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# The history of the Catholic Church in frontier Kentucky is a Eucharistic Revival unto itself

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In June of this year the Catholic Church of the United States initiated a three-year Eucharistic Revival. Most dioceses marked this event by highlighting the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). I joined the parishioners of St. Joseph in Mayfield in a Corpus Christi procession around their church grounds. We gathered in the shadow of their old school building that was damaged beyond repair from the destruction of the Dec. 10, 2021 tornadoes. Within eyesight, scores of buildings had been destroyed and many lives were lost.

St. Joseph's campus presented an extraordinary place to inaugurate the faith and hope that we pray a Eucharistic Revival will rekindle in a culture and age in which many have lost appreciation for our sacramental tradition.

Several months later, on Sunday, August 14, I joined the St. Lawrence Parish community in eastern Daviess County in celebrating their bicentennial. In 1822, Fr. Charles Nerinx, an early Catholic missionary to the Kentucky frontier, offered the first Mass in Daviess County in a private home for the cluster of Catholic families that had settled there. In years to come, from this gathering, St. Lawrence Catholic Church was organized with the approval of the bishop of Bardstown, Benedict Joseph Flaget. In 1824, Kentucky-born (in Sunfish, Ky., in our diocese) Fr. Elisha Durbin offered pastoral care to Catholics across western Kentucky where he built many churches. In 1824 a small log church was built at St. Lawrence to be followed by a more permanent



FILE PHOTO

On August 14, 2022, Bishop William F. Medley celebrated Mass for the 200th anniversary of St. Lawrence Parish, the oldest Catholic church in Daviess County, Ky. Seen in this picture taken at the festivities afterward are Bishop Medley with current pastor Fr. Shijo Vadakumkara, previous pastor Fr. Augusty Valomchalil, and four Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, whose order ministered to the parish for many years. Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, and Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN, are both natives of Daviess County.

structure that they quickly outgrew. The present-day church was built in the 1870s.

These two stories are tied together by 200 years of Catholic history and by the faith of those who have gone before us and passed on to us the priceless heritage of our one, holy, catholic (intentional small c - "catholic" translates to "universal"), and apostolic faith.

By 1822, when the first Mass was offered in Daviess County, there had been Catholic settlements and churches in Breckenridge and Grayson Counties for many years - also first established by Fr. Nerinx. Catholic settlements were scattered across cen-

BISHOP MEDLEY'S SEPTEMBER 2022 CALENDAR	
SEPT. 1-4	Bishops' Support Group at Saint Meinrad
SEPT. 7	8:30 a.m.   Diocesan Finance Council Meeting - McRaith Catholic Center (MCC), Owensboro
SEPT. 8	11 a.m.   Opening Mass - Brescia University, Owensboro
SEPT. 10	1:30 p.m.   Mass and Visit with Passionist Sisters in celebration of Mother John Mary's 25th anniversary - St. Joseph Monastery, Whitesville
SEPT. 11	2 p.m.   Sophia Awards Mass - St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
SEPT. 14	10:30 a.m.   Catholic Schools Rainbow Mass - Owensboro Sportscenter, Owensboro
SEPT. 19	10 a.m.   Priest Personnel Meeting - MCC 1:30 p.m.   Priests' Council Meeting - MCC
SEPT. 20	6 p.m.   Imposition of the Sacred Pallium for Archbishop Fabre - Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville
SEPT. 21-24	Leadership Roundtable Summit - Washington D.C.
SEPT. 25	2 p.m.   Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration - St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
SEPT. 27	10 a.m.-2 p.m.   Paducah Office - Lourdes Mercy Health
SEPT. 29	10 a.m.-2 p.m.   Presbyteral Day - St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

tral Kentucky beginning in 1775 - the first parish of Holy Cross established in 1785 at Providence, Ky. The Diocese of Bardstown was established in 1808 and encompassed what is today the states of Ken-

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tucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. When Bishop Flaget was appointed bishop there were six priests serving this vast area. Most Catholic settlements only enjoyed the presence of a priest and celebration of the Eucharist after long intervals.

One might say that the history of the Catholic Church in frontier Kentucky was a Eucharistic Revival unto itself. For the presence of the Catholic faith and sacraments set in motion a wellspring of Catholic education and service. In 1812 two congregations of women religious were founded, the Sisters of Loretto and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

– both of which continue ministries of education, service, and social justice to this day. In 1822 the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine were established there as well.

Let us pray that our modern-day Eucharistic Revival may be as fruitful as this unique moment in our history. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



**Most Reverend William F. Medley**  
Diocese of Owensboro

## Seminarians build community during summer retreat



COURTESY OF DIGITAL OCOEE PHOTOGRAPHY  
Seminarians Conrad Jaconette, Hunter LeBlanc, Dcn. Chris Kight, and Christopher French, along with vocations director Fr. Daniel Dillard and assistant director of vocations Dcn. Mike Marsili, go whitewater rafting with their guide on August 13, 2022, during the seminarian summer retreat.

### BY WKC STAFF

In August, several of the Diocese of Owensboro's seminarians participated in a weekend retreat with the Office of Vocations staff. Vocations director Fr. Daniel Dillard writes:

"We gathered for Mass on Friday the 12th at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, then drove to Cleveland, Tennessee. On Saturday, we began the day with Mass and went on a whitewater rafting trip as community building event. We returned to Owensboro, and I presided at Mass at St. Sebastian and St. Charles Borromeo Parishes. The seminarians attended those Masses and spoke with people about their vocations. We concluded by attending the Solemn Profession of Passionist Sr. Mary Frances of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus at St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville."

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for more vocations in the diocese. Be sure to follow the Office of Vocations at Facebook.com/owensborovocations and Instagram.com/owensborovocations to stay up to date with vocations happenings in the diocese.

To learn more, contact Fr. Daniel Dillard at [daniel.dillard@pastoral.org](mailto:daniel.dillard@pastoral.org) and Dcn. Mike Marsili at [mike.marsili@pastoral.org](mailto:mike.marsili@pastoral.org).

## Happy anniversary to our priests!

In September we celebrate the anniversary of:

**Fr. John Okoro | Ordained  
9/9/1995**

Pastor of St. Ambrose Parish,  
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Parish, Sturgis; and St. William  
Parish, Marion



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# Faith of a mustard seed

## Graves County man spearheading project to house, empower tornado survivors

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

After tornadoes destroyed his community on Dec. 10, 2021, a Graves County man has decided to use his gifts to bless his neighbors whose daily struggles were made even more difficult when they lost everything in the storms.

“The goal is to create a comfortable environment where people want to grow,” said Micah Seavers in a July 19 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic.

His initiative is an 8-acre property called Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. The name is an acronym for “Goals, Relief, Aim, Virtue, Empower, Success,” as well as being a nod to the county where it is located.

His plan, formed with his co-director and friend Buck Shelton, is to provide a temporary yet comfortable place for people to live who had already been struggling socioeconomically when they lost their homes in the December tornadoes.

Residents will either live in small houses – a style commonly called “tiny homes” – currently being built on the property of Camp G.R.A.V.E.S., or park their campers in an allotted space, since some families without houses have made their homes in campers.

The non-profit has been relying on donations to move the project forward, and to date has received \$340,396 from multiple donors include the Diocese of Owensboro and Catholic Charities. In addition to that amount, Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. was recently



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Micah Seavers (foreground), and Buck Shelton, both co-directors of Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. in Graves County, Ky., stand inside a tiny home under construction on July 19, 2022.

awarded \$250,000 from United Way.

Seavers said they plan to have about 15 tiny homes on the property and approximately 10-12 spots for people to park their campers. The tiny homes will be different sizes, depending on the needs of the families. Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. also anticipates four additional spots for volunteers to park their own campers.

On the topic of volunteers, Seavers said these individuals and groups who have traveled from near and far to help build the tiny homes have been the backbone of the project.

A group from Wisconsin, in fact, recently drove down to plant fruit trees at Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. – trees that will one day become a full orchard.

Seavers said that while lodging will be for free, residents will need to volunteer a set number of hours and agree to random drug testing as part of the arrangement. Educational opportunities and life skills classes will also be provided.

“Yeah, it’s free rent, but they’ll need to give something forward too,” he said, explaining that the goal will be to foster a family-friendly atmosphere.

