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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

When people of faith gather, it is most common that someone propose that we pray together. This may be a priest or minister in the setting of an assembly, it may be a teacher in a classroom, it may be a parent or grandparent in the family, the domestic church. By strength of tradition, we may invoke the words of Jesus when his disciples asked him to teach them to pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Just as readily, Catholics may spontaneously pray, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you...” This prayer comes from the greeting of Elizabeth in Luke’s Gospel when she encountered her cousin, Mary. Elizabeth was almost ready to deliver her son, John the Baptist, when the young Mary came to visit soon after the angel Gabriel had announced to her that she would give birth to Jesus.

Quite traditionally, we bring these prayers together in a mantra of repetition when we pray the rosary and strive to reflect upon mysteries from the Gospel life of Jesus. At other times and moments in life, we may spontaneously pray other traditional prayers, such as “Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here ...”, or “Now I lay me down to sleep...” We pause when we eat to say, “Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts...” These are noble and rich prayers that often ground us in moments that it seems proper to pray. It is good that we know these memorized and rehearsed prayers for, otherwise, there may be times that we would be unable to speak to God, the Blessed Mother, or the saints.

A classical definition of prayer suggests that “prayer is lifting mind and heart to God.” As beautiful and comforting as our traditional prayers can be, the words of these well-known prayers may not in every moment reflect our minds and hearts. Too often, Catholics do not feel capable of spontaneous prayer, simply pouring out our innermost thoughts and feelings to God. In fact, sometimes we may be uncomfortable when others pray in words unfamiliar to us.

In this year, one in which our diocese has undertaken an intentional journey of Missionary Discipleship, we have striven to be more deliberate in prayerful encounter with our God. If we are slow to voice our own prayers, perhaps we need training. For this we might look to the Book of Psalms as a “school of prayer.”

The Book of Psalms are a collection of 150 ancient prayers and songs that cover a wide variation of emotions and can, perhaps, stimulate our own minds and hearts. Most of the Psalms are quite short. One can open the Bible and pray several Psalms in the time it might take to read a single chapter from one of the Gospels. No matter what mood one feels or the message one might want to relate to God, one will find a sympathetic Psalm.

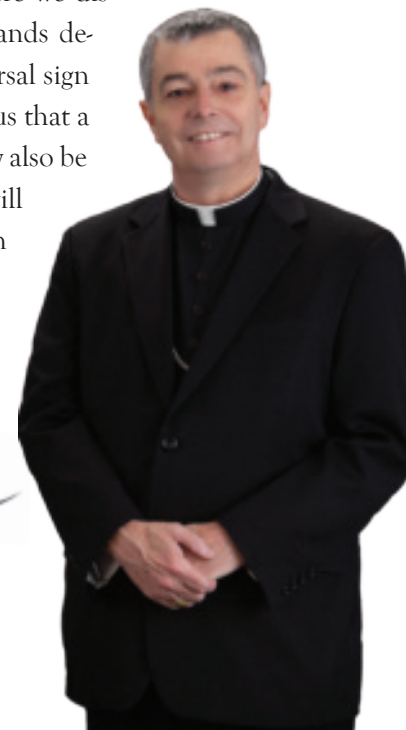
There are Psalms of thanksgiving and praise that may mirror our best day’s thoughts. Not surprisingly, there are more Psalms of lamentation than any other type. How human. How very human. These will generally begin with a cry for help and can conclude with a confidence that God has heard our prayer. That’s not to say that the prayer has been answered, but it also very human to find comfort just in the fact that someone has listened to and heard us. Psalms permit us to voice angry and vengeful feelings toward God. They may allow us to privately confess our inadequacies, to plead for mercy, to soften our hearts, to wash us clean, and give us a new start.

The Psalms reassure us that God is not afraid of our anger and bitterness, but, like a loving parent, only wants for us to come and talk about it. I recall a talk given on a retreat many years ago where we discussed the pious practice of folding our hands devoutly as a gesture of prayer. This is a universal sign of prayer. But our retreat master reminded us that a clenched fist shaken toward the heavens may also be a gesture of prayer when we trust that God will receive our emotions, our weakness, even our tantrums.

How to pray? Lift hearts and minds to God. If we need a few lessons, open up the book of Psalms. ■

+ William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro



**BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR
AUGUST 2018**

AUG 4	St. Jerome Picnic – Fancy Farm
AUG 5	10 a.m. Installation of Fr. Augusty Valomchalil as pastor – St. William, Knottsville
AUG 6	2 p.m. Catholic Conference of KY meeting – Barren River State Park
AUG 6-8	Gathering of the seminarians of the province – Barren River State Park
AUG 9	10:30 a.m. Holy hour & lunch with presbyterate – Carmel Home
AUG 11	4 p.m. Confirmation – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
AUG 12	10:30 a.m. Installation of Fr. Carl McCarthy as pastor – Christ the King, Madisonville 5 p.m. Rural Life Celebration – Owensboro Convention Center
AUG 19	10 a.m. Installation of Fr. Tony Jones as pastor – St. Romuald, Hardinsburg 4 p.m. Mass for Family Day – Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center
AUG 20	10 a.m. Priest Personnel meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC) 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council meeting – MCC
AUG 22	11:30 a.m. Lunch meeting with presbyterate (age group 1)
AUG 23	11:30 a.m. Lunch meeting with presbyterate (age group 4)
AUG 26	11:30 a.m. Confirmation – Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
AUG 28	10:00 a.m. Paducah office
AUG 29	8:45 a.m. Mass & staff meeting – MCC
AUG 30	11:30 a.m. Lunch meeting with presbyterate (age group 5)

Priest Assignments

Fr. Emmanuel Udoh, effective July 20, 2018, has been appointed by Bishop William F. Medley as Administrator Pro tem for Rosary Chapel in Paducah and St. Mary Parish in LaCenter.

Upcoming 2018 parish picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and fellowship during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
AUG 4	Serving from noon-3:30 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 4	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 7	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 11	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
SEPT 8	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 8	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 16	Serving at 11 a.m.	(St. Lawrence picnic grounds) St. William and St. Lawrence, Philpot
SEPT 22	Serving from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	St. Pius X, Calvert City
SEPT 22	Drive-thru only; 1-3 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 23	Serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
SEPT 29	Serving from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 30	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

From Kentucky to Italy

Passionist nun named superior of monastery connected to St. Gemma Galgani shrine

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Sr. Catherine Marie Schuhmann, CP, a contemplative Passionist nun in Whitesville, was directly called upon by the Holy See to become the superior of an Italian monastery attached to the shrine of St. Gemma Galgani, her fellow nuns were not incredibly surprised.

“It was easy to see that they were going to call upon her to assist in some way,” said Mother John Mary Read, CP, superior of the Whitesville Passionists, who live at the cloistered St. Joseph Monastery.

But they certainly did not anticipate a “call” quite this significant, least of all Sr. – now Mother – Catherine Marie.

The Italian monastery, which is located in a town called Lucca, was founded in 1905 after Jesus requested this of St. Gemma in a vision. St. Gemma was never a consecrated religious herself, but had a Passionist spiritual director and embodied Passionist spirituality.

St. Gemma’s body lies beneath the main altar of the shrine, which pilgrims visit from all over the world.

Unfortunately, the decline in religious vocations which has affected communities around the world

has happened to the Lucca community. Today they only have 12 nuns.

The community struggled to maintain the shrine, seek vocations and continue their contemplative life. They were also in urgent need of a superior.

The Holy See turned to the flourishing Passionists in Whitesville – and the nun who is largely credited for working with the Holy Spirit to make that happen.

A call in Kentucky

Mother Catherine Marie – at the time Kay Schuhmann – left her parents and nine siblings in Louisville to enter the Passionist cloister in 1961, thinking she would remain with the community until her death.

Over the 57 years of life as a Passionist nun, she oversaw the 1995 move from their original Owensboro cloister to their new home in Whitesville, served as superior for 21 years, and in recent years has seen six young women join the monastery.

Additionally, she served as the community’s liturgist and organist, vicar, novice directress, councilor, Passionist Oblate Formator, and covered a variety of



Bishop William F. Medley wishes safe travels to Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann, (center) and Sr. Joan Mary Topor, on May 31.

COURTESY OF ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY

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administrative tasks.

“It was quite a shock for me to receive the Holy See’s request that I would help,” said Mother Catherine Marie in an email to the WKC on May 6. “But after much prayer and in dialogue with my superior and others, I became convinced that this is a call from God, as difficult as it may be.”

Mother Catherine Marie is not sure how long she will be needed to serve in Italy. Technically, she is superior “pro tempore” (temporary).

“But I trust totally in the grace of God and depend very much on the prayers of my own community of nuns here in Whitesville, as well as those of our Passionist Oblate community and so many friends throughout the world,” she said in the email.

