyville

Paul & Dixie Utter, 25

St. Mary, Franklin

Meril & Carol O'Bryan, 40

St. Mary, LaCenter

Bob & Mary Ann Noe, 53

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Gerald & Betty Bartley, 54
Bill & Becky Hardy, 40

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Randy & Melody Miller, 5

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

James & Amanda Jarboe, 10
Adam & Christina Huff, 25
Glenn & Lou Higdon, 40
Thomas & Anna Jean Wathen, 50

Justin & Minnie Clark, 53

Ray & Patty Hamilton, 51

Tommy & Joyce Higdon, 52

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Fred & Marie Welter, 54

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Patrick & Bernadette Anthony

St. Paul, Princeton

Herman & Beth Berton, 56

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Bernard & Elsie Galloway, 53
Charles & Lois Hoskins, 53
John & Wanda Williams, 61
James & Jeannetta Mayfield, 63

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

John & Helen O'Reilly, 58
Carl & Thelma Jarboe, 56
Andrew & Rhiannon Basham, 5
Lee Gale & Shelly Jefferies, 25
Pete & Amelia Anthony, 10

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Stephen & Heather Poole, 5
Ray & Mary Lou Nix, 25
John & Dottie McClellan, 51

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Tommy & Brenda England, 55
James & Judy Ward, 56

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Jeff & Marianne Wigand, 25
Kenneth & Barbara Powers, 52
Richard & Judith Strubin, 50
John & Paula Hall, 52

Paul & Dawn Cunningham, 57
Robert & Alyce Chmielewski, 54

Hugh & Connie Calhoun, 51

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Archie & Angela Clark, Jr., 62
Anthony E. & Mary Alice Higdon, 65
Fred & Faye Whelan, 62

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Skip & Lillie Grief, 10
Terry & Amy Sullivan, 10
Bill & Carol Baugh, 40
Joe & Maryanne Hobbs, 40
Bill & Linda Adams, 52
Jim & Mary Bumpous, 53
Steve & Earline Wurth, 53

St. William, Knottsville

Alex & Andi Knott, 5
Martin Joseph & Jill Payne, 10
Robert & Clara Brown, 52
Paul & Theresa Crowe, 55
Jerome & Betty Hamilton, 62
Philip Roger & Mary Ann Adams, 54

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Darrell & Lois Hood, 57
David & Mary Patton, 51
John & Clara Patton, 61
Paul & Joyce Lambert, 53

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Juan & Leticia Duran, 5
Jason & Jackie Schweers, 10
Salvador & Patricia Vazquez, 10
Anthony & Marlene Castro, 50
Michael & Marilyn Stocker, 52
Clifford & Carl Simpson, 56
Kenneth & Mary Dean, 58
Billy & Harriette Hancock, 62
Anthony & Sandra Mueller, 69

Paducah Deanery scout celebration draws nearly 80 youth

BY MARIA KORTE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



(Left to right) Story Hobbs, a Daisy Scout; Izzy Washburn, a Girl Scout; and Conor Washburn, an Eagle Scout, prepare to line up for the Mass procession. Photo courtesy of Maria Korte.

When I first heard of Scout Sunday as a day to wear your uniform to church to earn a patch, I saw an opportunity to reach our scouts and other parish youth. It was designed to reach our entire Catholic community by rotating between the different parishes.

We have had Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Campfire Girls and a few other scouting organizations that have joined us the last two years. We also have had various other people from different religions that joined us to earn their patch and had a wonderful glimpse of what our Catholic faith is about.

This year we had approximately 60-80 scouts join

us at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah, the host of this year's event for the Paducah Deanery. The Mass was celebrated with Deacon Terry Larbes and Fr. Brad Whistle. Fr. Whistle offered a special prayer to each of the scouts and gave them a scout patch during the Mass.

After the Mass the entire congregation and all the scouts were invited to a lovely luncheon and reception with fun activities. These activities included a tour of the fire department's fire truck; a tour of the Paducah bomb squad's trailer and supplies, plus robots; meeting the Paducah water conservation district; fingerprint dusting by the Paducah police department; rain gutter regatta; two saint patch opportunities; and games.

Ages ranged from six years old and up, and present were also Eagle Scouts and the Knights of Columbus. Fun was had by all!

Maria Korte serves as youth minister at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah, and also serves as Pack 2007 Bear Den Leader, district religious emblems chair and Diocese of Owensboro scouting committee member.



Scouts attend the Scout Sunday Mass at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah. Photo courtesy of Maria Korte.