Only one spot on the property will be designated

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ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Buck Shelton (left), and Micah Seavers – both co-directors of Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. – converse while standing outside what will eventually be used as a storage facility for the Graves County, Ky., property.

for smoking, and registered sex offenders will not be permitted to reside there. Domestic violence will also not be tolerated.

“It has to be safe for children and families,” said Shelton.

While details are still in the works, the plan is that families will live rent-free for a year, and after that period has expired, will either have been established in permanent housing elsewhere or have the option of continuing at Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. for a set rental fee.

Seavers, who owns two local businesses, is no stranger to empowering others. Immediately after the December tornadoes, he collaborated with volunteers and used his restaurant, Southern Red’s BBQ, to serve approximately 140,000 meals to survivors.

Going even further back, Seavers has coordinated efforts for his other non-profit, Walking Humbly Outdoor Adventures (W.H.O.A.), to provide responsible hunting and wildlife experiences for children of veterans and wounded or killed first responders.

Seavers said that after the last tornado survivor has left Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. and moved on to permanent housing, the camp will remain a local fixture for emergency help whenever a natural disaster occurs.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
A tiny home in progress is seen at Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. in Graves County, Ky., on July 19, 2022.

He is happy that Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. is “very visible,” being located on Highway 45. It is not uncommon for people driving past to honk and wave at Seavers and the volunteers while they work outside.

Plus, “this isn’t just a random spot – this is my backyard,” he said, pointing across a field to his house, which is within walking distance of the campus.

Seavers said his father was a preacher, “but he never went anywhere rich, so we grew up poor.”

“My dad raised us to treat money like this,” he said, opening his arms wide to gesture around Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. “I’ve always had the faith to believe it’ll work out. If you’re doing good I believe it’ll work out.”

Shelton said Seavers has been an “inspiration to me,” and that “if anybody does have the faith of a mustard seed, it’s Micah.”

Seavers said Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. is about “getting people to realize ‘you can do more. You can do better.’”

“That’s our goal – to change people’s lives for the long term,” he said. ■

Learn more about Camp G.R.A.V.E.S. by visiting [facebook.com/Campgravesky](https://facebook.com/Campgravesky), calling (270) 970-0643 or emailing [campgravesky@gmail.com](mailto:campgravesky@gmail.com).

# Liturgy supports the Church – which supports the family, says new worship office co-coordinator

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Dcn. Ken Bennett was discerning the opportunity to apply to the Diocese of Owensboro's opening for a co-coordinator of the Office of Worship, "there were several moments when I felt the Holy Spirit was nudging me in that direction."

"It started as a gentle nudge but ended up feeling like a Louisville Slugger," said Dcn. Bennett, who assumed the position on August 1, 2022.

Dcn. Bennett, who celebrates his fifth anniversary of permanent diaconate ordination this month, spent 27 years in the Army Reserve, had recently retired after 34 years with the Owensboro Police Department, and "wasn't actively pursuing a career change."

But the Holy Spirit had other plans.

With outgoing co-coordinator of worship, Lauren Johnson, vacating the role to become the director of religious education at Sts. William and Lawrence Parishes in eastern Daviess County, Dcn. Bennett reflected on God's plan versus his own plan – "and I thought I'd apply," he said.

The rest was history.

Dcn. Bennett has served as a deacon at his parish of Our Lady of Lourdes ever since his 2017 ordination, but in recent years decided to further his education at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana. He received his master's degree in theology in May 2022.

With his formation at Saint Meinrad and years of hands-on experience as a deacon at Lourdes – as well



COURTESY OF DCN. KEN BENNETT

Dcn. Ken Bennett holds Nicodemus Davis, whom he baptized in March 2021 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro.

as his people-oriented roles in the Army Reserve and law enforcement – Dcn. Bennett feels he is ready for this new path.

He will work closely with Fr. Brandon Williams, fellow co-coordinator of the worship office, to "consult with the bishop on liturgical matters" and plan diocesan liturgies, such as Chrism Mass and ordinations.

Dcn. Bennett will help parishes place orders for workbooks and liturgical aids and keep track of any

liturgical updates from the Vatican. He will also serve on various diocesan committees that require his insights from the Office of Worship.

"Liturgy is the way in which we express worship," said Dcn. Bennett, "and the way we express worship affects our faith life daily. It's a very vital function in the life of the Church itself."

He pointed out that besides the Mass, there are other aspects of liturgical life that the Church celebrates, such as Liturgy of the Hours, though "of course Mass (Eucharist) is the source and summit of the Christian life."

He said his favorite liturgy to celebrate is that of baptism.

"When you baptize a child, it is a moment of purity, innocence, newness – the opportunities are new and endless," he said. "When I baptize a child, I have an extreme sense of hope. Hope for the Church and hope for the future."

He added that he also has a deep love of the Catholic Church's funeral liturgy – "because there is great hope there, too."

Dcn. Bennett enjoys being a deacon and serving his parish community with his wife, Helen, with whom he has three children and nine grandchildren.

"My number one support through all this is my wife – she has been the wind beneath my wings and has been there with our children," said Dcn. Bennett.

"The liturgy supports the Church and the Church supports the family – it's all interconnected," he added. ■



# Supported by ‘extensive’ local network, Birthright of Owensboro fosters ‘lifelong relationship’ with women in need



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
 Director Sheila Calhoun (right) and fellow volunteer Laura Payne stands outside Birthright of Owensboro on August 11, 2022.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Listening to women’s stories and offering non-judgmental support – that’s why Birthright of Owensboro was founded, and that’s what their mission continues to be nearly 40 years later.

“Birthright is called ‘a friend in need,’” said Sheila Calhoun, the pregnancy resource center’s director. “Every person is different: someone might need diapers, someone might need formula, someone might just need to cry and have someone listen.”

Calhoun became the nonprofit’s director in spring 2022, following the retirement of previous director Terri LaHugh after 22 years.

Calhoun said Birthright offers many resources for women facing an unexpected pregnancy amid challenging circumstances. Everything is provided free-of-charge.

“Birthright offers pregnancy tests and maternity clothes,” said Calhoun. “We also have formula, diapers, infant, toddler, and children’s clothing usually up to about size five or six. Birthright also has breast pumps, bottles and sippy cups.”

She said Birthright International was founded by Louise Summerhill in Canada in 1968 to help women facing unplanned pregnancies. Since then, their mission has spread to the United States and Africa.

Birthright of Owensboro was originally located on the campus of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro and moved to their current location on W. 7th Street – next to St. Stephen Cathedral’s parking lot – about 12 years ago.

Calhoun said Birthright has no income requirements for receiving services, and that they are 100% volunteer-run, confidential, donor-supported, ecumenical, non-political, do not lobby and take no government funding.

She said Birthright is available “for all the stages of motherhood – she may not need our services for a couple years and then maybe she comes back when her child is a toddler. Louise Summerhill wanted this to be a lifelong relationship with these women.”

When a client’s baby is born, Birthright gifts her with a “Shower in a Bag,” containing all sorts of new mom and baby items, since “some people don’t have friends and family with the resources to throw them a shower,” said Calhoun. They also receive afghans, quilts with matching crib sheets and burp cloths made by volunteers.

Birthright serves clients of all backgrounds and life situations.

“Sometimes we have people come who have been homeless and are setting up a new place to live,” said Calhoun. “Sometimes it is someone who has gotten out of a domestic abuse situation and left all their belongings behind.”

Birthright also keeps an extensive list of community resources to make referrals for services that they do not offer.

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“If they come in and find out they are pregnant and need prenatal vitamins, ultrasounds, doctor’s care, etc., we may refer them to Care Net,” said Calhoun of Owensboro’s local medical pregnancy care center on E. 18th Street.

If a woman is homeless and pregnant, Birthright connects her with the social worker at St. Gerard Life Home, which offers housing and hospitality to pregnant, unmarried women 18 and older.

Other needs, such as rent and utilities assistance, are referred to the local St. Vincent de Paul chapter. If a visitor needs a hot meal, they are referred to the Daniel Pitino Shelter just down the street. If they need toys for their children for Christmas, they are referred to the Salvation Army or Toys for Tots.

Calhoun said if a client needs pantry staples, they are referred to the St. Stephen Cathedral food pantry or the Owensboro Help Office.

“There really is a good network in this community and diocese, and has been for all these years,” she

said. “It’s amazing the generosity, the prayers and the giving through donations.”