Though they will miss her, Mother Catherine Marie’s Whitesville community is confident that she will be a great asset to the Lucca community.

“She is really gifted; she has a visionary outlook,” said Mother John Mary.

Sr. Maria Faustina Carmichael, CP, who made her first profession of vows in 2017, said Mother Catherine Marie had often shared that she felt “Providence was really steering this community.”

In retrospect, “it really felt like he was setting up a flourishing community here” so that they could potentially serve in even wider ways, added Sr. Maria Faustina.

Vocations boom

Sr. Maria Faustina said that a number of years ago, the community had made a “conscious decision that vocations would be a priority.”

“Because they said that if we don’t have vocations, we don’t have a future,” she said.

Theresa Krauskopf is an aspirant at St. Joseph Monastery, which means she is currently living with



COURTESY OF ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY

Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann (back row to the right of the window) with the majority of the Lucca community, as well as Sr. Joan Mary Topor (back row, pale habit) and Mother Fernanda Barbiero, (far right, habit with vest). Mother Fernanda is the Holy See Representative and General Delegate of the Passionist Nuns.

the nuns and actively discerning whether she is called to this community.

“Mother Catherine Marie was mother superior when I first visited; I remember feeling so welcomed by her and so encouraged,” said Krauskopf of her first visit six years ago.

Krauskopf believes a big reason for their flourishing vocations is prayer. She said she thinks a common pitfall is dismissing the importance of praying for vocations, and focusing on more on “doing.”

That’s not to say that modern technologies, such as a frequently-updated website and a blog – both of which the Passionists have – should be ignored.

In fact, several of the younger nuns, including Sr. Maria Faustina, learned about the Passionists via the website when discerning a call to religious life.

“I say it’s from the Holy Spirit working through technology,” said Sr. Maria Faustina.

The nuns told the WKC that another practice that has borne fruit is having frequent vocation retreats at the monastery, where visitors “can see nuns in their natural habitat,” quipped Krauskopf.

Following God’s will

Mother Catherine Marie left her monastery on June 8, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

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and arrived in Italy on the following day's Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Prior to her departure, the nuns held a prayer service for her, and also had time to just be together as a community – with laughter, but “also a sharing of our hearts with her,” said Sr. Maria Faustina.

The goodbyes were bittersweet, but they know “God has guided (this process),” said Mother John Mary.

The Whitesville community has kept up with Mother Catherine Marie via photos and emailed updates, and they appreciate the spiritual bond that is

growing with the Lucca sisters. Mother Catherine Marie, who is still learning Italian, is currently being accompanied by an active Passionist sister, Sr. Joan Mary Topor, CP, who serves as a translator and instructor.

Sr. Maria Faustina said the “moral of the story” is that “we always know theoretically that we belong to God, but when it comes to the practical, you know...” she said with a chuckle.

“It is about being faithful, and being ready for whatever God asks,” said Mother John Mary. ■



St. Gemma Galgani

- Lived from 1878-1903
- Patroness of pharmacists and those who suffer from spinal and back pain and disease
- She bore the stigmata – in which she experienced Christ's wounds in her body for the sake of suffering for the Church

Community relies on parish's thrift store, food pantry



Barbara Fitzhugh, store manager, shows the selection of books at St. John's Thrift Store in Brownsville.

ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At the Diocese of Owensboro's 2014 Chrism Mass, Barbara Fitzhugh introduced herself to her incoming new pastor and suggested a plan that could change the lives of countless people in Edmonson County.

Barbara Fitzhugh, a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist in Sunfish, told Fr. Tony Bickett that there were virtually no community assistance resources in that area.

She – and her husband, Dwayne Fitzhugh – wanted to open a nonprofit thrift store to serve the community.

Fr. Bickett said yes.

The parish bought an old house in Brownsville, and volunteers worked over the next two months to transform it into a store.

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They opened St. John's Thrift Store in November 2014, "with no money and nothing but guts and brains - well, no brains," said Dwayne Fitzhugh with a wry smile. "But that's how we got started."

Mission-driven

To be truthful, the store didn't actually open with "no money." No, they had a full \$77 to their name when their doors opened that November.

But the Fitzhughs and fellow parishioners knew their goal in opening the thrift store: they wanted to help people purchase clothes and other basic necessities.

And nearly four years later, St. John's Thrift Store has remained true to its mission.

The items - including clothes, toys, books and housewares - are all donated. Each item is listed for a few cents, though if something has a higher value, "we will raise it up to maybe \$5," said Barbara Fitzhugh, who is the store manager.

The majority of workers are volunteers (including the Fitzhughs), and others receive wages through state-funded programs.

Barbara Fitzhugh said that while the parish owns the store building, no money goes to the church, and vice-versa.

Feeding the hungry

The thrift store is also known for its food pantry, which opened in May 2016 in a separate building behind the store.

Barbara Fitzhugh said most of the food they provide comes out of Feeding America, a nonprofit network that helps supply food banks across the United States: "Feeding America has been really good to us."

The food pantry turns to the open market to purchase items not available through Feeding America.



Barbara and Dwayne Fitzhugh stand at the front of St. John's Thrift Store, which has been operating for nearly four years in Brownsville. ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

They offer a free voucher to the local Save-A-Lot to provide milk, bread, eggs and cheese, "in addition to the food we give them," said Barbara Fitzhugh.

She said they have helped some people who are technically over the income limit, "but things happen."

"You use your common sense," she said, while adding that they coordinate with other local assistance agencies to make sure no one is taking advantage of the system.

The store and food pantry are widely supported by the community, said Barbara Fitzhugh. It also helps that people know "it stays within the commu-

nity," she said.

As hard as it is to turn people away, the nonprofit retains a strict rule of only providing assistance to Edmonson County residents (though, of course, anyone may shop at the thrift store). They do, however, keep a list of resources in neighboring counties to provide alternatives for out-of-county visitors.

A community helps out

According to the U.S. Census Bureau approximately 22 percent of Edmonson County's population is considered to be living below the poverty line.

From November 2014 through April 2018, the

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store had provided \$32,952.50 in assistance to people in Edmonson County. In that same period, the food pantry had provided \$19,919.98 in food.

And in a county where Catholicism is in the minority, this is noteworthy.

This year, in fact, St. John's Food Pantry is doing a summer feeding program in collaboration with Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church.

Barbara Fitzhugh said that while some Protestant churches avoid contact with the Catholic-based nonprofit, this Baptist church's pastor, John Chidester, has told her "we're all working for the same thing."

Jeremiah Bush is the organist at St. John the Evangelist Parish, where Barbara Fitzhugh serves as the bookkeeper and as a cantor. Bush is also a volunteer at the thrift store, and has seen great ecumenical strides made because of the store.

"It is worth noting that we're not all Catholic - some of us are Baptist," said Bush.

Nearby Catholics are quick to assist as well. Fr. Steve Hohman, a pastor in neighboring Grayson County, calls the thrift store every year to donate the leftover items after St. Paul Parish's rummage sale.

Treating people right

Years prior, the Fitzhughs ran a trucking line and Barbara Fitzhugh was also the bookkeeper for a grocery store. These experiences equipped her to oversee St. John's.

But business expertise is only a piece of what has made the little store so successful.

Barbara Fitzhugh said "the way you treat people" is what matters - whether they are volunteers, customers or people seeking assistance.

"We take care of our people, because without these people, we couldn't function," she said of the volunteers, for whom she has been known to cook

up a big pot of spaghetti and meatballs.

When people come to seek assistance, Barbara Fitzhugh said she meets with them privately: "That's nobody's business."

Vickie Walker, who runs a food pantry in Edmonson County for adults age 60 and up, said the Fitzhughs are a "great asset" and "do an outstanding job for our community."

"I feel honored to know such a great couple," she said.

A day in the life

On a recent Tuesday morning, St. John's Thrift Store workers went about their daily tasks of sorting items and assisting customers. The store had a fresh, clean smell welcoming customers, which was later accentuated by the aroma of freshly-brewed coffee.

Customers trickled in and out, many greeted by name by the volunteers.

Trease Moon paused in sorting donations to say that her favorite part about working at the store is "helping people."

"We have people who come every day who are regulars," she said.

Sue Kalbfleisch, waiting on customers at the register, said she has befriended a number of visitors to the store.

Kalbfleisch's eyes lit up as she told of a family who "came by a lot this summer;" a family with little boys who were particularly excited to see the selection of movies.

As happy as they were to talk about the store, the workers didn't dawdle.

They had a community to serve. ■

"The Heart of a Caregiver" Retreat Day

Saturday, Aug. 18 or Saturday, Aug. 25

(choose one)

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At Texas center, bishops join in a warm welcome for recent arrivals



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Bishop Robert J. Brennan, auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre, N.Y., helps a volunteer at a Catholic Charities-run respite center in McAllen, Texas, serve soup July 1 to immigrants recently released from U.S. custody. A delegation of U.S. bishops has traveled to the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, to learn more about the detention of Central American immigrants at the U.S.-Mexican border.

