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# A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

The word sacrament may be translated to mean "sign."

Our age-old definition of the Sacraments of the Church is that they are "outward signs, instituted by Christ, to give grace." As the Apostolic Church in its first centuries spread throughout the world, many traditions of outward signs, identified with actions of Jesus in his life and ministry, were repeated and celebrated as sources of grace, of God's life. In but a few centuries, the disparate churches came to agree upon seven primary sacraments as signs of Christ's Church. These are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Reconciliation, and the Sacrament of the Sick.

Our Catholic imagery of signs is also catholic (small "c") imagery, meaning reflective of universal human experience. We communicate by signs and, as societies or communities, assign and accept particular meanings for signs; these can vary from culture to culture.

The month of February finds Catholics celebrating rituals that do not fit the definition of one of the seven sacraments. They are outward signs that in our faith we believe impart grace, but were not instituted by Christ in his ministry. Nonetheless, they can bear great significance and foster faith and trust in the Lord.

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. It recalls the account found in Luke's Gospel of Mary and Joseph presenting the infant Jesus in the Temple. This was a traditional ritual in their day and tradition.

The Church, in her early centuries, adopted this Gospel story to emphasize yet again that Jesus Christ had come into the world as a light. In the Gospel passage for the day, the aged Simeon announced, "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory for your people Israel."

Building upon Simeon's image of light, the Church also calls this day "Candlemas Day," and it is a tradition on this day to bless the candles that may be used in rituals during the coming year. Often the faithful themselves would take a blessed candle to their homes to be lighted as a sign of protection

## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2017

- FEB 1** 9:00 a.m. **Catholic Schools Week Mass** – Christ the King, Madisonville
- FEB 5** 10:00 a.m. **Confirmation** – Immaculate Parish, Owensboro
- FEB 6-8** **Bioethics Workshop** – Dallas, TX
- FEB 11** **Catholic Men's Conference** – RiverPark Center, Owensboro
- FEB 13-19** **Mexico trip to visit bishops & religious communities**
- FEB 20** 10:00 a.m. **Priests' Personnel Meeting** – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)  
1:30 p.m. **Priests' Council Meeting** – MCC
- FEB 21** 9:30 a.m. **Mass** – St. Joseph School, Bowling Green  
6:00 p.m. **Catholic Foundation Board Dinner Meeting**
- FEB 22** 6:00 p.m. **Diocesan Review Board** – MCC
- FEB 23** 1:00 p.m. **Brescia University Board Meeting** – Owensboro
- FEB 24** 9:00 a.m. **Brescia University Board Meeting** – Owensboro
- FEB 25** 5:00 p.m. **Confirmation** – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- FEB 26** 9:30 a.m. **Confirmation** – St. John the Evangelist, Paducah  
3:00 p.m. **Rite of Election** – St. Thomas More, Paducah
- FEB 28** 10:00 a.m. **Lourdes Hospital office hours** – Paducah

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in storms. So while this tradition has no parallel in Jesus' ministry, it is a worthy outward sign of faith and trust in the Lord.

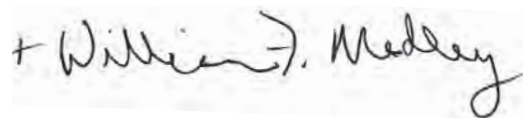
February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr who died in the early fourth century. Legend tells us that as Blaise was being led off to imprisonment, a woman frantically approached him with her child who was choking on a fishbone. She implored Blaise's blessing and the child was cured. From this story has come the tradition of blessing throats on St. Blaise Day. With two candles bound together to form a cross, the candles are held over the head or at the neck and the prayer is offered: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Blessings are an outward sign of our faith in God's goodness and providence.

Though Ash Wednesday will not arrive until March 1 this year, the ritual of receiving blessed ashes is yet another outward sign. It is a peculiar sign but one weighted with meaning. The faithful are literally disfigured with the smearing of ashes on the forehead in the sign of the cross as an outward sign of penitence to mark the beginning of Lent. The minister offering the blessings says either, "Repent

and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return."

There is no precise parallel to this custom in the ministry of Jesus, but throughout the ages the Church has recognized our human need to observe outward signs of our interior intentions. Many Protestant traditions have, in recent decades, adopted this ritual as well. It is not uncommon to see TV personalities on this day appear on air marked by ashes, though their Catholic identity may be a well-guarded secret the rest of the year. I must admit that I find this a bit hard to swallow at times, but then acknowledge that others may well look at me with a cross marked on my forehead and question my worthiness. I think that's the point!

These three rituals that the Church observes in the coming weeks are but a small part of our rich Catholic practice and culture. These remind us that God is manifest in ordinary matter and that God uses many means to bless us.



Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Diocese of Owensboro

## February Fish Fries

Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, will host a fish fry on February 17 & 24 at 5 p.m.  
St. Martin Parish, Rome, will host a fish fry on February 24 at 5 p.m.

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Larry & Marsha Allen, 10

## **Christ the King, Madisonville**

William & Crystal Clark, 40  
John & Debbie Keelin, 40  
George & June Kubach, 40

## **Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

Bernard & Betty Feltrop, 62  
John & Carlene Gabe, 54  
Fred & Michaelene Guillerman, 51  
George & Rebecca Hartmire, 40  
Kenneth & Harriett Hite, 50  
Richard & Doris Market, 54  
Richard & Kathy Powell, 50  
Mike & Bobbie Ann Willett, 54  
Norman & Mary Anne Williams, 52

## **Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Charles & Lyla Glaser, 10  
Timothy & Martha McAnnany, 61  
Donald & Mary Jane Scarbeau, 57  
Carroll & Virginia Hughes, 51  
Peter & Kaye Buser, 50  
James & Patricia Signorello, 50

## **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Denis & Martha Wheatley, 57

## **Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

Larry & Linda Field, 55  
Joseph & Jennifer Galloway, 51  
Francis & Doreen Russell, 53  
George & Martha Taylor, 61

## **Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Randall Louis & Elizabeth Belcher, 50  
William & Lyndel Maddox, 50  
James & Patricia Krampe, 57  
Robert E & Mary Ramage, 52  
Gary & Patricia Satterwhite, 57  
Fred & Gloria Zinobile, 62

## **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Guy & Linda Connor, 56

## **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Randy & Doris Wilson, 40

## **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Robert & Carolyn Mills, 50  
Brian & Margie McGraw, 25  
Ronald & Mary Davis, 60  
Wayne & Loretta Nally, 56  
Jack & Sue Miller, 52

## **St. Ann, Morganfield**

Leroy & Eva Stone, 53  
Gilbert & Pat Rudd, 56  
Willard & Joyce Greenwell, 64  
Franklin & Agnes Hancock, 69

## **St. Anthony, Peonia**

Fred & Vida White, 55

## **St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers**

Jon & Donna Gresham, 51

## **St. Augustine, Grayson Springs**

James & Faye Johnston, 55

## **St. Benedict, Wax**

Tom & Judy Croghan, 50

## **St. Charles, Bardwell**

Ron & Dawn Kupper, 52

## **St. Columba, Lewisport**

Robert & Ellen Edge, 58

## **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson**

Carl & Paula Ball, 60

## **St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Jerry & Robin Arnzen, 40

## **St. Henry, Aurora**

Gary & LaVonne Hanlon, 58

## **St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Phillip & Linda Roof, 10  
Harold & Sally Willett, 25  
Larry & Norma Clark, 52  
Joe & Becky Bowers, 5

## **St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Miguel & Marisela Boites, 10  
Gerald & Norma Jenkins, 50  
Carroll & Sue Hughes, 51

## **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Bob & Joann Deweese, 50

## **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Robert & Rose Coplen, 66  
Charles & Dorothy Harris, 50  
Jerry & Norma Erwin, 51  
Rex & Kay Alexander, 51

## **St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence/Philpot**

James Mark & Frieda Payne, 59  
Robert & Ellen Edge, Sr., 58

## **St. Martin, Rome**

Bill & Jane Shelton, 66

## **St. Mary, Franklin**

Lewis & Helen Garst, 56  
Basil & Hilda Trouten, Sr., 53

## **St. Mary, LaCenter**

Jim & Marie Funk, 50  
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## **St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Robert & Marian Davis, 50  
James & Martha Johnson, 53

## **St. Michael, Oak Grove**

James & Janet Doyle, 56

## **St. Paul, Princeton**

Robert & Patricia Hayes, 40

## **St. Peter, Waverly**

Ashley & Lacey Wedding, 10  
Jerry Wayne & Beverly Duncan, 51

## **St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Johnny & Paula McFadden, 40

## **St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Doris & Vincent Millay, 50  
James & Penny Howard, 57  
Frankie & Betty Clark, 62  
William & Martha Zoglmann, 63

## **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Mark & Cindy Rhodes, 25

## **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Joe & Mary Jumara, 10  
Eduardo & Lorna Pavon, 51  
Jim & K. G. Ariagno, 52  
Thomas & Patricia Fritsch, 51

## **St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Herman & Joan Dant, 62  
Virgil & Colene Jennings, Jr., 70  
Robert J. & Vurble Mahoney, 60  
Thomas E. & Lucy Neal, 56  
William M. & Rosemary Payne, 56

## **St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Jeremy & Ashlee Jordan, 10  
Jim & Marie Funk, 50  
Al & Mary McKeown, 54

## **SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Ken & Marina Lanham, 40  
William & Katherine Thomas, 66

## **SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

Kenneth & Janet Buckner, 25  
G. W. & Joan Brockman III, 55

# Holy Name of Jesus School forms Latino enrollment goals, hires new Spanish teacher

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Nancy Mills, principal; Ashley Mirick, language arts teacher; and Fr. Larry McBride, pastor, traveled to University of Notre Dame in summer 2016 to participate in the university's Latino Enrollment Institute. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

The Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) at University of Notre Dame is a “good program,” said Nancy Mills, principal of Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson, “but you have to want the changes.”