Calhoun affirmed their “fabulous volunteers” and said they are currently seeking even more volunteers; “just three hours a week can really make a difference in a woman or baby’s life.”

Sometimes students volunteer during spring and fall break, or for eighth grade service hours. Other volunteers include retirees and homeschool families.

“There’s so much need, and it’s such a varied amount of reasons,” said Calhoun. “There’s something for every kind of volunteer.”

She said in recent months they have gotten busier “with the economy the way it is” and expects that their client base will only increase, following the U.S. Supreme Court’s reversal of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision in its June 24 ruling of Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization.

For their part, Birthright of Owensboro plans to quietly continue their judgment-free – and non-po-

Birthright of Owensboro is located at 512 W. 7th St., Owensboro, KY, 42301, and is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-noon. For assistance, to volunteer, or to donate, contact them at:

(270) 926-7561

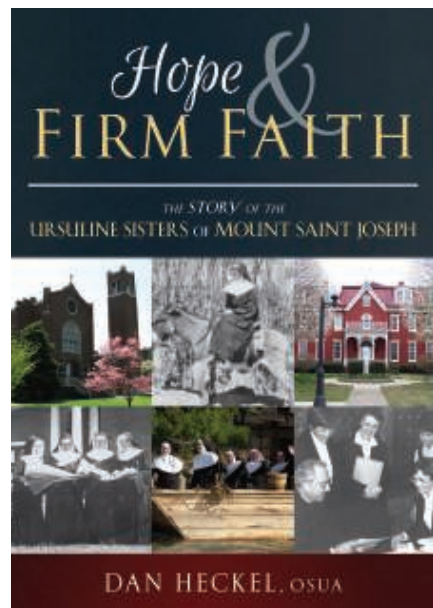
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litical – mission to anyone who reaches out.

“Our volunteers offer love, friendship, and support,” said Calhoun. “Each person who comes through the door needs that in different ways. Our job is to find out what they need and see how we can help them in a personal way.” ■



## ‘Hope and Firm Faith’ brings the story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph to life

BY DAN HECKEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

By the time the Diocese of Owensboro was created in 1937, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph had been serving in western Kentucky for 63 years. There were a lot of lean times in those early years.

When five Ursuline Sisters of Louisville traveled down the Ohio River on a flatboat in 1874 to open Mount Saint Joseph Academy, they boarded a wagon for a bumpy ride into a wilderness that would later become known as Maple Mount. Over the past 148 years, the Ursuline Sisters have expanded their efforts, teaching in dozens of schools in

western Kentucky and elsewhere, and opening what is today Brescia University.

“Hope and Firm Faith: The Story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph,” a book just published this summer, details how the Sisters evolved over the decades and how both their campus and their influence grew, creating a religious home for new women religious, and affecting the lives of countless students.

The Ursuline Sisters became pioneers in many other states, but in western Kentucky they gladly accepted schools that others didn’t want – schools in poor, rural communities often far from the conveniences of city life. Here the Ur-

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COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH  
“Hope and Firm Faith” is written by Ursuline Associate Dan Heckel.

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suline Sisters' meager wages were often augmented with food grown by the farm families they served.

This book chronicles how Catholic education expanded in the Diocese of Owensboro from Breckinridge County to Paducah, and especially in Daviess County, then later into Owensboro. It also details the relationships between the Sisters and all four bishops of Owensboro – often supportive, but sometimes contentious.

The changes in the Church and in religious life brought on by the Second Vatican Council, and the ensuing turbulent years for the Ursuline Sisters are also brought to life.

This history is told through the words of the

Sisters who lived it, making use of the vast archival records at Maple Mount. Readers will meet Sisters who had great achievements that changed the community, and others who changed lives one person at a time.

In June 2022, the author, Ursuline Associate Dan Heckel, delivered a presentation about the Ursuline Sisters based on the book to the Conference on the History of Women Religious at the University of Notre Dame.

There will be an opportunity to purchase “Hope and Firm Faith” at some book signings around the diocese. Visit the Ursuline website or Facebook page to check when those may be, or email dan.heck-

el@maplemount.org to schedule a book signing. To order a copy of the book online, visit [www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book). The cost is \$37.10 (which includes sales tax), plus \$10 for shipping.

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With your check, please include your name, address, phone number and email. Please specify if you want a copy signed by the author (at no extra charge). ■

# Bishop, parishioners, celebrate ‘mother church’ of Daviess County

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

During his homily for the August 14, 2022 bicentennial Mass of St. Lawrence Parish in eastern Daviess County, Bishop William F. Medley wondered aloud just how many lives had been impacted because Catholic families gathered in the area to worship 200 years ago.

The Catholics who gathered in the region “began to build the foundation of the 17 other parishes here in Daviess County,” said the bishop, referring to St. Lawrence as “the mother church” of the county.

Today, half of the Catholics in the Diocese of Owensboro reside in Daviess County, he added.

“That is the heritage of that first Mass celebrated here,” said Bishop Medley to the church packed to standing-room-only. “Jubilees are also an opportunity to look at the future... let’s leave those people who will come behind us the same heritage that they left us.”

Parishioner Pam Higdon, who with her husband,



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Girls carry a quilt, representing all the families of St. Lawrence Parish, up the aisle during the parish's bicentennial Mass and celebration on August 14, 2022.

Jim Higdon, and daughter, Heather Clark, had coordinated the historical research and planning for the parish's bicentennial, told The Western Kentucky Catholic that “it’s been a pleasure to do the research.”

“It’s all been word of mouth history because people didn’t think to write it down,” she said, adding that she worked with Diocese of Owensboro archivist, Edward Wilson, and Archdiocese of Louisville archivist, Tim Tomes, throughout the project.

When St. Lawrence was originally founded, it belonged to the Diocese of Bardstown, which would eventually become the Archdiocese of Louisville. Owensboro became its own diocese in 1937.

“St. Lawrence is very prolific; we have a lot of young families, so my hope is that it continues,” said Higdon.

*Note: Bishop Medley wrote about the history of St. Lawrence Parish in his column this month. Read it on page 3.*



# ‘The very thing that worked when all else failed’ How Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages

*Note: Dcn. Tony Carmona and his wife, Ana Carmona, of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County, are coordinators of Nashville Retrouvaille – a program for married couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. The following is an excerpt from the WKC’s interview with Dcn. Carmona; the full interview can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8d47an>*

## **WKC: How long have you been the coordinators for the Nashville Retrouvaille?**

**Dcn. Carmona:** Our Nashville, Tenn., Retrouvaille community began in January 2009. We have always had great relationship with the Owensboro, Ky., Retrouvaille community leaders. We send couples to them and they to us. During the pandemic both our communities struggled to keep in contact with our couples and struggled to have weekends. In order to reach out to more struggling couples, we have teamed up to serve both the Owensboro and Nashville dioceses. Ana and I did our Retrouvaille Weekend Experience in March 2013 and became active in our community. Three years later we became presenters and were asked to be the coordinators in January 2019.

## **WKC: What makes Retrouvaille different from other support programs for people whose marriage is experiencing difficulties?**

**Dcn. Carmona:** Retrouvaille is very different than other marriage programs. Some spouses resist the idea of attending the program, out of concern that they will be required to expose their personal lives. None of this is true. In fact, the program is entirely unique, and most couples find that this is the very thing that worked when all else failed. We are told constantly that this is one of the best-kept secrets in the world, and couples regularly comment that they wish they had done the program long before they did; that it would have saved them so much pain and anguish.

What makes Retrouvaille different is what it is not:

It is NOT a retreat, seminar, social gathering, or religious conversion experience. It is NOT marriage counseling. It is NOT a sensitivity group. It is NOT group counseling. It is NOT for profit.

In fact, Retrouvaille is a three-phase program:

Phase 1: The Retrouvaille Weekend Experience.

Phase 2: The Post Weekend Sessions - A series of follow-up sessions building on the weekend.

Phase 3: Monthly Support (CORE) - A monthly small-group support meeting, called CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience). It allows for a casual and supportive interaction with other couples who have attended the Retrouvaille program. ■

For more information visit <https://retrouvaille.org/>.



COURTESY OF CARMONA FAMILY

Dcn. Tony and Ana Carmona belong to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Todd County and are the coordinators for Retrouvaille in Nashville. Dcn. Carmona says Retrouvaille is "entirely unique" in that it is a three-phase program composed of a weekend experience, post-weekend sessions, and a monthly small-group support meeting which allows for casual support with other couples.