BY RHINA GUIDOS
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MCALLEN, Texas (CNS) — Some had been on the road for weeks, others for days, and some entered looking haggard and sunburned with little more than the clothes they were wearing, some hold-

ing the hands of their children as a group of Catholic bishops joined a chorus of hands applauding in welcome.

Sister Norma Pimentel, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, who is executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, asked the bishops visiting the center during the arrival of the re-

cent immigrants July 1 if they could help serve food to the children, whose eyes lit up when they saw fruit or soup and the smiling faces of volunteers replenishing their dishes and asking questions.

“Does the soup taste good?” Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville asked in Spanish, as some children shyly nodded toward the prelate.

Nearby, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston carried a tray with bowls of soup into the room filled with children’s voices. Cardinal DiNardo was leading the delegation of bishops toward the border communities in the Brownsville-McAllen area close to the southern border with Mexico July 1 and 2.

The visit to what’s known as the respite center run by Catholic Charities in downtown McAllen quickly took the prelates into the heart of the human drama of migration and its human toll.

A woman traveling with a 3-year-old said that along the way she’d heard children were being taken away from parents and she prayed that it wouldn’t happen to her because returning to her home country of Guatemala was not an option — either way she risked losing her child.

But immigration authorities were kind and humane when she checked in, she said, and allowed her and her child to go free after filling out paperwork and a short detention. Then the welcome she received at the respite center, she said, was a sign to her that “God is so great and never abandons us.”

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The center is a first stop for immigrants like her, fortunate enough to have a place to go to, such as the one in McAllen, after being released by immigration authorities. It, too, was a first stop for the bishops looking to understand the situation of family separation and other immigration issues along the border.

Cardinal DiNardo, along with Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Rockville Centre, New York, and Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, Pennsylvania, took the opportunity to speak with as many as they could in the room, addressing topics such as why they left home or simply asking the migrants where they were headed and how they were doing.

A 12-year-old girl sitting with her father nearby asked Bishop Brennan about snow because she had never seen it. He asked where they were headed and the father responded: "Philadelphia."

"Vas a ver la nieve," he told her in Spanish, telling her she would see snow.

Then they asked him about New York.

"Do you know the Yankees? And the Mets?" Bishop Brennan asked. And the father answered "yes" with excitement.

The girl's father, who traveled from Honduras mostly by foot, later said he was grateful for the great kindness the bishops had shown, how they had treated him and his daughter as human beings and it made him feel that his load had finally lightened after a long and hard journey.

Bishop Bambera said he found hope in hearing the people in the room talk about what's ahead. They didn't speak of making money but of finding safety for their children, he said, driven by "the most basic instinct to protect your family."

Though the room held a lot of smiles and optimism, there was a silence about the journey that had gotten them there but whose details many of the

sojourners were not yet ready to share, said Bishop Brennan. He found the experiencing "very moving," he said, and it made him think of those he knows in New York "who've come on the other side of that journey."

"This gives me a deeper understanding of the experience that many of our folks went through to get the point where I've come to know and love them on Long Island," he said.

Volunteers, which included many young adults, zigzagged through the room during the visit, handing out clothes, playing with the children, showing those who had recently arrived the shower, giving out water and heating a home-cooked meal for them.

"In this room is the core of Catholic social teaching: the dignity of life," said Bishop Bambera.

William Canny, executive director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. bishops' conference, who also accompanied the bishops on their visit, said the welcome was "a phenomenal act of charity by the church, to receive these people released by the government and helping them go onward to family and friends."

"This is what we call welcoming, this is the act of welcoming that we all like to see," he said, especially knowing about the incredibly difficult journey they had just made.

"It's the moment when our American, our human values come forward and it was nice to watch, people were extremely grateful," he said.

It was uplifting to see a group of people who've had a lot of bad things happen to them, "get a dose of good," he said.

"It's a moment when they're feeling a small sense of safety. They're also realizing that they've left people behind," Canny said.

But few will forget that warm welcome, the

cheers, the applause, the food and smiles, and the bishops who happened to be there that day to feed them and to ask them how they were doing. Along with others, they shared their migration journey that day in exactly the fashion Pope Francis has called for, Canny said, referring to a campaign by the Vatican that calls on Catholics and others of goodwill to build bridges of understanding and hospitality with migrants and refugees.

"It was heartening to see people of all ages come, the volunteerism, young and more experienced people, reaching out and sharing the journey as the Holy Father has asked us to do," Canny said, recalling the images of the visit. "People stepping forward, welcoming, glasses of water, sandwiches, shampoo ... and listening to their stories." ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2018 BULLETIN BOARD

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.

'Eucharist' Bible study at Blessed Mother

Blessed Mother Parish will offer a Bible Study on the "Eucharist," a program from Bishop Robert Barron. Our parish will run concurrent programs starting Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. You are welcome to one or both sessions. This study will end the last week of September. The cost for the program is \$15 for the study guide. To find out more information or to register, please contact 270-683-8444 or stop by the parish office.

Marriage enrichment program at Blessed Mother

Blessed Mother Parish will offer a program for married couples, the "Beloved" marriage enrichment over six sessions on Sundays from 4-5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class will be Sept. 23 and the last class will be Nov. 4, off the two Sundays for Fall Break. The cost of the book is \$25. For more information about the program or to register, please contact 270-683-8444 or stop by the parish office.

Register now for Branson Christmas Extravaganza

The Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Stewardship presents Branson "Christmas Extravaganza" featuring Daniel O'Donnell on Nov. 1-4, 2018. \$799/person. This tour is sure to bring out the magic of Christmas with five Christmas shows: Haygoods, Christmas Show at Dolly Parton's Stampede, Raiding the Country Vault, Sight & Sound Samson, and the famous Daniel O'Donnell "Christmas with Daniel"! Enjoy your chartered comfortable bus ride, beautiful hotel accommodations and nine delicious meals! (Includes an extra surprise top attraction.) Deposit of \$200 for Branson "Christmas Extravaganza" is due Aug. 20 with balance due Sept. 17. Call early to hold your reservation - these tours will fill up fast! Insurance is available for \$44. For more information, contact Faith in Travel at (270)389-

1002 or email sophiajourneys@gmail.com.

"Focus on Faith" Book Study on Revelation Aug. 9

"Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying its Lessons Today," is the focus of a monthly book study at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class continues Thursday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The study of Michael Barber's book will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch. Feel free to attend even if you missed earlier classes. Contact Sr. Mary Matthias Ward: 270-229-0200 or mary.ward@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org. Subsequent meeting dates: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

Eucharistic Adoration Aug. 12

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of each month from 4-5

p.m., at the Motherhouse Chapel (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Adoration concludes with evening prayer. Upcoming dates are Aug. 12, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. (There is no adoration on Sept. 9 due to the Eastbridge Arts Festival @ The Mount.) The Ursuline Sisters also have Adoration that is open to the public on Fridays from 3-5 p.m.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

Aug. 7: Sr. Catherine Marie Lauterwasser – History of Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Sisters
Sept. 4: Sr. Pam Mueller – Hospitality
Oct. 2: Sr. Jacinta Powers and Sr. Monica Seaton – Entertaining Angels: Living the Works of Mercy in our Everyday Lives
Nov. 6: Sr. Ruth Gehres – The Touch of Beauty, The Touch of God
Dec. 4: Sr. Ann McGrew – Advent and the O Antiphons

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Eastbridge Arts Festival@The Mount

Arts & Crafts for sale! Food vendors!

Saturday, Sept. 8– 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9– 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hope to see you! Free Admission!

The Ursuline Sisters will be selling quilts, crafts, jams and jellies. They will have their annual grand raffle.

You could win \$10,000 • \$3,500 • \$1,000 • \$500 • \$250 • \$100 • Handmade Quilt

Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Drawing at 3 p.m. Sunday.



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Note: A limited number of booths are still available. Please sign up soon.

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First Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room, followed by the presentation in a conference room. To register: Sr. Mary Matthias Ward, 270-229-0200 or mary.ward@maplemount.org

A Scout is Reverent

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to begin working on Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and others. These include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. After earning these emblems, Bishop Medley will award them at a Scout Mass in March 2019. For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please visit owensborodiocese.org/scouting.

16th annual Rural Life Celebration

Sunday, Aug. 12. Come enjoy a celebration of rural

life in the air-conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Convention Center at West 2nd St. and Locust St. A free meal will be served starting at 5 p.m. with a short program. Come help us honor the contributions to our community of Jerry & Vicky Morris with the first "Be Like Rick" Award, Sylvester Fischer with the Lifetime Achievement Award and special recognition of the life work of Tom Curtsinger. No RSVP required. Questions: call Deacon Richard Murphy at 270-683-1545. Event sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee.