Mills, language arts/art teacher Ashley Mirick and pastor Fr. Larry McBride attended the LEI in summer 2016 in hopes of expanding and improving what their school could offer Latino students and

their families.

Mills said the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Catholic Schools had recommended the Notre Dame program. LEI not only works to deepen the understanding of Latino culture, but over the past five years has helped add 2,812 Latino students to 163 Catholic schools in the United States.

The Holy Name representatives received some

transportation and fee assistance from Catholic Extension, which Mills said was helpful.

They arrived for the four-day program, and Mills said participants “brainstormed what we could do” for their schools' individual needs.

They worked with mentor principal, Yvonne Schwab, from St. James the Less School in Columbus, Ohio, and created an action plan of concrete goals for Holy Name.

These “action items” included regularly meeting with Latino families to discuss what the school is doing well and can improve upon; sponsoring professional development for faculty and staff to learn Spanish; and organizing activities that engage all of the school's cultural roots.

Mirick explained that the teachers were separated from the principals, and focused specifically on “how to engage students in the classrooms.”

Another big item was to build relationships with families in the community, especially those attending the parish.

“Many Hispanic families think they can't afford the school until the parish reaches out to them,” said Fr. McBride.



Susana Solorza. WKC file photo.

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While some of these goals are already accomplished, other action items will develop over time.

Mills said that even before the summer program, one big goal was to hire a bilingual faculty member.

Holy Name hired Susana Solorza to not only serve as a Spanish instructor but also as the “madrina” – the “godmother” of the community. Solorza had previously served as director of Hispanic and Latino youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Mills said Solorza is available to talk with families in the mornings and also meets with families once a month to discuss anything they need. Solorza also works with the parish’s Hispanic ministry director, Abraham Brown, and “overall helps us grow as a whole family,” said Mills.

“I’ve seen families become more involved because of her,” said Mirick.

Holy Name has also started offering Tuesday morning Spanish classes for any faculty and staff who want to learn the language.

Fr. McBride said LEI will take on any Catholic school at “any level” of Latino enrollment: “You come back with very concrete goals.”



This large statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is in one of Holy Name School's classrooms. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

## Latino Enrollment Institute

To learn more about the Latino Enrollment Institute, visit <https://ace.nd.edu/catholic-school-advantage/latino-enrollment-institute> or, contact the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Catholic Schools at (270) 683-1545.

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# Fun, faithful environment contributes to vocations boom at Gasper

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

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



The future Fr. Julio Barrera (at the front of the group) poses with staff, counselors and campers at Camp LIFE (Living It For Eternity) in summer 2011. WKC file photo.

Finding her husband was the last thing Caty Gerteisen had in mind when she signed up to be a 2012 summer staff member at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green.

And besides, dating is discouraged among staff during the camp season, since romantic relationships could quickly distract from the purpose of camp.

Today, Caty now-Knight and her husband, Matt,

grin at the mysterious way God brought them together.

“The staff had an opportunity to do early 7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours with Fr. Mike,” Caty told The Western Kentucky Catholic. Fr. Mike Williams is Gasper’s chaplain.

Unbeknownst to each other, Caty and Matt were both interested in the Morning Prayer gatherings. So every morning the two did see each other – as well as

Fr. Williams and a several other staff members.

But something clicked when they realized the other continuously attending Morning Prayer, and when the camp season ended, the rest was history.

“I always joke that I had to fall in love with Christ before I fell in love with Caty,” said Matt, who is now a board member for Gasper, as well as youth minister at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro.

## Priestly formation

Over the past 10 years, Gasper has also provided a lot of foundation and formation for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Corey Bruns is a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro, and has been involved with Gasper’s summer camps since he was a freshman in college seminary five years ago.

“Camp has really helped with the idea of Church as community, and seeing the communal aspect of faith in something other than a parish,” said Bruns.

He said the campers help inspire his faith, adding that



Logan and Kathryn Haire had their engagement pictures taken at Gasper River, and were married in May 2016. Photo courtesy of the Haire family.

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Gasper was the first time he felt “spiritual fatherhood” in helping affirm and encourage the youth.

Fr. Julio Barrera, associate pastor at SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, was a seminarian intern at Gasper River in summer 2011.

“Since I came from Mexico, many of my relationships prior to Gasper River were limited to just seminary formation,” said Fr. Barrera. “Being at Gasper made a difference because I met people from all over the diocese, and beyond.”



In this photo from summer 2013, Caty Gerteisen and Matt Knight have a water fight. They were married in January 2016. Photo courtesy of Corey Bruns.

He said he was impressed at how everyone at Gasper cared about the wellbeing of others, which has helped him in creating connections with people and his parishioners today.

“Being at Gasper River helped me in my formation to the priesthood in a very special way,” he said. “I am so thankful I was part of it.”

Other past seminarian interns at Gasper include Fr. Gary Clark and Fr. Basilio Az Cuc.

## First impressions

Logan Haire says it is an “understatement” to say that he and his wife, Kathryn, are opposite personalities.

“I’m the introvert; she’s the extrovert, no ques-

tion about it,” said Logan, who serves as vocations coordinator for the Diocese of Lexington.

But when the two served together as summer 2013 staff at Gasper, “as crazy as it may seem, our connection was almost instantaneous,” he said.

No matter the mutual attraction, however, “we had come to Gasper River to serve Christ and his Church, and no one was worth getting in the way of that mission,” said Kathryn.

“Throughout the summer, Logan not only respected my desire to remain friends until the camp season had ended, but encouraged me to serve wholeheartedly as he did the same,” she said.

The Haires were married in 2016, and said Gasper has influenced their marriage specifically in “humility, service and communication.”

“The graces that have come from our time at Gasper River seem to be never ending,” they said.

## An element of discernment

Ethan and Jessy Bennett worked together during Gasper’s summer 2010 season, and have been married since 2013.

Ethan said the presence of Fr. Williams, as well as having seminarians on staff, “makes it apparent that there’s an element of discernment.”

It also helps that everyone lives in community during camp.

“With community comes a lot of discernment,” said Jessy, who previously served as Gasper’s program director, and now works as director of religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro.

Ethan said this also comes out of “a heavy emphasis on prayer,” since Gasper has daily Mass, eucharistic adoration and Liturgy of the Hours.

Jessy also credited the “disconnect from the



Ethan, Jessy and young Lillian Bennett in fall 2015 at Gasper River. Photo courtesy of the Bennett family.

world – a whole week of real face time, and completely unplugged.”

“I think Gasper is a good place for people to bloom because of the type of environment that it is – spiritually and personally,” she said.

Bruns credits the vocations-rich environment to the Eucharist being “at the core” of camp.

He said when Gasper was in its early stages, Bishop John J. McRaith specified the location of the chapel so that “the first thing and last thing you see (when arriving and departing from camp) are our Lord.”

Matt said it’s more than just the camp: it is also Ben Warrell, the camp’s director.

“Ben is a huge part of so many people finding their peace with God,” said Matt, “and finding their place with God.”



## Learn more

To learn more about Gasper River, how to register for a camp or how to donate, visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org).

# Advice for a happy marriage? Couples around the diocese share their wisdom for National Marriage Week

## A message from Joe Bland, director of the Office of Family Life in the Diocese of Owensboro:

"From February 7-14 we in the Catholic Church celebrate National Marriage Week. St. John Paul II is quoted as saying, "As the Family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world." One could take that a step further and say as the marriage goes, so goes the family. If the family is the "cell" of the Body of Christ then the marriage is the nucleus of the cell. A healthy marriage makes for healthy families. We asked to hear from a few married couples from around the diocese. They were asked to respond to two questions: 1) What's the most important thing I've learned from being married? 2) What is one piece of advice you have for an engaged couple? Here are their responses. I hope some of our young couples can benefit from this wisdom."

1) Open lines of communication are so important. No one is a mind reader and it's unrealistic to think that your spouse knows what you're thinking without telling them, especially given the differences in the way men and women think in general.

2) Remember all the fun things you like to do together as an engaged couple. Once a family starts to come, it's hard to remember what you used to do for fun. And if you can't have fun together as a couple in your marriage then you can easily become self-absorbed and fall into the trap of wanting to get away from your spouse and family for your downtime, which we all need! Enjoy your spouse so much that you want to spend your down time together!