# Ursuline and volunteers on mission to get safe drinking water to eastern Kentucky flood survivors



CNS PHOTO/RUBY THOMAS, THE RECORD

Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, demonstrates the use of a Sawyer PointOne filter in the Water With Blessings office in Middletown, Ky., Sept. 12, 2019.

BY MARNIE MCALLISTER, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Dr. Kassi Marshall, a physician, mother and member of the First Church of God in Chavies, Kentucky, is on a mission to bring safe drinking water to Perry County, where parts of the water infrastructure were destroyed in flooding that began July 26 in eastern Kentucky.

"People need water," she said in an emotional phone interview Aug. 8. "We grow accustomed to the things we like ~ niceties and not necessities. But life is not sustainable without water. It's impossible

to be healthy when you're relying on a contaminated water source."

In "Perry County alone, the infrastructure has been destroyed and it may be months before many areas have water restored," she told The Record, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville. "I'm really concerned."

Through a series of events that she finds providential, both she and her pastor, Brother Brian Bridges, were connected recently to the Louisville-based Water With Blessings run by Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint

Joseph.

The organization distributes water filters ~ and trains people to use them for a lifetime ~ around the globe where communities lack access to safe drinking water.

Sr. Lauter said she is ready to "go big" in Perry County, which is in the neighboring Diocese of Lexington, where several counties were ravaged by the floods.

"They have water that is bio-contaminated," said Sr. Lauter. "That can take them down health-wise."

"This is something we have to do in an organized, strategic way," she said of mobilizing an effort to aid Perry County. "We don't pick out a lucky few. We have to make a plan for the entire community."

Water With Blessings is partnering with the Chavies First Church of God ~ and anyone else who'd like to help ~ to initially provide filters for 2,500 households in Perry County, home to about 11,000 households.

The manufacturer of the Sawyer PointONE water filters has offered a discount, enabling Water With Blessings to provide each filter, plus distribution and training, for \$35 each.

People have to be trained to use and care for the filter for it to be effective in years to come, Sr. Lauter said.

Future use also is part of the long-term plan.

She and members of the Diocese of Lexington's Laudato Si' Commission, which addresses care for creation issues, already were planning a project to get water filters to people in remote areas of eastern

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Kentucky in advance of the next flooding event.

She envisioned a plan to get filters embedded into communities that are prone to natural disasters, such as flooding, so that the next time a disaster comes, families have safe drinking water at their fingertips.

The filters also prevent excessive reliance on bottled water, which has been shipped, airlifted and even delivered on horseback to remote homes in the flood zones, Marshall noted.

A plan like this gives Marshall hope, she said through tears, as she described the potential benefits for her community.

"This is like a lifeline for so many people, not just today, but in the future. This provides safe water and safer water than you had before," she said, noting that both the city and well water available in the area were not as safe as the filtered water prior to the flood.

Sr. Lauter said the filtered water also is cleaner than bottled water.

"I see the economic burden of all this plastic ~ and we are so thankful (for it), we couldn't have survived without that generosity," Marshall told *The Record*. "But it is so expensive to transport ~ boats, helicopter and horseback. These pallets are difficult to transport."

"We can have safe water that doesn't have to be transported to people," she said, adding that Perry County has dozens of inaccessible bridges and roads.

She, Brother Bridges and her family were trained to use the filters Aug. 9 and they planned to start distributing the first filters during the week. As more can be purchased, Chavies First Church of God will be the distribution site.

"God is sending us the resources and teaching us and allowing us to be a small part of this," she said. "We are ready, we are excited. It's amazing how God is working among the communities."

Water With Blessings has provided the Sawyer PointONE water filters to developing countries and disaster-affected communities since 2008.

The effort began when Sr. Lauter and co-founder Arnie LeMay noticed on medical mission trips that they kept seeing the same people with preventable water-borne illnesses. They decided to tackle the root of the problem and help communities access safe water.

Sr. said the latest effort is focused on Perry County, but it's not limited to that area. ■

*Editor's note: Those interested in supporting the project or who want to get filters to their area should reach out to Water With Blessings at [waterwithblessings.org](http://waterwithblessings.org).*

*McAllister is editor of The Record, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville.*



CNS PHOTO/PAT MCDONOGH, USA TODAY NETWORK VIA REUTERS  
James Jacobs signals to a National Guard helicopter flying overhead July 28, 2022, following a day of heavy rain in Garrett, Ky.

## Here's where to donate to help flood survivors in eastern Kentucky

### BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The needs of survivors of the record flooding in eastern Kentucky are great, both for the short term and in the long term, according to Meg Campos, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. The best way to help is to donate money so Catholic Charities and other agencies assisting flood victims can purchase needed items at any given time. Those who wish to donate should go to [catholiccharitieslexington.org](http://catholiccharitieslexington.org), hit the tab "Donate Now" and designate contributions for disasters.

## Catholic Schools Office announces Marilyn Pace as 2022 Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year

*Editor's note: The following was read by assistant superintendent Jo Ann Mathieson at the July 29, 2022 Celebration of Catholic Schools event held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Ky.*

This teacher embodies every characteristic that could be desired in an outstanding Catholic educator.

Next year will be this teacher's 50th year in Catholic education.

This teacher began her career as an English and French teacher, where she developed a reputation for being a very student-oriented educator whose instructional skills prepared her students for college, the workforce and adult life. After teaching in the classroom, she accepted the position as media specialist and modernized the library and media platforms in her school so that all students could access a variety of materials needed for all types of assignments and research.

Throughout that time, this teacher continued to teach classes part-time when called upon while still meeting the demands in the media center. She has assisted students and staff in so many areas and sponsors and meets with her book club. When many

are slowing down towards the end of their career, this teacher asked and volunteered to organize our all-school reading program to not only increase literacy levels, but promote reading for enjoyment for all levels of students.

For her efforts over the years, she was nominated in 2021 by the Kentucky Association of School Librarians for a lifetime achievement award.

The following quote from a current English teacher and former student of hers says it all:

"I wasn't a great student, but I was able to connect with her. She made assignments that were relevant to the less motivated student like me. She spoke a lot about life after high school and it was apparent to all of us that she cared about us all - not just the advanced students. She is one of the reasons I became an English teacher. There are certain people you just think of when you think Owensboro Catholic High school and she is one of those people."

Please help me in congratulating Ms. Marilyn Pace of Owensboro Catholic High School as the 2022 Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. ■



TINA KASEY | WKC

Marilyn Pace with Superintendent David Kessler after receiving the 2022 Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year award during the July 29, 2022 Celebration of Catholic Schools event at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Ky.

### Local woman receives 2022 Spirit of TEC Award

Diane McIntyre, who belongs to St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield, and is an active member of Belleville TEC in the Diocese of Belleville, Ill., was recently named a recipient of the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) 2022 Spirit of TEC Award. The award states the following: "When Diane's original TEC center in Western Kentucky became inactive, she searched for another community to join, and we are so blessed that she chose us in Belleville. Her faith life and living of the Paschal Mystery is very evident when you meet Diane. She freely shares her faith with everyone she meets. Part of her living out the Paschal Mystery happened

recently when a tornado hit near her home and surrounding area. She was active in reaching out to people in need during this time, even though her workplace was affected by the tornado. Diane is currently serving on the Belleville TEC Board and has recently been selected as our Chairperson. She has such an enthusiasm for TEC, inspires us all to get more involved, and urges us to come up with creative ways to promote and enliven the TEC community in our area. Diane is a great supporter to our youth and we are privileged to have her as part of our community." ■



# Beauty, simplicity and richness of Church's tradition explored at chant workshop



COURTESY OF FR. COREY D. BRUNS

Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, leads a workshop on July 20, 2022, focused on chant for the parish musician, which was held in newly-restored St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.

BY MIKE BOGDAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On July 30, more than 35 music ministers from various parishes and other diocesan institutions attended a workshop on chant for the parish musician sponsored by the Office of Music. Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and vice rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary, was the clinician for the workshop. Held in the newly-restored St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, Fr. Colgan's humor, knowledge and deep love of the Church's musical tradition engaged the participants as they explored one of the Church's musical treasures. The music ministers sang psalms to melodies composed by Fr. Colgan – some of which are sung all over the world.