1978 Owensboro Catholic class reunion

OCHS Class of 1978 will hold its 40th Class Reunion beginning Friday, Aug. 31, 2018 at the OCHS vs. OHS football game at Steele Stadium. On Saturday, Sept. 1 beginning at 3 p.m. there will be a potluck dinner with Mass at 4 p.m. at Brenda Clark's Farm. For more information contact Lee Ann Ebelhar Norris at 270-570-3041 or email leeannnorris@gmail.com or Carolyn Thompson Mounce at 406-498-7797 or msmontanacj@aol.com. Information can also be accessed on our Facebook page Ow-

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Married Couples
Day of Recollection
"The Formula for a Successful Marriage"
Given by Fr. Louis Caporiccio, C.P.M.

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018

What Time? 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 PM

Where: Passionist Monastery, Whitesville, Kentucky

How do I register?

Go to www.passionistnuns.org,

then scroll down to upcoming events

Or contact Christie Phone: 270-302-8023 Email: retreats@passionistnuns.org



Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

AUGUST

- 4 Associate Retreat focusing on St. Angela
- 5-10 St. Francis de Sales Choir Retreat
- 7 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: History of Ursulines**
- 9 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 10-12 Yarn Spinners Retreat**
- 17-19 Retrouvaille
- 18 Heart of a Caregiver Retreat Day**
- 22-28 Smockers & Stitches
- 25 Heart of a Caregiver Retreat Day**

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Hospitality**
- 8 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 8-9 Eastbridge Arts Festival@The Mount
- 13 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 17-21 Runaway Quilters
- 26-27 Teen Leadership Conference
- 28-30 Gennesaret Retreat

OCTOBER

- 1-5 Owensboro Diocese Priests Retreat Week
- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Entertaining Angels**
- 6-7 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 13 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 15-19 New Spiritual Direction Training Class**
- 19-21 Spiritual Directors Reunion & Retreat**
- 20 Marian Retreat Day**
- 22-26 MSJ Quilt Guild
- 23-25 Chix with Stix
- 26-28 Retreat for Married Couples**

Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. 270-229-0200

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Located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56



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ensboro Catholic High School Class of 1978.

St. Boniface annual summer picnic

The annual Historic St. Boniface Catholic Church Summer Picnic is held on Aug. 5, beginning at 10 a.m. CDT, on the church grounds at Fulda, Indiana. Shuttle service, handicap parking, shaded grounds and air-conditioned dining are available throughout the day. Fried chicken or roast beef dinners with all the trimmings and homemade dessert served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take-outs are available. The Food Court will serve famous soup, fried chicken sandwiches, grilled tenderloins, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and drinks (water, sweet tea, lemonade, sodas). Hand-dipped ice cream will also be available for enjoyment. Guided tours of the historic church listed on the National Register of Historic Places given throughout the day. And for the family, a complimentary Family Fun Center with games & activities, including a bounce house, slide, basketball shootout, snow cones, face painting, and cornhole games. The day will conclude with the themed basket raffle, a drawing for two featured handmade quilts, and the grand raffle with a first prize of \$1,000.

Spinning Retreat Weekend

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the spinning retreats at Mount Saint Joseph. The next ones take place Aug. 10-12 and Nov. 2-4. For more information on room rates, meal costs and more, contact Sr. Mary Matthias Ward at 270-229-0200 or mary.ward@maplemount.org.

Mass honoring those in the medical field

On Oct. 21, 2018, the Diocese of Owensboro will host a White Mass - a liturgy honoring those in the medical field, at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 2 p.m. Bishop William F. Medley will preside. This Mass recognizes the ministry of those across our diocese who protect life and care for the ill and dying, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, ministers of consolation, chaplains, mental health workers, and all in the medical profession. For more information, contact Deacon Richard Murphy at richard.murphy@pastoral.org or call 270-683-1545.

Spiritual Direction Training Program

Feeling called to companion others on their journey with God? Sign up for the 2018-2020 Spiritual Direction Training Program, sponsored by Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

Beginning Oct. 15, you will meet for a weekly training session eight times over a two-year period, entering into study, reflection and prayer around a topic fundamental to the understanding and practice of spiritual direction. You will receive intense training, practice and supervision by a coordinating team of religious sisters and educators.

The program, which leads to certification as a spiritual director, takes place on a quiet, rural campus in Maple Mount. Close to 50 individuals from across the U.S. have completed the program.

Limited scholarships are available. Please register by Aug. 31.



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To register or for more information,
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A brochure can be found at ursulinesmsj.org

Mary Mother of the Church,

Model of All Christians

“A Day of Reflection”



Sunday - October 28, 2018, 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Gennesaret Retreat for the Chronic and Seriously Ill

September 28-30



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The Gennesaret Retreat is designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. Skilled medical staff will be on hand to assist each participant.

The word Gennesaret comes from the Gospel of Mark 6:53-55 when Jesus heals the sick. The retreat is being offered by the Diocese of Owensboro and hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. There is no fee. These retreats are supported by donations.

Come and enjoy prayer, reflection and scheduled events in the peaceful setting of Maple Mount, Ky.

For more information or to register, call Amy or Tom Payne: **270-316-0403**



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 Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

Updates made to NFP resources in western Kentucky

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

With this year being the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, the Diocese of Owensboro Office of Marriage and Family Life is especially excited to promote and draw attention to Natural Family Planning (NFP).

NFP refers to natural methods to determine fertile and infertile times in a women's monthly cycle. Couples trained in NFP make daily observations and record the results on a chart to help them plan to either achieve or postpone pregnancy. When taught by a certified instructor and used according to instructions, couples practicing NFP see 96 percent to 99.5 percent effectiveness rates when using NFP to space their children or plan their family size.

Since couples practicing NFP say the communication required to practice NFP is very life-giving for the marriage, and because NFP aligns with the teaching of the Catholic Church, one of the goals of our office is to constantly make NFP more readily accessible to as many couples as possible throughout the diocese. We strive to do that by providing instruction in both the Billings and Creighton methods.

When trying to achieve pregnancy, 98 percent of couples with normal fertility achieve a pregnancy in the first six months using the Creighton Model. Of those with fertility complications, 20 percent to 40 percent were able to achieve by simply charting and up to 80 percent were able to achieve when they received medical treatment in conjunction with charting. Our diocese is very fortunate to have a Creigh-

ton "Center" right here in our diocese to instruct clients either face-to-face or remotely anywhere in the diocese. Contact Suzanne Padgett through the Office of Marriage and Family Life webpage (owensborodiocese.org/natural-family-planning) for more information.

The Billings Ovulation Method is a simple, highly effective fertility management system. Backed by more than 50 years of clinical research and more than 850,000 hormonal assays, Billings helps couples understand the state of their combined fertility to achieve or space pregnancy. The information can be used to monitor reproductive health.

Our diocese has trained Billings teachers ready to see clients in Bowling Green, Paducah, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, and as of April, Leitchfield! To learn more, contact Martha Winn through owensborodiocese.org/natural-family-planning.

Billings instruction is also offered in Spanish in Sebree, Owensboro, Mayfield, Bowling Green, and Hopkinsville. Contact Patti Gutiérrez through owensborodiocese.org/natural-family-planning for more information.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about NFP, contact your parish priest or visit the Office of Marriage and Family Life webpage. ■

Danny May is the director for the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Owensboro. Contact him at danny.may@pastoral.org.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Ursuline Sister celebrates milestone birthday with friends, community

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Krampe, OSU, celebrated her 100th birthday June 21, surrounded by family members and many Ursuline Sisters who gathered in the Rainbow Room at Mount Saint Joseph. Sr. Krampe was born in the tiny community of Rome, Ky., not too far from Maple Mount. When she was 40 years old, she decided to enter the Ursuline Sisters of Belleville, Ill., more than three hours away, because she wanted a smaller community. When the Belleville community merged with Mount Saint Joseph in 2005, she came back to Daviess County. She celebrates her 60th jubilee this year as an Ursuline Sister. In this picture, she is greeted by Sr. Amelia Stenger, OSU.

Container collection for the Mandeville diocese begins

BY DEACON RICHARD MURPHY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro and the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, have begun a collection of goods for a shipping container to provide needed items for education and healthcare for the children and needy adults in Jamaica. The collection runs through Sept. 21. At the request of the Diocese of Owensboro, the Mandeville diocese sent a list of needed supplies for their schools, boys' home, healthcare providers and outreach work with the poor.

Parishes, schools, Vacation Bible Schools and other groups are asked to select an item or a collection of items and the number of each they can commit to for this project. They are asked to report their selections, including the number of items, to Deacon Richard Murphy, the coordinator for the collection, by phone or email. He can be reached by phone at

270-683-1545, and by email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. Selections made will be logged and tracked to make sure that all items named have a chance to be filled.