**Keith and Rachel Evans, 18 years**  
*Immaculate parish, Owensboro*

1) I have learned that it is not so important to be right all time. Your spouse's feelings and egos should be more important.

2) I would give an engaged couple the advice to read Gary Chapman's book "The Five Languages of Love." If you use it, it will help your relationship tremendously.

**Freddie and Janet Wilson, 48 years**  
*St. Jerome, Fancy Farm*

1) A couple of things, one being that if you don't have an active faith and prayer life it makes marriage much more difficult. Also, and this is tough in a culture that focuses solely on



Ben and Susan Warrell on their wedding day 17 years ago. Photo courtesy of the Warrell family.

taking care of your own needs, you have to will the best for your partner and sacrifice to make that happen. Maybe even giving up what you desire to take care of your spouse's needs. It's not about you, it's about us and getting us to Heaven!!!

2) Pray together daily and make sure to have your own interests. My wife has her support group, her inner circle so to speak, and they meet often to share and I have my men's group to go on retreat with to pray for and hold each other accountable as men. If it was just the two of us only for total prayer, support and accountability, she would have already killed me!

**Ben Warrell and Susan Warrell 17 years**  
*St. Joseph, Bowling Green*

1) There are so many important things we have learned from being married, but the most important has been the revelation that we are each other's helpmate in getting to Heaven. We pray for each other, we pray together and we sanctify each other.

2) To any engaged couple out there, our advice is to always, always, always keep your marriage at the center of the family. Your relationship with each other and with God must take priority over anything else. Pray together, go on dates, and take time to focus on each other, especially when you begin having children.

**Pat and Suzanne Padgett, 22 years**  
*St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro*

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1) We messed up and got pregnant before we married. But God had plans for us. We did marry five months after our daughter was born. It was hard, very hard. We were young. But we persevered. We believed in that “till death do us part.” I can’t say that we did not consider divorce at some point in our marriage, but we visited a Christian counselor and she told us “You don’t look like you really want a divorce. You just want a change.” We have changed. We all change. We have to learn to accept change and go with it.

2) Our advice is to be ready for change. It will happen. Embrace it.

**Gary & Debbie Hagan, 35 years**  
*St. John the Baptist, Fordsville*

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Thank you!

*Jill Duba Sauerheber, Ph.D., LPCC*

*Parishioner and Annulment Advocate, St. Joseph Church, Bowling Green, KY*



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March 25-26, 2017 | Lake Barkley Lodge | Cadiz, KY

This Catholic, diocesan-based marriage retreat is perfect for newlyweds... to golden anniversaries... and every couple in between.

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# Bishop credits pastors for DRF's 115 percent increase

Editor's note: Figures in graphs are based on January 18, 2017 totals.

BY WKC STAFF

The Disciple Response Fund (DRF) has seen a tremendous growth this year and Bishop William Medley credits not only the hard work of the Stewardship Office, but significantly, the work of the pastors.

"I am very proud of what our Church and most especially our pastors have accomplished," said Bishop Medley.

As of publication date, there has been a 115 percent growth from 2014's DRF to this year's. Of this growth, there was a 63 percent increase in household contributions.

New this year was increased marketing materials to better explain the purpose behind the DRF and the personal testimony of the pastors from the pulpit explaining how the funds are used.

"This is the difference and the numbers speak for themselves," said Bishop Medley. Every parish was assigned a target goal and any parish that exceeds that goal will receive 50 percent back. Half of the 78 parishes in the diocese have already exceeded the goal and will receive funds back to use in the parish for ministries, outreach and other necessities.

"Our people responded generously," said Bishop Medley.

Parish	Number of Families	Number of Donors	Target Amount	Pledged Amount	Paid Amount	Pledges Due
Blessed Mother - Oboro	782	232	\$33,102.94	\$45,694.38	\$41,164.38	\$4,530.00
Blessed Sacrament - Oboro	63	21	\$967.51	\$2,840.00	\$1,900.00	\$940.00
Christ the King - M'dville	267	113	\$11,622.03	\$19,195.05	\$15,801.05	\$3,394.00
Christ the King - Sctsville	63	36	\$1,376.54	\$5,180.00	\$3,131.00	\$2,049.00
Holy Cross - Providence	17	4	\$530.43	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Holy G. Angels - Irvington	97	17	\$2,463.21	\$2,045.00	\$1,805.00	\$240.00
Holy Name - Henderson	1475	406	\$37,330.85	\$55,737.50	\$45,510.00	\$10,227.50
Holy Spirit - Bowling Green	865	230	\$31,254.22	\$36,785.00	\$29,430.00	\$7,355.00
Holy Redeemer - Beaver Dam	92	34	\$2,428.77	\$3,990.00	\$3,405.00	\$585.00
Holy Trinity - Morgantown	43	21	\$844.87	\$2,011.00	\$1,811.00	\$200.00
Immaculate - Oboro	750	311	\$28,298.78	\$41,760.00	\$33,797.10	\$7,962.90
Immaculate Conception - Hawtle	137	18	\$3,967.43	\$6,952.50	\$6,852.50	\$100.00
Immaculate Conception - Earlin	56	20	\$2,225.28	\$1,695.00	\$1,125.00	\$570.00
Our Lady of Lourdes - Oboro	763	219	\$27,162.39	\$32,033.00	\$26,916.50	\$5,116.50
Precious Blood - Oboro	289	93	\$10,207.40	\$8,826.00	\$7,311.00	\$1,515.00
Resurrection - Dwsn Springs	28	12	\$1,041.49	\$1,260.00	\$1,120.00	\$140.00
Rosary Chapel - Pad	54	11	\$2,380.55	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$0.00
Sacred Heart - Hickman	38	15	\$1,008.92	\$950.00	\$850.00	\$100.00
Sacred Heart - Waverly	71	24	\$2,658.51	\$4,325.00	\$4,025.00	\$300.00
Sacred Heart - Russellville	110	59	\$4,344.91	\$10,820.00	\$9,030.00	\$1,790.00
St. Agnes - Uniontown	295	92	\$7,716.06	\$8,548.00	\$7,453.00	\$1,095.00
St. Alphonsus - St Joseph	178	17	\$3,934.84	\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00	\$0.00
St. Ambrose - Henshaw	33	5	\$1,307.09	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
St. Ann - Morganfield	387	61	\$13,711.82	\$5,757.00	\$5,277.00	\$480.00
St. Anthony - Utica	151	48	\$4,688.93	\$6,425.00	\$5,330.00	\$1,095.00
St. Anthony Padua - Grnd Rivrs	44	22	\$1,618.52	\$2,325.00	\$2,175.00	\$150.00
St. Anthony - Peonia	78	19	\$1,769.40	\$3,050.00	\$2,405.00	\$645.00
St. Anthony - Axtel	152	33	\$5,286.10	\$3,985.00	\$2,965.00	\$1,020.00
St. Augustine - Grayson Spring	35	13	\$1,453.96	\$3,395.00	\$3,315.00	\$80.00
St. Augustine - Reed	53	20	\$2,332.37	\$3,392.00	\$3,079.50	\$312.50
St. Benedict- Wax	59	20	\$1,263.47	\$1,767.00	\$1,157.00	\$610.00
St. Charles - Livermore	28	13	\$1,314.04	\$1,930.00	\$1,130.00	\$800.00
St. Charles - Bardwell	76	29	\$3,159.08	\$3,157.00	\$3,157.00	\$0.00
St. Columba - Lewisport	102	9	\$2,595.63	\$780.00	\$630.00	\$150.00
St. Denis - Fancy Farm	60	18	\$1,353.66	\$1,885.00	\$1,710.00	\$175.00
St. Edward - Fulton	42	13	\$2,072.63	\$2,705.00	\$2,109.00	\$596.00
St. Elizabeth - Curdsville	49	11	\$1,742.77	\$2,175.00	\$2,100.00	\$75.00
St. Elizabeth - Clarkson	87	37	\$1,821.32	\$3,885.00	\$2,765.00	\$1,120.00
St. Francis Borgia - Sturgis	61	17	\$2,174.06	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$0.00
St. Francis de Sales - Pad	543	144	\$20,261.06	\$15,005.00	\$13,232.50	\$1,772.50
St Francis of Assisi	107	13	\$2,676.84	\$1,428.00	\$1,230.50	\$197.50
St. Henry - Aurora	115	58	\$2,344.90	\$8,090.00	\$5,882.50	\$2,207.50
St. Jerome - Fancy Farm	517	192	\$13,185.78	\$25,160.00	\$17,642.50	\$7,517.50
St. John Baptist - Fordsville	43	5	\$1,339.51	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
St. John Evangelist - Paducah	268	126	\$12,928.17	\$11,206.17	\$8,338.67	\$2,867.50
St. John Evangelist - Sunfish	43	5	\$728.54	\$905.00	\$695.00	\$210.00



Learn more

Regularly updated reports may be found online at [owensborodiocese.org](http://owensborodiocese.org). Click on the "Annual Appeal" box.