The day ended with singing some of Fr. Colgan's music for Mass. The beauty, simplicity and richness of which was enhanced by the lovely acoustics of St. Joseph Parish. ■

Mike Bogdan is the director of the Office of Music for the Diocese of Owensboro. Learn more at <https://owensborodiocese.org/music>.



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# St. Teresa Ministries donates over \$190,000 to local nonprofits



COURTESY OF ST. TERESA MINISTRIES

On July 14, 2022, St. Teresa Ministries donates \$10,000 to the Housing Authority of Bowling Green, Ky., to help tornado survivors.

## PRESS RELEASE

St. Teresa Ministries is newly-formed Catholic nonprofit organization located in Bowling Green, Ky., dedicated to helping those in need in our community. The St. Teresa Thrift Store (formerly St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store) funds our giving; making it possible for us to reach out to those in need and to help other organizations who also serve the Bowling Green community.

St. Teresa Ministries and the St. Teresa Thrift Store is led by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of members from St. Joseph and Holy Spirit parishes. The St. Teresa Thrift Store operates with paid employees as well as dedicated volunteers.

St. Teresa Ministries is helping those in need in our community:

*SVDP St. Joseph and Holy Spirit Food Pantries*

St. Teresa Ministries will donate over \$79,000 to these food pantries which fed over 15,245 people in Warren County this year. We are curbing hunger for families in need, giving them the gift of independence and food security each month.

### *The Housing Authority of Bowling Green*

We donated \$10,000 to the Housing Authority after the devastating December tornado to provide all the household necessities to help TEN families in need of temporary housing after they lost their homes.

### *Habitat for Humanity's "BG Strong Build" home building project*

Our donation of \$80,000 will give one family, affected by the tornado, a new home and hope for the future. "Our community thrives when we come together for good"

### *The Family Enrichment Center Wee Care Child Care Program*

Our donation of \$20,000 will help provide emergency childcare and subsidize childcare expenses for families working to improve their current situation.

### *Sister Sheila Duncan Sewing Ministry*

Sister Sheila empowers young women through her sewing ministry. Our \$1500 donation was used to purchase sewing machines, material, and notions.

St. Teresa Ministries will donate more than \$190,000 to help our community in 2022!

Thank you! Our giving is made possible by generous donations of gently used clothing, home goods and furniture to St. Teresa Thrift Store, our loyal customers, and dedicated staff. We're very grateful to our donors for their continued generosity and for helping us help the Bowling Green community.

Please stop by our store any time and share our excitement! ■

*Questions may be sent to Cathy Beard, member of St. Teresa Ministries Board of Directors, at [cathy@beardandpartners.com](mailto:cathy@beardandpartners.com) and (270) 796-0267.*



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COURTESY OF ST. TERESA MINISTRIES

The logo of newly-formed St. Teresa Ministries, located in Bowling Green.



# Ninth year of ‘Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin’ Life’ will raise money for pro-life pregnancy care centers

BY BLUEGRASS ON BESHEAR ORGANIZERS,  
SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY  
CATHOLIC

As fall appears on the horizon, so also approaches the ninth annual “Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin’ Life” music fest, scheduled for Oct 8, 2022, which benefits three life-affirming pregnancy care centers in western Kentucky. Six Knights of Columbus councils (Princeton/Dawson Springs/Eddyville, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Calvert City, Murray and Hardin/Aurora) join forces with the Pickin’ Life Project, businesses and area churches to sponsor the music festival/fundraiser.

Jeff and Laura Smith are founders of the Pickin’ Life Project, a charitable organization that raises money for crisis pregnancy centers in western Kentucky. They are also members of Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs. Their church was destroyed by the tornado on Dec. 10, 2021.

“Our parish and community were knocked back by the tornado but we’ve stayed together, supported each other and we’re rebuilding,” said Jeff Smith.

Recent national developments have put a spotlight on life-affirming pregnancy care centers.

“The Supreme Court’s rejection of Roe and Casey means that our crisis pregnancy centers are more important than ever – and they are under assault from pro-abortion forces,” said Jeff Smith. “The centers must receive our material support and prayers so they can continue to protect life from conception. Bluegrass on Beshear promotes these wonderful centers by raising money and awareness

through a musical celebration of life.”

In eight years since the inaugural event in 2014, “Bluegrass on Beshear” has raised \$114,943 to benefit Door of Hope (Madisonville), Alpha PCC (Hopkinsville) and H.O.P.E. Clinic (Benton and Eddyville). The pregnancy care centers are ecumenically faith-based. All services, including ultrasound imaging, counseling, parenting classes and baby supplies, are free to clients. The centers receive no government funding because if they did, the federal government would require them to refer clients for abortion. Instead, the centers depend on the support of citizens, businesses and churches to stay open.

The one-day music festival will be held from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 8 at 307 Island Cove Lane near Dawson Springs.

“We’ll have five bands and a choir this year,” said Laura Smith. “We showcase Bluegrass music but we also have talented bands that play Gospel, Country, Rock & Roll and Blues. Admission is free and our volunteers will help you park and get to the stage. You can bring lawn chairs and a cooler if you wish. We raise money through sponsorships, donations, food, drinks and merchandise sales. We’ll also have a fun raffle with more than \$3,000 in prizes. Grand prize is \$500 cash. Other prizes include lodging, food and recreation items.”

For the second consecutive year, a benefactor will match total donations up to \$12,000 - so every donation or purchase will be doubled. More information about the event and how to donate



COURTESY OF JEFF AND LAURA SMITH

Musicians perform during last year’s ‘Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin’ Life’ music fest held near Dawson Springs on Oct. 9, 2021. In December 2021, the community was shaken by devastating tornadoes that even destroyed the local Catholic church, but music fest organizers say neighbors have supported each other and are rebuilding together.

can be found on [www.bluegrassonbeshear.com](http://www.bluegrassonbeshear.com), [facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear) or (270) 399-5018. 100% of every donation goes to the pregnancy care centers and all donations are tax-deductible. As the event’s motto says, “Together in Christ – We are Pickin’ Life.” ■

# Longing for unity *Bishop says synod feedback represented ‘microcosm’ of Church*

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

After participating in the Diocese of Owensboro’s regional listening sessions that were part of the Synod on Synodality process, Bishop William F. Medley said the greatest surprise for him “was that there were no surprises.”

“I can’t say anything surprised me,” the bishop told *The Western Kentucky Catholic*. “What pleased me was seeing that the breadth of the Church we experience is alive and well in the Diocese of Owensboro.”

The diocese recently released a 10-page report which details the process over the past year, what was shared during discussions, and the diocese’s hopes for the future. This report was sent to the Vatican and has also been made available for the faithful to read at [owensborodiocese.org/synod](https://owensborodiocese.org/synod) in English and [owensborodiocese.org/sinodo](https://owensborodiocese.org/sinodo) in Spanish.

During the months of January and February 2022, 66 of the diocese’s 78 parishes hosted two-part listening sessions. In March, seven regional listening sessions were held across the diocese and Bishop Medley – along with members of the Diocesan Synod Team – attended every one. Five were held in English, one was in Spanish and one was in Burmese.

An online form was also made available on the diocese’s website for people who could not or chose not to participate in the sessions in person. In total, approximately 1,000 people participated in person, and 406 people submitted input online.

The report said that comments included the fact that “It was a common occurrence to hear people express their heartbreak and dismay over the polariza-

tion and division felt in our society, our families, our communities, and in our Church. They expressed their longing for unity.”

The report also said that people were “animated” in their conversations and “passionate, but respectful of one another, in voicing opinions and ideas.”

“The opinions were wide-ranging and included those who long for a return to the traditional Latin Mass as well as those who would like to see women ordained to the priesthood,” the report stated.

Bishop Medley told the WKC that he has never felt offended “when someone criticizes the Church” over such matters; he said he is “not threatened, by theologians or by people in the (pews) who are saying ‘I don’t buy that, help me understand that.’”

“Our diocese is a microcosm of the universal Church,” he said in terms of these discussions, which he heard was mirrored across the United States in other dioceses’ listening sessions.

The purpose of this synod, said the bishop, is “not so much moving the needle but (asking) what are the things we can maybe give more emphasis to? What can the Church do? Can we extend an embrace and a welcome while not straying from Church teaching?”