From Aug. 1 to Sept. 21, all participating groups are asked to have the items collected and ready to ship to the collection point at 431 Breckenridge St., in Owensboro. All items collected should be boxed, labeled as to the contents, and have a numerical count on the box of the items enclosed. To make an appointment for delivery, please call Deacon Richard Murphy at either 270-683-1545 or his cell number at 270-315-7897.

The list of items, and the numbers requested can be found online by going to owensborodiocese.org/mandeville-sister-diocese and then clicking on the

PDF of the items requested and who has committed to providing those items. Please feel free to select from the items not yet requested. Parishes, schools, and interested groups are encouraged to pick up to three choices and name the amounts of each they propose to supply. They are then requested to contact Deacon Richard Murphy on or before Aug. 20, 2018 and let him know of their selections. If others have already filled an order, then it may be necessary for a group's second or third choices to be targeted.

Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Mandeville diocese. ■

Deacon Richard Murphy is the director of the Office of Social Concerns in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Blessed Sacrament celebrates 70 years

On June 24, past and present members of Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro gathered for the church's 70th anniversary celebration. Bishop William F. Medley presided at the 10 a.m. Mass and the main celebrant was Fr. Jerry Riney, rector of Blessed Sacrament and nearby St. Stephen Cathedral. Former rectors who concelebrated included Fr. John Vaughan and Fr. Ed Bradley. The Mass was followed by dinner open to all. Blessed Sacrament was founded in 1948 for Owensboro's black Catholic community; today, it is home to a racially mixed community.



COURTESY OF DIANE HATCHETT

Fr. Ed Bradley, former pastor of Blessed Sacrament Chapel, talks with Philip Moorman, one of Blessed Sacrament Chapel's oldest parishioners. Moorman has been a parishioner since the chapel's founding in 1948 as a church for Owensboro's black Catholics.



COURTESY OF DIANE HATCHETT

Gloria Adams (left) who was Blessed Sacrament Chapel's first parish life coordinator, stands with past parishioners Jamie and James McCarter who have since moved away, and Cindy Clark, a current parishioner.



COURTESY OF SR. JEANNETTE FENNEWALD, SSND

Layson Brooks, a lifelong parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Chapel, emceed the 70th anniversary celebration. He is proud of the fact that he received his education at Blessed Sacrament's school. Today, he is actively involved in parish life through lecturing, singing in the choir and helping around the parish.



The Office of Marriage & Family Life presents:

FAMILY DAY AT GASPER
SUNDAY, AUG. 19 | 12:30 - 6 PM

Laugh. Have fun. Attend Mass in hiking boots.

FREE! RSVP to charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org



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 safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Hispanic diaconate candidates receive ministry of lector



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON
Edwin Pacheco receives a Bible from Bishop Medley as part of the Rite of Installation of the Ministry of Lector.

BY LARENA LAWSON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Saturday, May 26, the six candidates in formation in the Hispanic Permanent Diaconate Program, under the direction of Fr. Julio Barrera, received the Ministry of Lector. During the evening liturgy celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, Bishop Medley

bestowed this ministry upon the men, completing another formal step toward their ordination as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Owensboro. Fr. Barrera, pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam and Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown, called them each by name and presented them as being prepared and disposed to receive this special ministry of the Church.

The following candidates received the Ministry of Lector:

Rene Amaya, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green
José Blanco, St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield
Edwin Pacheco, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie
Baltazar Rafael, St. Michael Parish, Sebree
Mario Reséndiz, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie

Trinidad Soriano, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville

During the Rite of Institution of Lector, Bishop Medley prayed over the candidates asking God to: “Bless our brothers who have been chosen for the ministry of reader. Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people.”

He then presented them each with a Bible and said, “Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.” ■

Larena Lawson belongs to St. Lawrence Parish in Philpot.

Falling in Love, Staying in Love & Finding God in it All



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Weekend of October 26-28

Retreat Directors: Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen

This married couple has presented retreats for married couples throughout the country and are the authors of two books about marriage.

You will be invited to reflect on your marriage journey, and in that reflection, come to understand more clearly how God works in and through ordinary married lives. God is Love, and we who dwell in Love dwell in God and God in us. There will be a blend of presentations and time on your own for reflection and prayer. Please join us for a “step away” from the rushed lives so many of us live. The retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday.

**Fee: \$360 per couple which includes meals and overnight accommodations.
Take 10% off if paid in full by Sept. 26.**

To register, call 270-229-0200
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Before we go out to evangelize, we must sit at the Teacher's feet

BY JOE BLAND, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Peter preached at Pentecost, and three thousand persons were baptized.

Where did Peter get the courage to stand up and preach this? He could only do this after he was filled with the Holy Spirit. He did this only after he had watched Jesus ascend into heaven 10 days prior and he could only do this after he had been formed and sat at the feet of the Teacher, Jesus Christ, for three years. And he could only do this after he was called.

Before Peter could do ministry, he had to “let it be done unto” him (Luke 1:38).

We can't give what we don't have. We can't make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19) unless we have been sitting at the feet of the teacher.

Before we can come to a Petrine posture – that of going out to the nations and doing ministry – we must take on the Marian posture.

The Marian posture is “letting it be done unto” us – just like the Blessed Mother and Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus in the Gospel of Luke.

During this Year of Encounter we have been called to prayer, to sit at the feet of the Teacher, to be in a posture of receiving, to say, “Let it be done to me.” Pope Francis tells us in the “Joy of the Gospel,”

“Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer” (Joy of the Gospel #262).

This mission of evangelization for our diocese is a huge task. We set out to change our culture and to change hearts, to learn new things and new ways of approaching ministry and at times to unlearn things that no longer work or are no longer fruitful. This is a task that can't be “programmed.”

We have asked you to be in prayer in your parishes for this very reason. This is a tall task and we need to start with prayer. I would encourage you to keep

hosting and attending monthly Holy Hours for the purpose of praying for this new plan for evangelization in the diocese and also pray for Bishop Medley and his leadership in this endeavor.

Pope St. John Paul II once said, “In order to evangelize the world we need experts in the celebration, adoration and contemplation of the Holy Eucharist” (Message for World Mission Sunday 2004). This shows the importance of our monthly Holy Hours. Before we can go and pour ourselves out to others we have to let the Lord pour into us.

The seeds that lay dormant during the winter don't mean there is nothing going on with the seed. This time of prayer on your part is prepping the soil. We best evangelize from a posture of prayer.

Again, quoting Pope St. John Paul II: “First of all, I have no hesitation in saying that all pastoral initiatives must be set in relation to holiness” (Novo Millennio Ineunte, #30).

Needless to say, prayer is the most important thing we will do. Stay tuned for new things to come from the Office of Evangelization. ■

Joe Bland is the director of the Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/evangelization.

Dear Cursillistas: Remembering that Jesus loves you

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As we enter the dog days of summer the Cursillo Movement continues to work feverishly to bring Christians together for one common purpose. That purpose being that Jesus loves you. The definition of the Cursillo Movement within the Diocese of Owensboro is as it is world-wide: “a movement of the Church which, with its own method, makes it possible to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, in order to create a nuclei of Christians who engage in leavening their environments with the Gospel, as they discover and achieve their personal vocations.” It is the mission of the movement in our diocese to do that. So, as we fight the heat and the temptations of the devil remember Jesus loves you. We would like to invite all 4th day to pray for the success of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro and world-wide. ■

Kelley Wheatley is a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport. Learn more about Cursillo at cursillo-owensboro.org.

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi estimado pueblo de Dios,

Cuando las personas de fe se congregan, es más común que alguien proponga que recemos juntos. Puede ser un sacerdote o un ministro en el ambiente de una asamblea, puede ser un maestro en un salón de clase, o quizás ser un padre o abuelo en la familia, la iglesia doméstica. Por la fuerza de la tradición, podemos invocar las palabras de Jesús cuando sus discípulos le pidieron que les enseñara a orar: "Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo..."

Con la misma facilidad, los católicos pueden orar espontáneamente: "Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo..." Esta oración viene del saludo de Isabel en el Evangelio de Lucas cuando se encontró con su prima, María. Isabel estaba casi lista para dar a luz a su hijo, Juan el Bautista, cuando la joven María fue a visitarla poco después de que el ángel Gabriel le anunciara que iba a dar a luz a Jesús.