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Parish	Number of Families	Number of Donors	Target Amount	Pledged Amount	Paid Amount	Pledges Due
St. Joseph - Central City	124	54	\$3,043.73	\$7,410.00	\$5,745.00	\$1,665.00
St. Joseph - Leitchfield	170	55	\$5,128.46	\$7,088.00	\$6,628.00	\$460.00
St. Joseph - Bowling Green	737	239	\$13,004.19	\$40,629.50	\$28,957.00	\$11,672.50
St. Joseph - Mayfield	353	130	\$10,912.65	\$13,584.00	\$9,346.50	\$4,237.50
Sts. Joe & Paul - Oboro	779	259	\$22,480.35	\$30,922.00	\$21,698.00	\$9,224.00
St. Jude - Clinton	31	6	\$982.65	\$865.00	\$865.00	\$0.00
St. Lawrence - Philpot	130	45	\$4,093.90	\$5,127.00	\$4,727.00	\$400.00
St. Leo - Murray	374	140	\$8,462.47	\$19,821.00	\$13,811.00	\$6,010.00
St. Mark - Eddyville	63	26	\$1,662.21	\$4,535.00	\$3,822.50	\$712.50
St. Martin - Rome	115	56	\$5,360.42	\$7,655.00	\$7,205.00	\$450.00
St. Mary - LaCenter	97	18	\$2,638.87	\$3,340.00	\$2,255.00	\$1,085.00
St. Mary Magdalene - Sorgho	203	43	\$10,777.20	\$2,880.00	\$2,805.00	\$75.00
St. Mary of Woods - Whitesvill	773	93	\$24,731.17	\$6,555.00	\$6,085.00	\$470.00
St. Mary - Franklin	129	60	\$3,494.44	\$8,002.00	\$6,219.50	\$1,782.50
St. Mary of Woods - McQuady	58	19	\$2,235.60	\$2,225.00	\$1,250.00	\$975.00
St. Michael - Sebree	124	64	\$1,599.13	\$4,203.00	\$3,123.00	\$1,080.00
St. Michael - Oak Grove	153	16	\$4,329.47	\$2,165.00	\$1,585.00	\$580.00
St. Paul - Princeton	52	26	\$2,081.05	\$4,210.00	\$2,575.00	\$1,635.00
St. Paul - Leitchfield	170	82	\$3,432.53	\$4,985.00	\$3,717.50	\$1,267.50
St. Peter - Waverly	198	58	\$4,285.49	\$10,840.00	\$10,050.00	\$790.00
St. Peter - Stanley	114	38	\$3,937.12	\$4,440.00	\$3,540.00	\$900.00
Sts. Peter & Paul - Hpkinsvll	572	143	\$19,439.57	\$24,442.50	\$20,650.00	\$3,792.50
St. Pius X - Oboro	372	128	\$16,272.29	\$16,710.00	\$12,165.00	\$4,545.00
St. Pius X - Calvert City	134	37	\$4,595.27	\$6,251.00	\$5,248.50	\$1,002.50
St. Romuald - Hardinsburg	489	84	\$12,005.35	\$7,220.00	\$5,750.00	\$1,470.00
St. Rose - Cloverport	145	12	\$4,027.46	\$1,445.00	\$1,445.00	\$0.00
St. Sebastian - Calhoun	86	42	\$3,053.08	\$4,585.00	\$3,793.50	\$791.50
St. Stephen - Oboro	505	240	\$23,186.21	\$54,337.06	\$46,262.85	\$8,074.21
St. Stephen - Cadiz	145	66	\$3,827.00	\$12,940.00	\$9,632.50	\$3,307.50
St. Thomas More - Pad	797	284	\$39,451.89	\$63,993.50	\$51,228.50	\$12,765.00
St. William - Knottsville	370	99	\$12,092.82	\$5,832.00	\$4,997.00	\$835.00
St. William - Marion	65	7	\$2,064.22	\$5,145.00	\$1,995.00	\$3,150.00
Newman Center - Bowling Gren	14	3	\$1,244.09	\$825.00	\$462.50	\$362.50
Newman House, Murray	1	0	\$70.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Donors	1828	72		\$19,608.00	\$16,003.00	\$3,605.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10470</b>	<b>2744</b>	<b>\$280,002.42</b>	<b>\$414,815.56</b>	<b>\$325,643.35</b>	<b>\$89172.21</b>



Council #10988 donates \$1,372.84 thanks to Tootsie Roll Drive. Photo courtesy of RJ Witowski.



Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI. Photo courtesy of Susie Fenwick.

## Ettensohn gives tri-parish mission

Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Ill, conducted a mission for St. Edward, St. Jude Parish in Clinton and Sacred Heart Parish in Hickman, with sessions rotating between churches. The mission theme was "Where is God These Days?"

## K of C Council #10988 contributes to Marshall County Exceptional Center

Members of Knights of Columbus Council #10988 and Assembly recently donated \$1,372.84 to Marshall County Exceptional Center, whose mission is to assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Funds were raised by council members' volunteer activity in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Pictured are the following: Sir Knight Danny Shea - Grand Knight; Sir Knight Russell Tomlinson; Sir Knight RJ Witowski - Faithful Navigator; Sir Knight Phillip Sheidegger, Kyle Varel - Treasurer; Melanie Chambers, CEO of the Exceptional Center and Sir Knight Joe Cirrito.

## You can earn 5.8% on your gift to The Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky

A 75-year-old donor can receive a guaranteed income for life by contributing to The Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky with a Charitable Gift Annuity! Rates vary based on age of donor. For example, if you give \$25,000 Charitable Gift Annuity to the foundation, your benefits include:

- \$1,450 annual income
- Generous charitable tax deductions
- Over half the income tax free
- Potential reduced estate taxes
- \$10,000 minimum



You can designate the Diocese of Owensboro, your parish, or school as the beneficiary of your generosity. For more information, call Kevin Kauffeld at (270) 683-1545.



Photo courtesy of Fr. Eugene T. Batungbacal, CSsR.

### Murray State Newman Center students attend SEEK 2017 in San Antonio

On Jan. 3-7, FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) presented SEEK -- a conference for college-age students, held in San Antonio. Students and FOCUS missionaries from Murray State University attended, as well as Bishop William F. Medley; Fr. Brandon Williams, pastor of St. Leo Parish; and Fr. Eugene T. Batungbacal, CSsR, associate pastor at St. Leo and campus minister at Murray State's Newman Center. To learn more, visit [focus.org](http://focus.org).



Rev. Jim Coleman gives the message during the hymn festival. WKC staff photo.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Members of more than a dozen congregations came together Jan. 19 for an ecumenical celebration in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The event took place at St. Stephen Cathedral. The message was given by Rev. Jim Coleman, pastor of Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church, who is also the Chair of Religion at Kentucky Wesleyan College. After the service, a reception was held in the Fr. John Vaughan Community Center.

### 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](http://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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

#### **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](http://owensborodiocese.org/cchd).

#### **Mount St. Joseph Quilt Club drawings**

Get your name into the Quilt of the Month Club raffle drawings at Mount St. Joseph! The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you get several chances to win a hand-made quilt. (If you sign up by March 1, you will get 7 chances.) We are close to selling out of our 2,000 tickets! The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Maple Mount. To order your Quilt Club ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or [kris.mango@maplemount.org](mailto:kris.mango@maplemount.org). For more information, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org). Click on Help the Sisters, then Quilt Club.

#### **Immaculate alumni to hold 'Saturday Night Social'**

It's a first! Were you an Immaculate Tiger? Do you know someone who was? Make plans to join fellow alumni for food, fun and fellowship. All former Immaculate students and faculty are invited. Help spread the word. Like the event on our Facebook page: Immaculate Alumni. Then share with other Immaculate alumni and faculty via Facebook or email. When: Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 @ 7 p.m. Where: Immaculate Parish Hall. Cost: \$10 person/\$15 couple. Dress is casual. Feel free to bring your own beverage. For more information: [ImmaculateSchoolSocial@gmail.com](mailto:ImmaculateSchoolSocial@gmail.com).

#### **Lenten Day of Prayer April 8 at the Mount**

Saturday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers. Fee: \$25 (includes lunch). The Lenten Day of Prayer will include Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Msgr. Powers is a retired priest of the Diocese of Owensboro and has served as a teacher, pastor, retreat director and spiritual director. A published poet, he holds a master's degree in spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at (270) 229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

#### **You could win this home for \$100!**



Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish is raffling a brand-new Martin Custom Builders home located at 4135 Mayflower Dr., Owensboro. The home features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, a 2 car garage, granite countertops and soft close cabinets throughout! The raffle will be held on March 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

You may purchase your tickets with cash or check at the following locations:

- Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Office
- Martin Custom Builders
- Owensboro Catholic Schools- All locations

If you would like to purchase your ticket with a credit card you may do so at:

- Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Office
- On our website [www.stjpc.org](http://www.stjpc.org)
- On Facebook page of [catholiceducationhomeraffle.com](http://catholiceducationhomeraffle.com)
- By phone at 270-683-5641

#### **Upcoming Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentations**

At Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. First Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 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](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

Feb. 7: Sister Ruth Gehres; *Language: Gift and Mystery*  
March 7: Sister Vivian Bowles; *Belief and Expectations*  
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*

#### **'A scout is reverent'**

This upcoming year's Mass with the conferral of Religious Emblems with Bishop Medley presiding will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. At this Mass, scouts from throughout the diocese will receive their religious emblems that they have earned throughout the year. For Cub Scouts, Webelos Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew Members that would be Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei, Pope Pius XII, and Light is Life for Eastern Catholics. Girl Scouts can receive the Family of God; I Live my Faith; Mary, the First Disciple; and The Spirit Alive emblems. Now is the time to begin in order to complete the requirements in time for the Mass with conferral of the Religious Emblems.