He said he hopes the National Eucharistic Revival, which is an initiative of the U.S. bishops to reconnect the faithful with the Eucharist, “nurtures” these conversations the American Church is having today.

The report stated that in conjunction with the revival, the Diocese of Owensboro will strive to continue the synodal process with more listening sessions in the future. These may include sessions on the Eucharist, on “the question of why younger generations

## Read the synod synthesis

The full report is now available in both English in Spanish and can be found at:

- <https://owensborodiocese.org/synod/>
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are not coming to Mass,” and on “how our churches can be more welcoming and inclusive.”

“The process was a valuable thing here,” said Bishop Medley. “I enjoyed it.” ■



# Sr. Margaret Ann Aull retires from Immaculate Parish



COURTESY OF FR. COREY D. BRUNS

(Left) Friends of Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, extend their arms in support as she receives a prayer and blessing from Fr. John Vaughan. (Right) Fr. John Vaughan, pastor of Immaculate Parish, thanks and congratulates Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, for her service to the parish at the dinner. Sr. Margaret Ann has been Immaculate Parish's coordinator of pastoral care for 12 years and has been an Ursuline Sisters for 69 years.

BY STEVE ROCCO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, Immaculate Parish's coordinator of pastoral care, retired on June 30, 2022, although she still will visit the homebound and nursing home residents two-and-a-half mornings a week.

On July 10, more than 150 parishioners came to a dinner in the parish hall to honor her. At the dinner, she was presented with numerous gifts by both the parish and by individual parishioners and friends.

An Ursuline Sister for 69 years, Sr. Margaret Ann is from Knottsville. In her ministry she has worked with RCIA candidates, been an instructor for baptism as well as being a teacher. In fact, Sr. Margaret Ann from 1968-1971 taught 7th and 8th graders in what once was Immaculate School.

Sr. Margaret Ann became the parish's coordinator of pastoral care beginning in 2010.

Parishioner Linda Rocco shared: "Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, is an angel of peace to the sick and infirm. The first time I was with her when she visited a patient at a nursing home, she started praying for the patient and I thought how can someone pray for that long for a sick person? After we left the nursing home facility, I asked Sister to remember to pray those same prayers over me if I am ever in need of prayers. By the way, the patient she prayed for seemed to just fall into calm and deep joy."

We wish Sr. Margaret Ann much joy in her retirement! ■

*A portion of this article was originally printed in the July 17, 2022 bulletin of Immaculate Parish in Owensboro. It has been reprinted with permission.*

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Father Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ, a native from Bardstown, KY, belongs to the Congregation of St. John (an active-contemplative Community founded in France in 1975). Father now serves as the Superior of the Community's English-speaking Novitiate House in Princeville, IL.

## 2022 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

**Editor's note:** Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro. All questions about the individual picnics should be directed to the parishes; contact information may be accessed via [owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish](http://owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish).

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
SEPT. 10	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT. 10	Serving from noon-9 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT. 17	Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT. 17	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT. 18	Serving at 11 a.m.	Mary Carrico School (St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, 6119 St. Lawrence Rd., Philpot)
SEPT. 24	Serving from 1-3 p.m., drive-thru only	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT. 24	Serving 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Honeyfest Dinner at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson
SEPT. 25	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

## THE 32<sup>ND</sup> DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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## SEPTEMBER 2022 BULLETIN BOARD

## Mass and confession times in the Diocese of Owensboro

Did you know you can view Mass times on the diocese's website? Visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish/> for a list of parishes, Mass times and more. As confession times are subject to change, visitors are encouraged to contact the parishes directly for their most up-to-date confession schedule.

### Belonging to Love: Prayer and Conversations online Sept. 8

Do you want to deepen your experience of God's presence and action in your life? If so, consider joining in the prayer and conversations with an Ursuline Sister and a spiritual director, brought to you by the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Ministry. These monthly online sessions include time for inspiration, meditation, and meaningful conversation. This contemplative prayer program takes place on the second Thursday of the month. These are free online Zoom presentations -- donations are appreciated. Our next program is on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. CST. To register to receive the link, email [doreen.abbott@maplemount.org](mailto:doreen.abbott@maplemount.org) or sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/> Future Belonging dates will be Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

### Save the date for Holy Name's fall festival

Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson will have their annual Fall Festival Sept. 16, 5-10 p.m. and Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Carnival rides, raffle tickets, live and silent auctions, haunted house, games, and food booths. Learn more at [www.holynameschool.org](http://www.holynameschool.org).

### St. Martin rummage sale Sept. 22-24

St. Martin Parish in Rome, Ky., will be having their annual Rummage Sale on Sept. 22, 23, and 24. Rain or shine in the parish hall. Come buy some great stuff that you didn't know you needed but that you definitely want! More information: Nicole Gray at [nicole@grayskymusic.com](mailto:nicole@grayskymusic.com).

### Renewed by The Eucharist: A Parish Mission at St. Pius X, Owensboro

September 25-27, 2022. 6:30 p.m. nightly. Sunday - How God's Word brings us into relationship and conversion. Monday - How the Mass unites us to Jesus Christ and each other. Tuesday - How the Mass sends us forth as servants to transform the world. Join with parishioners and friends in the renewal event that will allow us to prayerfully see and celebrate how the Holy Eucharist brings life and hope to the world today. The Mission Director is Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP. Fr. Frank has served as pastor in New York and Chicago and has written numerous books. He is the president of Paulist Evangelization Ministries in Washington, DC. For more information call the parish office at (270)684-4745.

### Need a meeting space? Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium is available

Need a meeting space for up to 200 people? The Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, located on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph campus (8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky., 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56), is available for renting. The Auditorium is an open space with a kitchen equipped for catering. It's perfect for hosting wedding receptions, Christmas parties, birthday parties, class reunions, etc. It was built to serve Mount Saint Joseph Academy as a place to hold plays and recitals, and for athletic activities. Both the stage and the basketball court remain. There are two rental options, a partial rental for up to four hours (\$100) and a full rental which allows use for a full day (\$200). To reserve the Auditorium, contact the Mount Saint Joseph Finance Office by email: [ap@maplemount.org](mailto:ap@maplemount.org).

org or call the switchboard at 270-229-4103 and ask to speak to the Finance Office about renting the Auditorium. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can find out more on this webpage: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/renting-the-auditorium/>

### Support groups for victims/survivors of clergy abuse

The Diocese of Owensboro would like to share some support group opportunities made available through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. These groups are open to all victims/survivors in the United States. Learn more at <https://owensborodiocese.org/support-group/> and <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>.

### Visit the Ursuline Sisters' Rosary Walk and Shrine Walk

Since the day it was blessed and dedicated on Oct. 8, 2006, the Rosary Walk on the grounds of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph has offered people a chance to express their spirituality among the beauty and splendor of the "holy ground" at Maple Mount (8001 Cummings Road, 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56). The Rosary Walk takes people on a journey as far as they are willing to let the Holy Spirit guide them, without leaving the peaceful confines of the Mount. The Rosary Walk is located on the front of the grounds (northwest corner) and includes the Christ the King statue. Visitors can use their cell phones to reach this webpage and listen to an audiotape of the rosary (recorded by Sister Elaine Burke, OSU) to accompany their walk: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/rosary-shrine-walk/> Or visitors can stroll to see the inspiring shrines on the grounds of the Motherhouse. They can visit this webpage to hear a recording about the shrines (recorded by Sister Nancy Murphy, OSU): <https://ursulinesmsj.org/shrine-meditation-walk/> People can also listen to these recordings on their computers. No appointment is necessary to see the Rosary Walk or the shrines.

# September Wedding Anniversaries

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

Please send any anniversary updates or corrections to Sara Lewis, Office of Marriage & Family Life, at [sara.lewis@pastoral.org](mailto:sara.lewis@pastoral.org).