Tradicionalmente, reunimos estas oraciones en un mantra de repetición cuando rezamos el rosario y nos esforzamos por reflexionar sobre los misterios de la vida evangélica de Jesús. En otros tiempos y momentos de la vida, podemos espontáneamente rezar otras oraciones tradicionales, como "Ángel de Dios, que eres mi custodio, ya que la soberana piedad me ha encomendado a ti...", o

"Ángel de mi guarda, mi dulce compañía..." Hacemos una pausa cuando comemos para decir, "Señor, bendice estos alimentos que recibimos de tu generosidad..." Estas son oraciones nobles y ricas que a menudo nos mueven en momentos que parece apropiado orar. Es bueno que conozcamos estas oraciones memorizadas y repetitivas, de lo contrario, puede haber momentos en los que no podamos hablar con Dios, la Santísima Madre o los santos.

Una definición clásica de oración sugiere que "la oración eleva la mente y el corazón a Dios". Tan bellas y reconfortantes como pueden ser nuestras oraciones tradicionales, las palabras de estas oraciones bien conocidas no pueden reflejar en todo momento nuestras mentes y corazones. Sin embargo, con demasiada frecuencia, los católicos no nos sentimos capaces de orar espontáneamente, simplemente derramando nuestros pensamientos y sentimientos más íntimos a Dios. De hecho, a veces podemos sentirnos incómodos cuando otros oran con palabras que no nos son familiares.



EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA AGOSTO 2018:

- AGOSTO 4** Picnic de San Geronimo – Fancy Farm
- AGOSTO 5** 10 a.m. | Instalación del P. Agostoy Valomchalil como párroco – San Guillermo, Knottsville
- AGOSTO 6** 2 p.m. | Reunión de la Conferencia Católica de KY – Parque Estatal del Río Barren
- AGOSTO 6-8** Encuentro de seminaristas de la provincial – Parque Estatal del Río Barren
- AGOSTO 9** 10:30 a.m. | Hora santa & almuerzo con el presbítero – Carmel Home
- AGOSTO 11** 4 p.m. | Confirmación – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
- AGOSTO 12** 10:30 a.m. | Instalación del P. Carl McCarthy como párroco – Cristo Rey, Madisonville
5 p.m. | Celebración de la Vida Rural – Centro de Convenciones en Owensboro
- AGOSTO 19** 10 a.m. | Instalación del P. Tony Jones como párroco – San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
4 p.m. | Misa en el Día Familiar – Campamento Juvenil Católico & Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper
- AGOSTO 20** 10 a.m. | Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith
1:30 p.m. | Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith
- AGOSTO 22** 11:30 a.m. | Reunión con almuerzo con el presbiterado (grupo de edad 1)
- AGOSTO 23** 11:30 a.m. | Reunión con almuerzo con el presbiterado (grupo de edad 4)
- AGOSTO 26** 11:30 a.m. | Confirmación – Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
- AGOSTO 28** 10:00 a.m. | Horas de Oficina en Paducah
- AGOSTO 29** 8:45 a.m. | Misa y reunión del personal – Centro Católico McRaith
- AGOSTO 30** 11:30 a.m. | Reunión con almuerzo con el presbiterado (grupo de edad 5)

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Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (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 José, Central City Cada Primer Domingo del Mes – 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
Contacto: Padre Josh McCarty (270) 754-1164

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Elkton Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

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 Michael Charles Abiero (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (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: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
Contacto: Hermana Esperanza Rivera (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc o Padre Jean Rene Kalombo (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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: Padre Ken Mikulcic (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

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree 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
Contacto: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

El P. Emmanuel Udoh, efectivo el 20 de enero de 2018, ha sido nombrado por el Obispo William F. Medley como Administrador Temporal de la Capilla del Rosario en Paducah y la Parroquia Santa María en LaCenter.

Picnic Parroquiales del 2018

4 Agosto | Sirviendo desde mediodía a 3:30 p.m.
Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro

15 Septiembre | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
Santísima Madre, Owensboro

22 Septiembre | Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m.
Inmaculada, Owensboro



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Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro a jason.mcclure@pastoral.org o llamando (270) 683-1545 (oficina) o (270) 875-2868 (celular del P. Jason).

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En este año, en el cual nuestra diócesis ha emprendido un viaje intencional del Discipulado Misionero, nos hemos esforzado por ser más intencionados en el encuentro con nuestro Dios en la oración. Si somos lentos en expresar nuestras propias oraciones, es posible que necesitemos entrenamiento. Para esto podríamos considerar el Libro de los Salmos como una "escuela de oración".

El Libro de los Salmos es una colección de 150 oraciones y canciones antiguas que cubren una amplia variedad de emociones y puede, tal vez, estimular nuestras propias mentes y corazones. La mayoría de los salmos son bastante cortos. Uno puede abrir la Biblia y rezar varios salmos en el tiempo que le tomaría leer un solo capítulo de uno de los libros de los evangelios. No importa el estado de ánimo en que uno se encuentre, o el mensaje que uno quiera expresar a Dios, siempre podremos encontrar un salmo que conecte con nuestro momento.

Hay salmos de acción de gracias y alabanzas que pueden reflejar los pensamientos de nuestros mejores días. No es sorprendente que haya más salmos de lamentación que cualquier otro tipo. Qué humano. Qué tan humano. Generalmente, estos comienzan con un grito pidiendo auxilio y concluyen con la confianza de que Dios ha escuchado nuestra oración. Eso no quiere decir que la oración haya sido respondida, pero también es muy humano encontrar consuelo solo en el hecho de que alguien nos ha oído y escuchado. Los salmos nos permiten expresar sentimientos de enojo y venganza hacia Dios. Pueden permitirnos confesar nuestras deficiencias en privado, suplicar misericordia, ablandar nuestros corazones, purificarnos y darnos un nuevo comienzo.

Los salmos nos aseguran que Dios no teme nuestra ira y amargura, sino que, como un padre amoroso,

solo quiere que nos acerquemos y hablemos de ello. Recuerdo una charla dada en un retiro hace muchos años donde platicábamos de la práctica piadosa de doblar las manos con devoción como un gesto de oración. Este es un signo universal de oración. Pero nuestro maestro de retiros nos recordó que levantar un puño cerrado hacia los cielos también puede ser un gesto de oración cuando confiamos en que Dios recibirá nuestras emociones, nuestra debilidad e incluso nuestros berrinches.

¿Cómo orar? Levantando nuestros corazones y mentes hacia Dios. Si necesitamos algunas lecciones, abramos el libro de los Salmos. ■

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

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). La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.



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La Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown tuvo cinco estudiantes de la educación religiosa y un adulto que recibieron el Sacramento de la Primera Comuni3n el domingo, 10 de junio. Los estudiantes fueron Stacy G3mez Mart3nez, Eulalia Torres P3rez, Alejandro Valle Aguilar, Jos3 P3rez Jorge, Guillermo Gonz3lez Lucas, y adulto, Domingo Garc3a G3mez.

Los candidatos diaconales hispanos reciben el ministerio del lector



PHOTO POR CORTESÍA DE LARENA LAWSON

El Obispo William F. Medley ora por los candidatos al diaconado en el Rito de Instalación del Ministerio de Lector en la Parroquia San José en Bowling Green el 26 de mayo de 2018.

POR LARENA LAWSON, ESPECIAL AL
CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El sábado, 26 de mayo, los seis candidatos en formación en el Programa de Diaconado Permanente Hispano, bajo la dirección del P. Julio Barrera, recibieron el Ministerio de Lector. Durante la liturgia vespertina celebrada por el Obispo William F. Medley en la Parroquia San José en Bowling Green, el Obispo Medley otorgó este ministerio a los hombres,

completando otro paso formal hacia su ordenación como diáconos permanentes en la Diócesis de Owensboro. P. Barrera, párroco de las Parroquias Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam y la Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown, los llamó a cada uno por su nombre y los presentó como preparados y dispuestos a recibir este ministerio especial de la Iglesia.

Los siguientes candidatos recibieron el Ministerio de Lector:

Rene Amaya, Parroquia de San José en Bowling



PHOTO POR CORTESÍA DE LARENA LAWSON

Edwin Pacheco recibe una biblia del Obispo Medley como parte del Rito de Instalación del Ministerio de Lector.

Green

José Blanco, Parroquia de San José en Mayfield
Edwin Pacheco, Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie

Baltazar Rafael, Parroquia de San Miguel, Sebree
Mario Reséndiz, Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie

Trinidad Soriano, Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Durante el Rito de la Institución del Lectorado,

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el Obispo Medley oró sobre los candidatos pidiendo a Dios que "bendiga a nuestros hermanos que han sido elegidos para el ministerio del lector". Concédeles que mientras meditan constantemente en tu palabra, puedan crecer en su sabiduría y proclamarla fielmente a tu pueblo".

Luego les presentó a cada uno una Biblia y dijo: "Tomen este libro de la Sagrada Escritura y sean fieles en la transmisión de la palabra de Dios, para que se fortalezca en los corazones de su pueblo". ■

Larena Lawson pertenece a la Parroquia San Lorenzo en Philpot.