#### **Gennesaret Retreat (for chronic or seriously ill)**

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, 2017 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Gennesaret retreat, designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. To find out more, contact Tom or Amy Payne of Owensboro at (270) 686-7739.

#### **Whitesville parish/schools now hiring gym director**

St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville has an opening for a new position. The Director of Horn Community Center and St. Mary Gym is a full-time position with flexible hours. The Director will manage all aspects of the Center and Gym including planning, budgeting, administration, promotion,



## UPCOMING EVENTS

scheduling, supervision, and evaluation of the facilities. The primary areas of service include scheduling events for schools and other organizations, and individual community memberships for the purpose of enhancing personal health. The Director will work closely with an administrative team, and is accountable to the Pastor. Send a current resume and at least three references to Lane Rhodes, email at: Lrhodes1228@gmail.com.

### February Alzheimer's awareness events

Registration required for all programs: call 1-800-272-3900 to register. *Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior*: \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Feb. 1, 1-3 p.m., Healthpark, 1006 Ford Ave, Owensboro; Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m., McCracken County Extension Service, 2025 New Holt Road, Paducah. *Legal and Financial Planning*: A representative from Ky Elderlaw will address issues such as power of attorney, guardianship, and handling the finances and property of a person with dementia. Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Christian County Extension Service, 2850 Pembroke Rd., Hopkinsville.

### Yarn Spinners weekends at the Mount

Weekends of March 3-5, June 2-4, Aug. 11-13, Nov.

3-5 at Mount St. 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.

### MSJ now accepting spiritual direction training applications for 2017-19

Applications are now being accepted for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program, which will begin the week of Oct. 16, 2017 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. The two-year program consists of four weekly training sessions each year. For more information, contact Sister Mary Matthias Ward at (270)229-0200 or mary.ward@maplemount.org. The registration deadline is Aug. 31, 2017. More information can be found at ursulinesmsj.org.

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

## Join us for the Spring Women's Retreat...

### Called by Name: Jesus and the Unnamed Women of the Gospels

**March 10-12, 2017**

*Retreat Director: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU*



Some women needed physical healing. Others needed spiritual healing and forgiveness. Still others wanted to give instead of receive, offering money, support, encouragement and understanding to Jesus and his male companions. The gospels indicate that many women were part of Jesus' life; however, most of them remained unnamed. Retreatants will be invited to walk along the dusty roads of Gospel lands, reflecting on the power and mystery of being named. They will be invited to listen for the voice of God calling their own name.



*Sister Cheryl*

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

**Get a 10% discount if paid in full by Feb. 10.**

*A limited number of scholarships are available.*

Contact Sister Mary Matthias Ward: 270-229-0200

To register, call (270) 229-0206 • [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

Find a brochure at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org) under Conference & Retreat Center



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### FEBRUARY

- 4-5 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 7 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Language: Gift/Mystery**
- 16 Focus on Faith New Book Study**
- 17-19 Winter Scrapbooking
- 18 Private Wedding Reception
- 24-26 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 25 Once More with Love
- 26-1 MSJ Quilter Friends

### MARCH

- 3-5 Yarn Spinners Weekend**
- 7 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Belief and Expectation**
- 9 Focus on Faith Book Study**
- 10-12 Women's Retreat: Called by Name**
- 12-16 Diocese Region 5 Retreat
- 17-19 Gennesaret Retreat Weekend
- 18 Confirmation Retreat Day led by Sister Michael Marie Friedman**
- 24-26 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

### APRIL

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

**Center-sponsored programs are BOLD.** Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**  
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# How Fr. Knue specified the interior dimensions of St. Mary of the Woods in McQuady

BY JIM KRUMPELMAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

One of the interesting stories about St. Mary of the Woods Parish in McQuady came from its founding priest, Fr. John F. Knue. Given the task to build this church, he examined the dimensions of the architectural drawings authorized by Bishop William George McCloskey of Louisville. He found them to be too small and inadequate. In a bold move, Fr. Knue applied the bishop's exterior dimensions to the interior of the church – thus making it larger. Since Bishop McCloskey passed away in 1909 and St. Mary of the Woods was dedicated in 1910, it's likely that Fr. Knue seized the notion that his pious trickery could be both forgiven and forgotten. Expanding the interior spiritual dimension became Fr. Knue's legacy.

All of this was taking place when my grandparents, Ben Payne and Mary Sherron, were at the brisk age of nine. Time harnessed their youth and the inner dimensions of that church forged their character. We know the mileposts of historical events through their lives, yet their life long journey of prayer remains anonymous. This we know: their rosaries showed excessive wear.

Those inner dimensions of that young church were fraught with prayer from 1914 to 1918 in the darkness of WWI. Five years after Fr. Knue's departure from St. Mary of the Woods, the Great Depression stripped away a decade of security from 1929 to 1939. Prayers were abundant then. By the time that WWII came and went from 1939 to 1945, there were many signs of prayers answered and a compassionate sigh of relief with farming productivity on the increase.

The church grounds on which they played in their youth became the solemn ground where Ben and Mary made their sacraments. They were in the inaugural first Holy Communion class at St. Mary of the Woods. The resonating ring of the church bell there has the capacity to bring the earth into one's soul. To hear its thunderous gong is to be witness to the sounds of their wedding day and that of the sacraments commissioned to their seven children.

Within the inner walls of St. Mary of the Woods, generations of hard laboring farm families offered up their raw physical and emotional fatigue from the week past and petitioned the Good Lord for the strength to endure the next week ahead. As specified by Fr. Knue, that church became their inner dimension.

*Jim Krumpelman writes from Akron, Ohio.*



St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady. WKC file photo.

# Cardinal Dolan looks forward to Owensboro visit

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The challenges that face Catholic men today, says Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, are “probably the same challenges that faced men since Pentecost Sunday.”

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Cardinal Dolan, Fr. Larry Richards and Robert Rogers will speak at the sixth annual Catholic Men’s Conference of Western Kentucky at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro.

Cardinal Dolan will serve as keynote speaker and will also preside at the 5 p.m. vigil Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro.

The cardinal said that for centuries, Catholic men have worked to live Christian values and live as disciples of Jesus Christ “in the world, their families, and businesses.”

That is because the Christian faith is “intensely personal – it’s not private.”

Cardinal Dolan recommended three “tried-and-true classical ways” that Catholic men can grow in

their faith: fidelity to Sunday Mass, fidelity to some daily prayer – “it doesn’t have to be long” – and fidelity to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

“I’m afraid you’d admit it seems to have fallen out of favor in many peoples’ spiritual life,” said the cardinal, but said this sacrament is “a great way to grow in sanctity” as well as “become a much more committed disciple of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

He said he is excited to come to Owensboro, and that he has several friends who live in town.

“I’ve been to Owensboro before,” said the cardinal. “I’ve always been inspired by the sincerity and vitality of the faith there.”



Photo courtesy of the Archdiocese of New York.



## Attend the conference

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Men across and beyond the Diocese of Owensboro may purchase a ticket by visiting [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com) and clicking on the “Tickets/Donations” tab. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during the conference.

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## Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

La palabra sacramento puede ser traducido a significar –signo.

Nuestra definición de antaño de sacramento en la Iglesia es “signo visible, instituido por Cristo, para conceder gracia”. Al tiempo en que la iglesia apostólica en sus primeros siglos se diseminaba a través del mundo, bastantes tradiciones de signos visibles, identificados con acciones de Jesús en su vida de ministerio, se repetían y celebraban como fuentes de gracia, de vida de Dios. En tan solo poquísimos siglos se dio que algunas de las distintas iglesias llegaron a estar de acuerdo en los siete primordiales sacramentos como signos de la Iglesia de Cristo. Estos son Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía, Matrimonio,

Ordenes Sagradas, Reconciliación y Unción de los Enfermos.

Nuestra iconografía católica de signos es también de imágenes católicas (caminus). Significando imagen reflejada de la experiencia

humana universal. Nos comunicamos por signos y, como sociedades o comunidades asignamos y aceptamos significados particulares de signos y estos pueden variar entre cultura y cultura.