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Kevin & Tamara Burcham, 40  
Noel & Brenda Clayton, 40

### **Christ the King, Madisonville**

George & Beverly Soria, 51  
Joseph & Daisy Roche, 56

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

Andy & Alicia McGill, 5  
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 59  
Dean & Janice Arnold, 52  
Harold & Lucy Hargis, 53  
James & Rita Mills, 51

Mike & Katrina Greenwell, 51  
Nathan & Autumn Murphy, 10  
Phillip & Belinda Powell, 40  
Raymond & Joan Wawrin, 55  
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 63  
Terry & Judy Berrong, 52

### **Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Anthony & Rhona Feckter, 59  
Dean & Colleen Ewing, 55  
Eric & Kristy Morton, 25  
Jim & Lori Piorkowski, 40  
Joe & Sally Liles, 59

Kyle & Anne-Taylor Peterson, 5  
Rick & Kathy Granger, 51  
Stephen & Wanda Baka, 52  
Steve & Sandy Stahl, 52

### **Holy Trinity, Morgantown**

Richard & Peggy Seiler, 61

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Charles & Peggy Howard, 53  
Dale & Marcia Reddin, 52  
Facundo & Sandra Molina, 10  
Vic & Barbara Hagman, 57

### **Immaculate, Owensboro**

Barney & Pat Dickens, 64  
Mark & Pattie Martin, 25

Mike & Maryanne Mountain, 25  
Ray & Dot Biscopink, 40  
Ronald & Elaine Blandford, 40  
Stewart & Rose Foster, 53

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

Andrew & Tasha Payne, 5  
Carl & Marie Hamilton, 51  
Dan & Pat Marquis, 40  
John & Joyce Teets, 54  
Johnny & Pat Kelley, 62  
Mike & Suzanne Wurth, 52

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Jeff & Nancy Jones, 25  
John & Patricia Kramer, 52  
Kyle & Lori Johnson, 10  
Ross & Kim Hardy, 10  
William & Susan Wedding, 53

### **Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Mike & Linda Randolph, 57  
**St. Agnes, Uniontown**  
Dorris & Joyce Collins, 62  
James & Kay Greenwell, 51

### **St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

David & Debbie Coomes, 51  
**St. Ann, Morganfield**  
Bill & Janet Robertson, 62  
Jim & Carol Hosman, 56

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

Steve & Linda Wilkes, 51

### **St. Anthony, Axtel**

Narvin & Leverne Whitworth, 62

### **St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Brett & Becky Mills, 40  
Matt & Brianna McCarty, 5  
Steve & Christina Adkins, 5

### **St. Augustine, Reed**

Joseph & Shelley Payne, 10  
Sonny & Linda Evans, 57

### **St. Charles, Bardwell**

Danny & Bonnie Henderson, 51

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

Daniel & Randa Parker, 10  
Durwin & Maureen Ursery, 56  
Greg & Kristin Rousseau, 10  
Jim & Kathy Keeney, 25

### **St. Henry, Aurora**

Jack & Janice Faust, 55

### **St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Benjamin & Kayla Thompson, 10  
Glenn & Barbara Wilson, 56  
Justin & Amber Bollenbecker, 5  
Mark & Sandra Goatley, 40  
Marvin & Martha Byrd, 60  
Ryan & Christa Towery, 5  
Sam & Becca Higdon, 51  
Terry & Patrice Milan, 50  
Walter & Karen Shupe, 50

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

Lawrence & Dorothy Durbin, 54  
Lawrence & Geraldine Durbin, 57  
Paul & Ellen Carrico, 64  
Richard & Betty Wurth, 60

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

Bruce & Teresa Updegraff, 60  
George & Judith Martin, 56  
Hubert & Linda Richardson, 53  
Rob & Katie Colley, 53

### **St. Joseph, Central City**

Ric & Judy Sims, 57

### **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Jimmy & Sue Kipper, 66

### **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Charles & Gay Willett, 51  
David & Kelli Elliott, 10  
Joaquin & Maria Quemada, 5  
Robert & Jean Carrico, 55

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

Joseph & Nancy Payne, 62

### **St. Leo, Murray**

James & Joan Carden, 58

### **St. Martin, Rome**

Jack & Delores Beyke, 56

William & Judy Peak, 56

### **St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Andrew & Michelle Brooks, 10  
Bobby & Terry Knott, 63  
Danny & Sharon Ebelhar, 53  
Tony & Julie Ebelhar, 40

### **St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady**

Andre & Jane Chustz, 62

### **St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Ben & Sarah Morris, 10  
David & Judy Zoglmann, 40  
Drew & Samantha Knott, 10  
Jeff & Maranda Ward, 25  
Jeff & Sandra Sims, 25  
Randall & Pat Howard, 40  
Samuel & Bridgette Cecil, 10  
Tom & Lisa Clark, 40

### **St. Mary, Franklin**

Jim & Gail Briley, 61

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

Joshua & Alicia Cheasty, 10  
Richard & Sherry Washington, 52  
Roger & Margo Blair, 52

### **St. Paul, Leitchfield**

James & Helen Gawarecki, 60  
Joseph & Anna Jean Clark, 51  
Larry & Geneva Pawley, 55  
Mike & Joyce Whitfill, 54

### **St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly**

Leslie & Martha Gibson, 52

### **St. Pius X, Calvert City**

Ryan & Allison Devine, 10

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

Earl & Peggy Castlen, 53  
Larry & Patricia Hicks, 51  
Mike & Gwen Roby, 10  
Nicholas & April Wall, 10  
Norman & Doris Johnson, 56  
Ronald & Mary Helen Strehl, 58  
Tom & Janie Blair, 51

### **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

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David & Elaine Adkins, 50  
Donald & Alice Bland, 63  
Justin & Vanessa Armes, 10  
Tony & Kathy Flood, 40  
**St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**  
Joshua & Jennifer Bostrom, 10  
Thomas & Leigh Flood, 75  
William & Purification Houtchen,  
51

**St. Sebastian, Calhoun**  
John & Brenda Pinkston, 53  
Mike & Margaret Dant, 57

**St. Stephen Cathedral,  
Owensboro**  
Arthur & Nancy Hodde, 51  
Eric & Erin Rose, 10  
Howard & Louise Brown, 55  
John & Patsy Clayton, 65  
Pat & Donna McNulty, 57

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**  
James & Betty McVey, 66  
Jim & Sally Vollmer, 56

Mike & Tana Dickens, 51  
Stan & Fran Kostrzebski, 60  
**St. Thomas More, Paducah**  
Andrew & Belen Gallegos, 40  
Andrew & Catherine DuPerrieu,  
10

Cesar & Zaira Machaen, 5  
Chase & Kelly Venable, 10  
Gary & Janie Lamb, 57  
Michael & Jennifer Klimek, 10  
Phil & Betty Higdon, 58  
Robert & Judy Milford, 56  
Tom & Barbara Clinton, 54

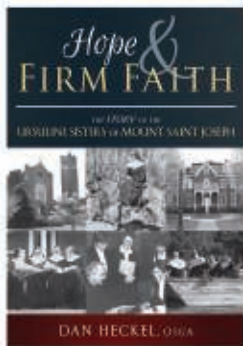
**St. William, Knottsville**  
Charles & Joyce Mills, 65  
Darrell & Mary Lou Payne, 53  
Jeff & Janae Lanham, 25  
Ryan & Kelsey Grothouse, 10  
Steve & Darlene Fulkerson, 50

**Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**  
Antonio Montejó & Lupita Soto-  
Garcia, 5  
Bobby & Theresa Pedley, 58  
Eddie & Arlinda Mattingly, 25

Eric & Magan Lott, 10  
Frank & Joanne Mason, 51  
Jack & Rose King, 69  
Jerrod & Sara Beyke, 25  
Madison & Marni Strobel, 25  
Matt & Holly Tierney, 5  
Patrick & Susan Marsch, 10  
Ralph & Emilee Ward, 56  
Stephen & Sheila Byrne, 50  
**Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**  
Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 70  
Gregory & Anita Jones, 53  
Jim & Maria Creighton, 53  
William & Ann Farrell, 52  
William & Linda Keach, 50

*Correction: In the August 2022 issue, the WKC printed information that stated Larry and Donna Kamuf of St. Martin Parish in Rome were celebrating their 40th anniversary, which is incorrect. They were celebrating their 50th anniversary.*

## A new book: "Hope and Firm Faith" tells the unique story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph



In a new book that is now for sale, the ministries and adventures of the Ursuline community are chronicled through the eyes of the Ursuline Sisters who lived them, using their own words from letters they sent. You will learn about many amazing women who managed to forge their own identity while devoting their lives in service to God and the Church.

If you would like to host an event with the author, please contact Dan Heckel at 270-229-2007 or [dan.heckel@maplemount.org](mailto:dan.heckel@maplemount.org)

Dan can tailor his talk to include your area if it is mentioned in the book.