PHOTO POR CORTESÍA DE LARENA LAWSON

P. Julio Barrera llama a los candidatos al diaconado que recibirán el Ministerio de Lector, dando otro paso formal hacia la ordenación como diáconos permanentes en la Diócesis de Owensboro.



FOTO CNS | CHAZ MUTH

El Obispo Robert J. Brennan, obispo auxiliar del Rockville Centre, N.Y., ayuda a un voluntario en un centro de alivio dirigido por Caridades Católicas en McAllen, Texas, el 1 de julio, a servir caldo a inmigrantes recientemente liberados de la custodia de los EE. UU. Una delegación de obispos de EE. UU. ha viajado a la Diócesis de Brownsville, Texas, para aprender más sobre la detención de inmigrantes centroamericanos en la frontera de México y los Estados Unidos.

The ultimate vocation: live a life of love in Jesus Christ

BY FR. RICHARD MEREDITH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

From time to time I have asked boys and young men if they have ever thought about the priesthood. Most have admitted that they had. But teens often hesitate when asked and admit that they find girls very attractive. This usually is my response: “Woman is probably God’s most beautiful creation.”

I congratulate them on their being attracted to such beauty and to the possibility of marriage and fatherhood. In my own story I volunteer that, even though I seriously considered priesthood from the second grade all the way through high school, I soon realized that the very talents I would need to be a good priest were the same that I would need to be a good husband and father.

In sorting things out on my own journey I decided that God’s call to me was first built on being a decent human being, employing the talents which God has given me. Second, I should be a sincere Christian and follow Jesus as my Shepherd in the Catholic Church. While I did not pursue the vocation of marriage and family, I voluntarily accepted the vocation of celibate priesthood to be fruitful in the gifts the Lord had given me.

In our fallen world, fallen human nature awakens to sexual attraction usually curious, confused, self-focused and often lustful. When one has learned to respect other people and to have an awareness of their good, the attraction can, thanks be to God, include personal esteem and respect for them. By God’s grace the attraction can be entirely pure and chaste, valuing and honoring the beauty and perceived, admirable qualities of the other person. The attraction

can have a strong physical focus without diminishing the personal, social, and spiritual traits which stir admiration and desire.

As Pope St. John Paul II taught in his *Theology of the Body*, it is growth in chastity which leads to true love and the freedom to love rightly. Our Church offers programs for adults and teens based on the pope’s teaching, e.g., “*Theology of the Body for Teens*.” To date they are the best presentations I have found to communicate Catholic moral principles and a sound psychology and anthropology in a manner which speaks to the hearts and minds of adults and teens. St. John Paul II offers an under-

standing of God’s design to the stirring of human sexual values and lights a path of freedom, honor, and responsibility which answers what is in the human heart. His insights help me understand my particular vocation of priestly ministry in a life of celibate chastity.

Our culture is baffled that a man or a woman can be sexually chaste and pure for a whole lifetime and also be happy, psychologically balanced, free, creative, loving, and generous. But that is what the Church proposes for Christian Marriage. Lust is flatly contrary to Christianity. Sexual pleasure as mutual

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gift for the honor and good of one's spouse, however, is a cause for thanksgiving to God. The individual Christian may wholly give in love his or her sexuality over to God unused to serve Christ without any loss of happiness. All, without exception, however, are called to the gift of a life of true, self-giving love.

This sounds like insanity in our sweaty, fevered world today. Pornography flourishes. And the more lust is exploited the hungrier it gets. Only true love satisfies. That is why chastity, in or out of marriage, leaves one with peace. My challenge to young and old alike is to ask God for the courage to love chastely. The Church needs true lovers of people in Christ: in marriage, in the priesthood, and in religious life.

In marriage or in celibate ministry, chastity is a life of courage and honor. Would you settle for a life of cowardice and the betrayal of love? Be a Man. Be a Woman. Be a Christian. This is God's call. Answer it. ■

A longer version of this article originally ran in the April 15, 2018 bulletin at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

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COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Sr. Stephany Nelson became the newest vowed member of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on July 8 when she completed the Rite of Temporary Profession. Sr. Nelson completed her two years as a novice and will now be temporary professed for five years, at which time she can make her permanent vows. She is not allowed to be elected to community office or vote in community elections until her final vows, but otherwise, is fully a member of the Ursuline Sisters. In this picture, Sr. Nelson receives a hug following Mass from her godmother Lyn Knepler as her godfather John Knepler smiles.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

October 12-14

Discover the Joy of being an Ursuline Sister!





Come and spend time with other young Catholic women, ages 18-40, interested in living their faith and discerning their call to be an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph.

The retreat begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. There is no fee. To reserve your spot, contact Sister Monica Seaton monica.seaton@maplemount.org

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ursulinesmsj.org



Ursuline Sisters
of Mount Saint Joseph
4801 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42068-0001



Youth receive 2018 SLIM awards and certificates

BY WKC STAFF

The Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth Ministry recognizes the outstanding contributions young people make to their parish, community and the diocese. Each year, high school juniors and seniors who have made such contributions through leadership and youth ministry are honored with the Servant Leaders in Ministry (SLIM) awards. Based on nominations from the parishes, the Youth Ministry Office selects two youth from each deanery, (or up to 18 from around the diocese). The 18 winners receive a plaque, and all nominated youth receive a certificate of recognition. This year's winners and certificate of recognition recipients are listed below.

Award winners:

Lindsey Hargitt – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
 Logan Dodson – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
 Andrew St. Claire – Immaculate, Owensboro
 Xavier Evans – Immaculate, Owensboro
 Cameron Blandford – Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
 Lydea Dickens – Precious Blood, Owensboro
 Hailey Neal – St. Charles, Livermore
 Dorian Record – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
 Anna Carrico – St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
 Jackson Purcell – St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
 Clay Englert – St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
 MaKenzie O'Nan – St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
 Christian Daugherty – St. Joseph, Central City
 Madison Feria – St. Joseph, Bowling Green
 Weldon Connor – St. Lawrence, Philpot

Leslie Greenwell – St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
 Sam Roberts – St. Pius X, Owensboro

Certificate of recognition recipients:

Joe Gerald – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
 Matthew Graviss – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
 Payton Sanford – Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
 Katie Bickers – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
 Emma Gillham – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
 Ryan Louise Gillituk – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
 Abbigayle Vannatter – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
 Leigh Anne Seitz – St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
 Emma O'Bryan – St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
 Gabe Bartley – St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho



COURTESY OF GERMAINE BROXON
 Our Lady of Lourdes youth group from Owensboro enjoys summertime fun at Holiday World on June 20.



COURTESY OF JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL

(Left) Elementary and middle school teachers from Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus, 4-6 Campus, St. Mary of the Woods School, Christ the King School, and John Paul II School gathered in June at JP II in Morganfield for NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) and Best Practices in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) training. Reeda Hart led the training, which included many hands-on activities for the teachers, lesson plans, ideas and suggestions. Teachers had the opportunity to collaborate with one another to share thoughts and ideas. Hart spent 27 years as a classroom teacher and 14 years as the STEM Outreach Director for Northern Kentucky University's (NKU) Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics (CINSAM). She taught STEM lessons in classrooms, modeling best practices for teachers from preschool thru eighth grade. Hart will return to several schools in the fall to provide training for the teachers in the classroom.



COURTESY OF GINA WYLIE
 Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown had five CCD students and one adult receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 10. The students were Stacy Gomez Martinez, Eulalia Torres Perez, Alejandro Valle Aguilar, Jose Perez Jorge, Guillermo Gonzalez Lucas, and adult, Domingo Garcia Gomez.

August Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Drew & Jeannette Ward, 50
David & Martha Lashbrook, 57
Raymond & Theresa Payne, 58
Rod & Kathryn Crowe, 40
Patrick & Karon Greenwell, 40
Marvin & Martha Faye Hayden, 50
Kyle & Emily Best, 10

Christ the King, Madisonville

David & Ellen Waters, 59
Tommy & Carol Richardson, 52
James & Judy Donley, 50
Frank & Barbara Schnapf, 50
Ron & Marsha Segebarth, 50
James & Patricia Pilson, 50

Christ the King, Scottsville

Richard & Frances & Schlangen, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Jeff & Sally Bradley, 25
Thomas & Mary Duncan, 52
David & Jo Ettensohn, 55
Danny & Janie Jacobs, 54
Thomas & Marie Keen, 50
John & Judith McClellan, 55
Steve & Cathy Morris, 40
Bobby & Donna Nally, 58
Robert & Gayle Paff, 50
Chad & Beverly Sellars, 25
Robert & Doneta Williams, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Danny & Amanda Thomas, 10
Daniel & Kimberly Costello, 10
Donnie & Sharon Gibson, 10
John & Katie Fox, 10
Roberto & Julia Rivas, 10
Todd & Stefanie Edge, 10
L. Brent & Elaine Mason, 25

Stephen & Rosemary Trussell, 25
Thomas & Sue Frericks, 40
Delbert & Ellen Hayden, 54
William & Darlene Sims, 54
John & Sue Goessling, 56
Thomas & Margaret Cahill, 58
James & Sylvia Weis, 62

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Larry & Mary Martin, 56

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Johnny & Elizabeth Wix, 50

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Dan & Shirley Hagman, 58
J. Michael & Jean Mattingly, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Christopher & Cecilia Baer, 5
Jeremie & Jennifer Leet, 10
Mark & Judy Freels, 25
Nicholas & Crystal Harley, 10
Michael & Linda Todd, 50
Christopher & Ashley Bowlds, 5
Mike & Cindy Caldwell, 25
James & Laquita Abell, 40
Ray & Teresa Boarman, 25
Kenneth & Johanna Boarman, 56
John & Margaret Kutsor, 56
James & Barbara Sanders, 55

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Justin & Natalie Clatterbuck, 10
William & Ginger Boehman, 10
John & Kristi Fentress, 10
Branden & Rebecca Haines, 10
Francis & Dolores Thomson, 50
Leslie & Patsy Van Meter II, 53

John & Margie Wathen, 63
James R. & Sharon Logsdon, 61
Bill & Sue Hill, 63
Joseph A. & Rose Clark, Jr., 62
James E. & Sharon Murphy, 53
William J. & Hattie L. Potts, 60

Couples from Parish of the Immaculate inadvertently omitted from the May issue of the WKC:

May

Matt & Lorynn Willis, 5
Dustin & Sherri Stevens, 10
Brent & Dana Wilson, 10
Isaac & Mackenzie Murphy, 10
Michael & Patsy Snyder, 50

June

Andrew & Jennifer Jones, 10
Todd & Cecilia Millay, 10
Richard & Jo Jones, 40
Gerald G. & Kathleen Gray, 50
Leander & Janet Goff, Jr., 61
Charles L. & Lucy Adams, 61
Robert & Linda Schwartz, 58
John & Frances McNulty, 53
Robert & Kaye Wethington, 60

July

Ben & Rachel Alvey, 10
Lee & Melissa Deno, 10
Leonard J. & Tammy Norcia, Jr., 25
Jeffrey & Marla Bertschinger, 40
Gerald & Rita Jo Holtzman, 55
William Terry & Mavis Blandford, 52
Joseph M. & Barbara Payne, 60
Donald E. & Mary Teresa Hayden, 61
Anthony J. & Margaret Cox, 72
William J. & Laura Goins, 60
Anthony L. & Angela Kaelin, 53

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Paul & Tancy Payne, 50
Bill & Rita Elder, 58
Steve & Dona Cecil, 40
Bill & June Johnson, 58

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Mike & Marilyn Mayes, 40
Jack & Fran Pullen, 50

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Gerald & Mary Harris, 51
Jimmy & Pat Cooley, 58
Jimmy & Barb Blanton, 53

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Frank & Masry Kondracki, 51

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Josh & Jenna Walls, 10
Anthony & Virginia Livers, 56

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Bobby Dale & Irene Jennings, 62
Damon & Cathy Dayberry, 51
Shawn & Laura Elder, 10

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Charles Ray & Sarah Dant, 53

St. Ann, Morganfield

Jim & Dorothy Buckman, 61
Kenny & Judy Willett, 51
John & Yvonne Davis, 52
Rodney & Briana Robinson, 25
Fred & Bonnie Hooper, 51
H. E. & Marylyn Ervin, 62
David & Elizabeth Acker, 51

St. Anthony, Peonia

Joe & Ann Reuther, 51

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Paul & Patricia Alexander, 51

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Paul & Diane Quayle, 51
Joseph & Alice McCabe, 61
Steve & Helen Krivan, 58

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

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Vacation Bible School 2018 helps kids encounter faith through fun



COURTESY OF ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro held Vacation Bible School/Catholic Kids Camp from June 18-22. The week focused on learning and growing in God's love, and exploring the Mystery of the Holy Trinity.



COURTESY OF PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH

Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro held their Vacation Bible School from June 25-29 and their theme was "A Journey with Brother Francis." He told the children about prayer, the rosary and Mass. They made a rosary from paper plates and had a rosary walk, did the five-fingers prayer that Pope Francis promoted, and sang songs to go along with the theme. Fr. Suneesh Mathew took the children and explained the vestments and what they meant, and concluded the week with Mass.



COURTESY OF BLESSED MOTHER PARISH

Patty Woerter, director of music/liturgy for Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, prepares the children at this year's Vacation Bible School to sing at the closing noon Mass on Friday, July 13.



COURTESY OF SARAH LEWIS

(Left) St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro hosted their annual Vacation Bible School from June 18-22.

This was a free program where SPX adults, middle school, and high school youth ministered to preschoolers through fifth grade. Everyone who participated received a free t-shirt and lunch.

Every morning more than 100 youth and children gathered to learn about the "Kingdom of the Son" in an African safari. Each day the children learned a part of the "Our Father" and the meaning behind it. The children participated in games, made crafts, learned about a Bible story, and learned about African culture. The children also raised more than \$400 for their service project through change wars. The proceeds are going to support a parish family undergoing medical needs. VBS was concluded with a celebration Mass on June 24 where the children sang and shared what they had learned over the week.

Next year the children will learn about Joseph, his brothers, and his dreams while in Egypt.

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Three local universities provide Catholic campus ministry resources

BY WKC STAFF

Western Kentucky is home to three universities that provide on-campus formation for Catholic students. As college students prepare to leave home for their fall semester, check out these resources to help them grow in their Catholic faith. For Catholic campus ministry resources outside the Diocese of Owensboro's boundaries, visit newmanconnection.com.

Brescia University, Owensboro, Ky

Moore Center 207

Contact: Sr. Pam Mueller, OSU, director

Email: pam.mueller@brescia.edu

Phone: 270-686-4319

Website: www.brescia.edu/campus-ministry

Mass times: NOTE: At Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel on campus. Subject to change based on availability of priests.

Sunday: 10 a.m., 8 p.m.

Monday: 7 a.m., noon

Tuesday: 7 a.m., noon

Wednesday: 7 a.m., 5 p.m.

Thursday: 7 a.m., noon

Friday: 7 a.m., noon

Murray State University, Murray, Ky

Murray State Newman House

220 N 13th St., Murray, KY 42071

Contact: Fr. Eugene T. Batungbacal, CSsR, director

Email: Newman House office: catholicracersmsu@gmail.com

Fr. Eugene: freugene@stleoky.org

Phone: 270-767-6616

Websites: Primary website: catholicracersmsu.org

Newman Connection: www.newmanconnection.com/locations/detail/murray-state-university/murray-state-newman-house

Facebook: [Facebook.com/NewmanMSU](https://www.facebook.com/NewmanMSU)

Mass times: NOTE: During school year only. Weekday Masses are subject to change depending on the availability and needs of the students.

Sunday: 6 p.m. followed by free dinner

Monday and Thursday: 6 p.m. at Newman House Chapel

Tuesday: 9 p.m. at Newman House Chapel

Wednesday: 6 p.m. at St. Leo Church

Friday: 8 a.m. at St. Leo Church

Adoration times:

(During school year only)

Monday: 8:15-9:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church

Thursday: 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Newman House Chapel

Confession times:

Thursday: 11:15-11:45 a.m. at St. Leo Church

Sunday: 5 p.m. (during school year only)

Or call for an appointment: 270-767-6616

Western Kentucky University,

Bowling Green, Ky

St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Campus Center

1403 College St., Bowling Green, KY 42101

Contact: Fr. Mike Williams, director

Email: mew_62@hotmail.com

Phone: 270-843-3638

Website: www.newmanconnection.com/locations/detail/3330

Mass times: NOTE: Full schedule only applicable when WKU is in session, but Sunday 10 a.m.

Mass is year-round.

Sunday: 10 a.m., 8 p.m.

Monday: 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Thursday: 6 p.m.

Confession times:

Tuesday: 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday: 5-6 p.m.



ENCOUNTER RETREATS

Men: Sept. 14-15, 2018

Women: Oct. 19-20, 2018

Registration available soon at:
owensborodiocese.org/evangelization

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COURTESY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
(Left-right) Amanda Becker and Amelia Bradshaw enjoy the Splash Canyon boat and gadgets ready for the day's lessons at the 2018 St. Francis de Sales Vacation Bible School in Paducah.



COURTESY OF CARRIE HOWARD
Alicia Jones, music teacher at St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville, teaches participants at St. Mary of the Woods Parish's 2018 Vacation Bible School in the Horn Community Center.