El mes de febrero encuentra a los católicos celebrando ritos que no concuerdan con la definición de uno de los sacramentos. Son signos externos que en nuestra fe creemos imparten gracia, pero que no fueron instituidos por Cristo en su ministerio. Sin embargo, pueden poseer gran significado y promoción de fe y confianza en el Señor.

La fiesta de la Presentación del Señor (Candelaria) se celebra el 2 de Febrero. Recuerda el acontecimiento entrado en el evangelio de San Lucas de María y José presentando al niño Jesús al templo. Esta era una tradición ritual en sus días y tradición.

La Iglesia, en sus primeros siglos, adoptó esta historia del evangelio para enfatizar de nuevo de que Cristo Jesús había de entrar al mundo como una luz. En el pasaje evangélico para del día, el viejo Simeón anunció: “Mis ojos han visto tu salvación, que has preparado a vista de todos los pueblos, una luz para revelar a los gentiles y la gloria a tu pueblo Israel”.

Siguiendo sobre la imagen de luz de Simeón, la Iglesia también conoce este día como “Día de Candelaria” y es tradición en este día que velas sean bendecidas para ser usadas en rituales durante el presente año. Con frecuencia los fieles mismos se llevan una vela bendecida a sus casas y la encienden como signo de protección frente tormentas. Por lo tanto, mientras que esta tradición no tiene paralelo en el ministerio de Jesús, sí es un signo externo valioso de fe y confianza en el Señor.

El 3 de Febrero es la fiesta de San Blas obispo y

mártir quien murió en los primeros años del siglo IV. Cuenta la leyenda que al tiempo en que Blas era llevado a prisión, una mujer desesperada le presentó a su hijo en el momento en que se asfixiaba por un hueso de pescado atorado en su garganta. Ella imploró la bendición de Blas y el niño fue curado. De esta historia nace la tradición de la bendición de gargantas en el día de San Blas. Con dos velas juntas formando una cruz las velas son sostenidas sobre la cabeza o cuello y se ofrece la oración: “Por la intercesión de San Blas, obispo y mártir, que Dios te libere de toda enfermedad de garganta y otras enfermedades: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. Bendiciones son un signo externo de nuestra fe en la bondad de Dios y su providencia.

Aunque este año el miércoles de ceniza no llegará hasta el 1 de Marzo, el rito de recibir cenizas benditas es de nuevo otro ejemplo de un signo externo. Es un signo peculiar pero una también de gran significado y peso. Los fieles, literalmente se podría decir son desfigurados por las cenizas untadas sobre sus cabezas en signo de cruz como también signo externo de penitencia marcando el inicio de cuaresma. El ministro poniendo cenizas ofrece la bendición diciendo: “Arrepiéntete y cree en el evangelio” o bien, “recuerda que polvo eres y al polvo has de volver”.

No existe paralelo preciso de esta costumbre en el ministerio de Jesús, sin embargo a través de los siglos la Iglesia ha reconocido nuestra necesidad humana de mantener signos externos de nuestras intenciones internas. En recientes décadas, muchos protestantes han también adoptado este rito. No es raro ver per

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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: 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 Asis, 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

### 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: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

## 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 ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.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.

sonalidades en televisión este día marcados con cenizas, aunque bien manteniendo en muy en secreto su identidad Católica por el resto del año. Debo admitir que se me hace difícil en ocasiones presenciar esto aunque luego también pienso en cómo otros podrían verme con una cruz marcada sobre la frente y también cuestionar mi fe. ¡Creo que ese es el punto!

Estos tres ritos que la Iglesia observa en las semanas venideras son tan solo una pequeña parte de nuestra rica práctica y cultura Católica. Nos recuerdan de que Dios se manifiesta en materia ordinaria y que Dios utiliza muchos medios para bendecirnos.



**Obispo William F. Medley**  
Diócesis de Owensboro

## Santos José y Pablo celebran la fiesta de la Epifanía

El Domingo, 8 de Enero, la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo celebró la Misa por la Fiesta de la Epifanía. Tres niños vistieron de magos y una niña se vistió de un ángel portando la estrella que los guiaba. Después de la Misa todos se reunieron en el salón parroquial para disfrutar de chocolate, tamales y la rosca – si alguien encontraba un bebé (muñeco) pequeño en su rebanada de rosca entonces se comprometen a traer tamales para la celebración en febrero de la Presentación del Señor. Durante el convivio los magos también distribuyeron regalos a todos los niños presentes. Fotos por Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.



El Padre Julio Barrera, vicario parroquial de Santos José y Pablo, se arrodilla e incienso el nacimiento al inicio de la Misa.

(La izquierda) Uno de los magos coloca la "mirra" ante el nacimiento.

### EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA FEBRERO DEL 2017:

- FEBRERO 1** 9:00 a.m. Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas – Cristo Rey, Madisonville
- FEBRERO 5** 10:00 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Inmaculada, Owensboro
- FEBRERO 6-8** Taller de Bioética – Dallas TX
- FEBRERO 11** Conferencia Católica de Hombres – Owensboro
- FEBRERO 13-19** Viaje a México para Visitar Obispos y Comunidades Religiosas
- FEBRERO 20** 10:00 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC  
1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
- FEBRERO 21** 9:30 a.m. Misa – Escuela San José, Bowling Green  
6:00 p.m. Cena y Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Fundación Católica
- FEBRERO 22** 6:00 p.m. Reunión del Comité Examinador Diocesano – Owensboro
- FEBRERO 23** 1:00 p.m. Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia
- FEBRERO 24** 9:00 a.m. Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia
- FEBRERO 25** 5:00 p.m. Confirmación – San Francisco de Sales, Paducah
- FEBRERO 26** 9:30 a.m. Confirmación – San Juan el Evangelista, Paducah  
3:00 p.m. Rito de Elección – Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
- FEBRERO 28** 10:00 a.m. Horas de Oficina en el Hospital de Lourdes – Paducah

## La Escuela Santo Nombre de Jesús contrata a nueva maestra para acompañar a las familias latinas

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Cada año, la Universidad de Notre Dame presenta su Taller sobre la Inscripción Latina, lo cual capacita a los directores de escuelas católicas, párrocos y maestros para servir mejor a los estudiantes latinos. El verano del 2016, personal de la Escuela Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson asistieron al programa; incluyó al párroco P. Larry McBride, directora Nancy Mills y maestra Ashley Mirick.

Los tres representantes de Santo Nombre se impresionaron con el programa y el P. McBride mencionó que el Instituto trabajaría con cualquier parroquia o escuela, sin importar si ya tienen experiencia

sirviendo a la población latina.

Aunque Santo Nombre todavía está implementando las metas de largo plazo que establecieron durante el verano, Mills citó que ya lograron una de sus metas: contratar a un miembro de la facultad que habla español para ayudar a las familias latinas a trabajar en conjunto con la escuela. Contrataron a Susana Solorza, quien pertenece a la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús.

“(Solorza) ha tomado el papel de ser madrina,” dijo Mills. “En general nos ayuda a crecer como una familia entera.”



Susana Solorza.



Hermana Jeanne Wiest, OP.

## Conozcan a la Hermana Jeanne Wiest, OP

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

La Hermana Jeanne Wiest, OP, tomó la posición de Directora de la Oficina de Liturgia de la Diócesis de Owensboro el pasado 3 de enero. La Hermana Wiest es una Dominicana de Adrián, cuya Casa Madre se localiza en Michigan. Ella ayudará en planear y dirigir las funciones litúrgicas tanto como el Rito de Elección, la Misa Crismal, ordenaciones presbiterales, ordenaciones al diaconado permanente, y otros eventos en la diócesis. Ella dijo al Católico de Kentucky Occidental que ella “está aquí para servir.”

# Con la Eucaristía en el centro, Gasper provee un ambiente intenso para discernir

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Encontrar a su esposo fue la última cosa en la mente de Caty Gerteisen cuando se apuntó en la lista de ser un miembro del personal del Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper en Bowling Green durante el verano del 2012.

Además, se pide al personal no entrar en noviazgos durante la temporada del campamento, ya que relaciones románticas se pueden distraer rápidamente del propósito del campamento.

Hoy, Caty – ahora se apellida Knight y su esposo, Matt, se sonríen pensando de la forma misteriosa que Dios los juntó.

“El personal tenía la oportunidad de rezar la Liturgia de las Horas temprano a las 7:30am con el P. Mike,” le contó Caty al Católico de Kentucky Occidental. El Padre Mike Williams es el capellán de Gasper.

Sin saber, los dos, Katy y Matt estaban interesados en integrarse al grupo de Oración de la Mañana. Entonces se veían cada mañana – y también al P. Williams y varios miembros del personal.

Pero algo se encendió en ellos cuando vieron al otro llegando continuamente a la Oración de la Mañana, y cuando terminó la temporada del campamento, y el resto es historia.

“Siempre bromeo que tuve que enamorarme de Cristo antes de enamorarme de Caty,” dijo Matt, quien ahora es miembro de la Junta Directiva de Gasper y también un ministro de adolescentes en la



El futuro P. Julio Barrera (en frente del grupo) posa con el personal, supervisores y campistas en el Campamento LIFE en el verano del 2011.

Parroquia San Pio X en Owensboro.

## Formación Sacerdotal

En los últimos diez años, Gasper ha proveído también mucha fundación y formación para los que han estado discerniendo su vocación al sacerdocio.

Corey Bruns es un seminarista para la Diócesis de Owensboro y ha estado involucrado con los campamentos del verano en Gasper desde que estuvo en

su primer año del seminario hace cinco años.

“El campamento me ha ayudado realmente con la idea de la Iglesia como comunidad y ver el aspecto comunal de la fe en algo distinto que una parroquia,” dijo Bruns.

Dijo que los campistas ayudaron a inspirar su fe, añadiendo que Gasper fue la primera vez que sintió un “paternidad espiritual” cuando ayudaba afir-

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mar y animar a los adolescentes.

El P. Julio Barrera, vicario parroquial de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, fue seminarista en residencia del Campamento de Río Gasper en el verano del 2011.

“Desde que vine de México, muchas de mis relaciones antes de Gasper fueron limitadas a la formación en el seminario,” dijo el P. Barrera. “Estando en Gasper hizo una diferencia porque conocí a personas de toda la diócesis y más allá.”

Se dijo impresionado de cómo a toda la gente de Gasper les importaba el bien estar de otros, lo cual le ha ayudado crear conexiones con su gente y sus parroquianos hoy en día.

“Estando en Gasper me ayudó en mi formación al sacerdocio en una manera muy especial,” dijo. “Estoy muy agradecido poder ser parte de eso.”

Otros seminaristas en residencia en Gasper han incluido el P. Gary Clark y el P. Basilio Az Cuc.

## Primeras Impresiones

Logan Haire cuenta que sería quedarse corto decir que él y su esposa Kathryn tienen personalidades opuestas.

“Yo soy introvertido y ella es extrovertida, sin duda alguna,” dijo Logan, quien sirve como coordinador de vocaciones para la Diócesis de Lexington.

Pero cuando los dos sirvieron juntos en el personal de Gasper el verano de 2013, “aunque pareciera loca, nuestra conexión fue casi instantánea,” dijo.

Aunque la atracción fue mutua, “habíamos llegado a Gasper para servir a Cristo y su Iglesia, y nadie valdría la pena quitarnos de esa misión, dijo Kathryn.

“A través del verano, Logan no solamente respetó

mi deseo de permanecer solo amigos hasta la temporada del campamento haya terminado, sino que me animó a servir de todo corazón y él hizo lo mismo,” contó ella.

Los Haires fueron casados en 2016 y dijeron que Gasper influenció su matrimonio específicamente en “humildad, servicio y comunicación.”

“Las gracias que han llegado de nuestro tiempo en Gasper parecen no tener fin,” dijeron.

## Un elemento de discernimiento

Ethan y Jessy Bennett trabajaron juntos durante el verano de 2010 en Gasper y se casaron en el 2013.

Ethan dijo que la presencia del P. Williams, y también tener a los seminaristas como parte del personal, “es evidencia que hay un elemento de discernimiento.”

También ayuda que todos viven en comunidad durante el campamento.

“Con comunidad se da mucho discernimiento,” mencionó Jessy, quien anteriormente servía como la directora de programación en Gasper, y ahora trabaja como director de educación religiosa en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Owensboro.

Ethan dijo que eso también sale de “una fuerte énfasis en la oración,” porque en Gasper hay misa diaria, adoración eucarística y Liturgia de las Horas.

Jessy también dio

crédito a “estar desconectados del mundo – una semana completa de realmente verse cara a cara, y estar totalmente desconectado.”

“Pienso que Gasper es un buen lugar para que la gente florezcan por el tipo de ambiente que es – espiritualmente y personalmente,” dijo ella.

Bruns da crédito al ambiente intenso de vocaciones porque la eucaristía es “el centro” del campamento.

Dijo que cuando Gasper estaba en sus inicios, el Obispo Juan J. McRaith especificó el lugar de la capilla para que “la primera cosa y la última cosa que ves (cuando llegas y sales del campamento) sería nuestro Señor.”

Matt dijo que es más que el campamento: es también Ben Warrell, el director del campamento.

“Ben es una parte grande por la cual mucha gente encuentra paz con Dios,” dijo Matt, “y encuentran su lugar con Dios.”



Ethan, Jessy y Lillian Bennett.

# Black History Month 2017: The Crisis in Black Education

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Each year during February, Black History Month has been officially observed in the U.S. since 1976 and in Canada since 1995. It is also an annual observance during October in the United Kingdom.

This time is set aside to recognize and remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora – the communities throughout the world that are descended from the historic movement of peoples from Africa, predominantly to the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

The theme for 2017 – the Crisis in Black Education – focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans.

ASALH's (the Association for the Study of African American Life and History) founder Carter G. Woodson once wrote that "if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race."

Woodson understood well the implications associated with the denial of access to knowledge, and he called attention to the crisis that resulted from persistently imposed legal racial barriers to equal education which had its roots in slavery. Even before the Civil War, free blacks in the North who could receive education were not allowed to attend

white schools. This racial segregation of public and parochial schools remained prevalent in the United States through the 1960s when federal legislation and the civil rights movement effected change.

Woodson wrote: "Throughout the last quarter of the twentieth century and continuing today, the crisis in black education has grown significantly in urban neighborhoods where public schools lack resources, endure overcrowding, exhibit a racial achievement gap, and confront policies that fail to deliver substantive opportunities. The touted ben-

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The Office of Black Catholic Ministry invites you to participate in  
**2017 National Day of Prayer**  
**for the African American & African Family**  
**on February 5, 2017**  
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# An adventure for married couples

BY ROSE SWEET, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Rose Sweet.  
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Psst! Catholic husbands... ready for an “Adventure into the Interior Life”?

Register now for a unique weekend retreat for married couples on March 24-25 at St. Pius X Parish, 3418 Highway 144, Owensboro. Your wife will love you for it! We’ll uncover some of the deeper myster-

ies of marriage, I’ll give you practical tips to strengthen your love, and – because kids are already learning

about marriage – the language to teach your children, at age appropriate levels, what you’ve learned.

By looking to Christ the Bridegroom, some of the things you’ll discover include:

- What you and your spouse really desire
- How to handle rejection or loneliness
- How to increase compassion for your spouse
- How to get all relationships in order
- How to teach your children about life
- How every woman wants to be loved
- How every man finds his purpose
- How to teach your children about sex
- The Seven Stages of Romance
- Why some spouses never find true intimacy

- How to teach your children about God
- The Four Rules of Relationship
- How to properly handle any tough relationship issue
- What will always rob you of peace
- How to find and hold onto joy
- How to teach your children to love others

Cost is \$40 per couple that includes refreshments, continental breakfast, lunch, and ends with the Vigil Mass. Call the parish office at (270) 684-4745 for more information or check details on the parish website: [stpiustenthparish.org](http://stpiustenthparish.org). See you there!

*Rose Sweet is a Catholic author, speaker and media producer. Learn more at [rosesweet.com](http://rosesweet.com).*

## Cursillo is alive!

BY MARY HAGAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Cursillo is alive with the ideas of its founder, Eduardo Bonnin – that God, in Christ, loves us and helps us realize that what is truly Christian is nothing but true happiness. The Cursillo Movement in the Catholic Church brings this to men and women who are looking for something more in their lives.

A Cursillo Weekend can help to facilitate this by sharing an encounter with self, Christ, and others in the essence of Cursillo: Jesus Christ, the person, and friendship.

Cursillo has the concrete means to develop this friendship for life through the Friendship Group Reunion and the Ultreya, which follow the Weekend. Many times when we stumble in our prayer life and skip prayers it can lead to dissatisfaction with ourselves – likewise, we “group” and attend Ultreyas to continue our growth after the Weekend. Cursillistas sponsor new participants and/or work on the teams to accompany them through this pro-

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### Order Cursillo materials

The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro offers many materials to learn more about this movement. Introductory booklet “Cursillo, What is It?” and sponsor booklets are free. Books available for purchase are: Eduardo Bonnin, the Apprentice Christian, \$7; Structure of Ideas, \$8; Study of the Charism, \$7; Cursillo History and Memory, \$7; Essential Principles of Cursillo, \$2; The Precursillo, \$2; and The Cursillo Weekend, \$2. Team materials available are Leader’s Manual, \$16; and 3-Day Manual, \$21. Applications, sponsor information papers, the Commitment Prayer for Sponsors, replacement copies of the Service Sheet and the Leader’s Group Reunion paper, and many more materials, are available. To order these materials, contact Denis Wheatley, (chairperson of School of Leaders), at (270) 927-6540, or Mary Hagan, (lay director), at (270) 240-4778 or [haganm95@yahoo.com](mailto:haganm95@yahoo.com), with “Cursillo” in the subject line.

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efits of education remain elusive to many blacks of all ages. Yet, African American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis: the slaves' surreptitious endeavors to learn; the rise of black colleges and universities after the Civil War; unrelenting battles in the courts; the black history movement; the freedom schools of the 1960s; and local community-based academic and mentorship programs that inspire a love of learning and thirst for achievement. Addressing the crisis in black education should be considered one of the most important goals in America's past, present, and future."

Woodson, a scholar who knew the true value of education, wanted black history to become integrated into its true place in our classrooms; in the American history textbooks. He wanted this "edu-

cation" about black history to bring about an awareness which would encourage and inspire blacks and help whites to overcome negative stereotypes. The original vision was to develop unity in a society without need for a "special" month but, sadly inclusion has not become a total reality. Politics seems to be a major barrier to our unity, but as Christians we can continue to strive for this goal by actively seeking information, acquainting ourselves with people who are not like us and praying for the unity of all people through Christ.

It has been through the pursuit of education and knowledge with a deep spirituality that blacks have achieved and will continue to do so. History is factual information about events that shape our lives. We don't have to like it or agree with it or even be aware of it, but it is the reality of our American heritage.

Such is the story of Katherine Johnson and the NASA ladies who were instrumental in our space program. Such is the legacy of the first African American President Barack Obama and our first African American First Lady, Michelle Obama and such is the election of the fourth black U.S. Senator, Corey Booker (D. New Jersey).

Let us also remember our African American Catholic leaders whom we are praying will be canonized: Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Venerable Henriette Delille and Fr. Augustus Tolton. May your celebration of this month be enlightening and blessed.

To learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry](http://owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry).

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In these long, cold days of winter, take time to renew your thirst for happiness. Read the best book – the Bible – and ask God to give you joy and happiness. Staying full of life and joy is critical to live in God's will and be a Christian who shares God's love for others in "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring That Friend to Christ."

De Colores!

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### Eucharistic Adoration at the Mount

Held at Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount. Second Sunday of each month: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, etc. 3-5 p.m. Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3-5 p.m.



### Passionist nuns vocation retreat dates for 2017

The Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville are now accepting registrations for 2017 vocations retreats. Dates are: March 10-12, June 9-11, Oct. 13-15. To register or to learn more, visit [passionistnunsblog.com](http://passionistnunsblog.com).

## Seminary, a place for discernment

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you” (Jeremiah 1:5). And so begins the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Later in the same book, we encounter God’s assurance of his plan for our

lives as he says “I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope!” (Jeremiah 29: 11).

Every year in January, thousands of people from all across the country converge upon the nation’s capital to march in defense of the sanctity of human life from its moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that we are all made by God (“before I formed you”), for God and that before even the moment of our conception, he has a plan for us. We can call that plan our vocation.

I suggest that one way we can think of our vocation is that it is the plan God has to get us from earth to heaven. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote, “God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission... He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve Him in my calling.”

Yes, our vocation is God’s plan to get us from earth to heaven but more than that: it is our call to participate in his divine plan of salvation, leading others to heaven as well.

God has created us for some specific mission and wants to reveal it to us. Whether we are called to matrimony, priesthood, consecrated life or to single missionary life, our lives are valuable and serve an extraordinary purpose when lived for the one who created us. The way we come to understand God’s plan is to spend time with him, listening and conversing with him.

In other words, we discover his plan, our voca-

tion, in the context of prayer.

If we want to know our vocation, we must ask the one who knows, the one who knows the plans he has for us. Asking God what he wants us to do for him means that we will have to listen for his response. Taking time to quietly listen to him is a very important part of that discernment. I suggest that this be done in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

It is important that we realize the sanctity of human life is about recognizing we are all made by God for God. We are made for a specific purpose and that the plan God has for us, our vocation, is about leading ourselves and others to the fullness of eternal life with him. It is about leading us to a future full of hope.

May we never grow weary in our commitment to defending the dignity of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death. And by God’s grace, may we have the courage to seek his plan, answer when he calls, and go where he leads.

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

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## Finding the face of the Beloved as a Passionist nun

*Editor's note: Sister Lucia Marie Johnson, of Lakeland, Fla., made her First Profession of Passionist Vows on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 at the Passionist Monastery in Whitesville. The following are excerpts from the homily of Fr. Lou Caporiccio, C.P.M., chaplain at the monastery.*

God creates us for no other reason than He loves us and seeks our good. At the same time, because we are created in His image, we are programed, wired and designed for the purpose of loving as God loves. This means that our task in this life is to seek the face of the beloved so that we can love and be loved. A married woman has found the face of God in her husband and she gives herself to God in love indirectly by giving herself to her husband. This gift of herself was made when she professed her wedding vows. A consecrated religious has also found the face of her beloved and gives herself as gift to God in love directly without an intermediary as it will be for all of us in heaven. A religious makes the gift of herself in love to God when she professes her religious vows.

Both sets of vows, marriage and religious, deepen and extend our baptismal vows by which we entered into a covenant relationship with God, by which we entered into union with God the Bridegroom of our soul. When we profess our vows, we are saying: "I have found the face of my beloved whom I have been seeking and my life as it previously was comes to an end and I begin a new life with my beloved."

Just because we have found our beloved it does not mean that we stop seeking our beloved. Can we ever fully, completely or absolutely discover everything about God? We cannot because He is infinite. In a similar way, one can never discover the entire riches of a human spouse precisely because he or she is created in the image of the infinite God. This will not be an easy undertaking for you, Sister Lucia Ma-



Sister Lucia Marie Johnson with her family, following her First Profession on Jan. 5, 2017. Photo courtesy of the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville.

rie, just as it not an easy task for a husband and wife. The crucifix, the crown of thorns and the sign of the Passion that you will receive, will be a constant reminder that discovering the depths of your beloved spouse and loving Him will cost you.

All our loves in this world are but a preparation for the wedding feast of the Lamb in heaven whose bride is the Church, that is, whose bride is each and every one of us. By professing religious vows, Sister Lucia Marie is saying in effect "I have found my Beloved and I cannot wait for heaven so I will commit myself here and now on this earth to Him."



Learn more

Visit [passionistnunsblog.com](http://passionistnunsblog.com) to see more photos of the day and to learn more about Passionist life.

## High school students earn college credit through Brescia theology program

BY TINA KASEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Six area high school students are currently participating in the Brescia University youth theology program, “Living and Leading with Love” (L3). Those students are Danielle Durbin from Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro (Owensboro Catholic High School); Elizabeth Ford from Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro (Owensboro Catholic High School); Ryan Gillituk from St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah (McCracken County High School); Autumn Siler from St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg (Breckenridge County High School); Caroline Veatch from St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah (St. Mary High School); and Alexander Wheeler from Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson (Henderson County High School).

These students are part of a 10-month program which includes online learning, service projects, retreats, theological reflections, and culminates with a five-day intensive retreat at Brescia with Bishop William Medley presiding over a closing Mass. The goals of the program are to 1) Encounter Jesus’ call to love, 2) Explore the meaning of that love, and 3) Identify practical ways of putting that love into action. This is accomplished through examining the Sacred Scriptures and by the classic and contemporary texts of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Brescia is currently accepting registrations for the program beginning August 2017. Students who participate in this program will earn up to four college credits. Interested high school students should visit [www.brescia.edu/L3](http://www.brescia.edu/L3) for more information. This youth theology program is funded by the Lilly Endowment.



Left to right, front row: Danielle Durbin, Caroline Veatch, Alex Wheeler. Second row: Elizabeth Ford, Ryan Gillituk, Autumn Siler. Third row: Emily DeMoor (L3 program director), Isaac Duncan (director of residence life), Sr. Pam Mueller (campus minister), Joshua Clary (vice president of student affairs/dean of students). Back row: Patricia Lovett (director of student activities and leadership development), Samantha Steckler (Brescia student volunteer), Eva Atkinson (counseling services director and senior lecturer). Photo courtesy of Brescia University.

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# New director of liturgy 'here to serve'

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Sister Jeanne Wiest, OP. WKC file photo.

On Jan. 3, 2017, Sister Jeanne Wiest, OP, became director of liturgy in the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Worship.

Sister Wiest belongs to the Adrian Dominican religious community, which is based out of Michigan.

She came to the diocese after serving in Minnesota as pastoral minister and liturgist at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson -the childhood parish of Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith - and as liturgical consultant at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart.

"I knew some of Bishop McRaith's relatives there," said Sister Wiest.

Her role in the Diocese of Owensboro includes planning the Rite of Election, Chrism Mass, priesthood ordinations, ordinations to the permanent diaconate and many other diocese celebrations.

Sister Wiest said she looks forward to "getting out to each of the parishes and seeing how they pray."

"I'm here to serve," she said.

## Focus on Faith: The Joy of Love by Pope Francis

Thursday, Feb. 16

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

Fee: \$20 per class (includes lunch)

This book study will focus on "The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family," an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis that was released in 2016 after two Synods on the Family. These classes will give us a chance to "Focus on Faith."

**SCHEDULE: Feb. 16 • March 9 • April 13 • May 11 • June 8 • Aug. 10**

**• Sept. 14 • Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14**

*Presented by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU*

*Classes take place on THURSDAYS. Feel free to attend any or all sessions.*

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

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