### To order your copy of "Hope and Firm Faith:"

Order online at [ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book](http://ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book). Or to order by mail, send us your name, address, phone number and email. Indicate if you would like your book signed by the author.

The cost is \$37.10 (includes sales tax) plus \$10 for shipping. Make check payable to "Ursuline Sisters" and mail your check and information to:

**Book Order, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356**



## Escape to the Mount



## QUILT BINGO is back! Sunday, Sept. 11

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

### Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium

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**Enjoy lunch and  
have fun**

\$25 per person includes lunch

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Maple Mount KY 42356

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# Evangelizing adults

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

As I have been traveling around our diocese offering the Encounter Love/Encounter Jesus experience, one sentiment continues to come up, “Other adults in our parish need to experience this retreat...” Adults are hungry to grow in their faith and long to experience the joy and presence of God in their daily lives. What does the Church say about adult faith formation and how can this lead to helping Catholics evangelize?

The U.S. bishops say that the Catechumenal Model used in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is to be the model for all adult faith formation. The RCIA was approved in 1972 as the way to bring adults into the Church. The first of the four phases is Inquiry, where the individual is welcomed and specific care is taken to understand their needs and invite them into a relationship with Jesus through prayer. Personal stories of God’s activity are shared and the importance of trusting God and putting this relationship at the center of one’s life is the goal. Once the Catechumen (the adult to be baptized) desires to live in a right relationship with God and turn their lives over to Jesus, then the next stage begins, which is the Catechumenate – where they systematically learn the faith by studying the scriptures and walk with the parish community. Here the parish becomes the curriculum, and they learn what it means to follow Jesus by living with other disciples. Prior to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, they experience the third stage, which is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This time is rooted in deep prayer, reflection, and spiri-

tual exercises. Following the reception of the sacraments, the newly baptized spend “at least a year” in a formal process called Mystagogy, which is rooted in understanding and living the mystery of our faith. This whole process is the Catechumenal Model.

The RCIA has been a huge success in evangelizing adults by helping them to respond to Jesus’ invitation of divine union and a lifelong journey of learning and growth. The opportunity we now have is to help all adults in the Church to experience ongoing formation with this model. What might this look like?

A vibrant parish where adults evangelize other adults focuses on the importance of each member

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## We want to hear from you!

What do you wish you knew about evangelization? Do you want to know how to share your faith better with friends and family? Are you curious about parts of Catholicism that you don’t understand? Dr. Jeff Andrini wants to hear from you and maybe feature your questions in his column! Please email him at [jeff.andrini@pastoral.org](mailto:jeff.andrini@pastoral.org).

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# Labor Day: Reflecting on work and Christian spirituality

BY DEACON JAY W. VANHOOSIER, OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

There is a beautiful golf club in the community where I live. Because so many of its members live in houses on its perimeter, it's not unusual to see people riding to and fro in their golf carts. For many, this is a classic image of retirement.

I have to say that this image does not attract me all that much. I have nothing against golf. I actually like to swing a club every now and then at the driving range. I also enjoy watching major golf tournaments on television. The skills exhibited by professional golfers are truly amazing to behold. It is not the game of golf; it is the idea of not working that lacks appeal to me.

Let me explain my thoughts. In the West, we have such an ambivalent relationship with work in modern-day life. While often deriving our identity from "what we do," we also make retirement – the cessation of such work – a lifetime goal. Let me be clear – I do not begrudge anyone the space and relaxation that retirement affords. The opportunity to spend more time doing things one loves, as well as



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A depiction of St. Joseph holding a carpenter's square is seen in a stained-glass window in the chapel of St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, N.Y., in this 2020 photo. Work "anoints us" with dignity, Pope Francis once said in an address for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

being with family and friends, is good for the heart and soul. Nevertheless, there is an intrinsic value to work, whether one is drawing a paycheck or not. Thus, the reason behind the emphasis on the "rights and dignity of the worker" that is one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

As we move into Labor Day weekend, it is helpful to consider the important place that work has in Christian spirituality, as well as the value of striking a balance between work and rest. In her primer on the Benedictine Rule, author Jane Tomaine describes how it calls for "... a balance between physical activity and rest, work, and prayer, time alone and time together, work with the mind and work with the body" (St. Benedict's Toolbox). This understanding makes retirement less a goal and more of a movement towards other kinds of work. All of it, in the end, works together for the greater glory of God and the service of our fellow human beings. ■

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being a missionary disciple through baptism. Personal daily prayer and a living relationship with God is foundational and there is ownership for a co-responsibility with the pastor and staff to create a welcoming, kind, and dynamic community. The parish will be a community of small groups where people

regularly prayer together, share their lives and stories of faith and reflect on scripture. The Holy Spirit will be moving in the hearts of all members and the faith of the parish will be attractive to the world.

Please join me in praying for this renewal and email questions about evangelization you would like

to see addressed in this monthly column.

Peace in Christ,  
Jeff ■

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# The early years of autonomy for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

Before becoming an autonomous community, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph were a part of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. Less than 40 short years after arriving to Mount Saint Joseph, the MSJ Ursulines made the courageous move to break away from the larger Ursuline community of Louisville and become a separate community. Mount Saint Joseph was relatively young and becoming autonomous would cause many hardships. However, the MSJ Ursulines' pure faith in God and Kentucky spirit pushed them through the hard days that followed the separation from Louisville in 1912.

Anyone who has ever been to the Mount for a school field trip, religious retreat, or summer picnic may have a hard time imagining that life at the "Maple Mount" was once a self-sustaining struggle. However, in its early days of autonomy, it was a poor religious community in the middle of the wilderness. Archived interviews of some of the Ursuline Sisters who lived through these early days illuminate both the hardship and beauty of the struggle.

Nearly every bit of work was done by the sisters as the community had little money to hire labor. Sr. Joseph Marie Williams, OSU, who entered the novitiate in 1914, recalled getting up at 4 a.m. to start handwashing the community's laundry before going to church. Sr. Mary Jean Cotter, OSU, recalls working long, arduous hours in the fields of the farm, concluding, "We'd work all day and go to bed pretty early." Sr. Pauline Chamberlain, OSU, who entered in 1915, relayed that with help limited, often

they would be pulled from their studies to do work, "scrubbing here, scrubbing there, everywhere." All of this was done in full habits.



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES

The exterior of St. Angela Hall, erected in 1913, shortly after the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph gained autonomy from the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

With funds limited, they ate whatever they had. For breakfast the sisters had a meal of homemade bread and gravy, or a hot drink, like coffee. Sr. Mary Jean Cotter recalls that "beans, corn and tomatoes" were had for dinner. These were grown

on the Mount's farm. Numerous sisters recall that a favorite meal was a simple one, toast and molasses. Being too poor for preserves, molasses was a substitute; still, this meal was loved. Meat was not plentiful and dairy such as butter or milk was only had if you were sick as it was too expensive and precious to have otherwise.

Funds were very hard to come by. Being from a poor farming community, donations were nearly non-existent. As Sr. Marie Joseph Peterson, OSU, put it, they did not get donations, "Not in those days, not big enough to see." They largely existed on meager salaries from teaching and nearly anything else possible. Sr. Lucille Blincoe, OSU, recalls that herself and three to five other sisters sold their hair to raise money for the chapel fund.

Though the word "poor" is used numerous times throughout the interviews, the word "happy" is used perhaps just as often. Their financial status had no detrimental effects on their happiness. It actually seems to have made them happier. Sr. Mary Joseph, OSU, recalls that it was knowing what it was to be hungry that made eating their humble meals such a joy. Much can be gleaned from the words of these early sisters on happiness in God's will. Sr. Pauline's words can sum up what many of the interviews confirm, "We were happy and went after it in a happy way." ■

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# ‘I guess it was the love of Jesus!’

## *Gasper’s summer 2022 ‘didn’t want to end’*



COURTESY OF GASPER RIVER CAMP

Campers raise their hands in the air during a summer 2022 camp activity at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green.



COURTESY OF GASPER RIVER CAMP

Campers explore Gasper River during summer 2022 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green.

BY BEN WARRELL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Our 15th summer of camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center was amazing! Our theme this summer was the Woman at the Well. We talked about how Jesus seeks us always, thirsts for us, desires to encounter us and challenges us to change and go make more. The summer staff did a wonderful job breaking down and teaching about the daily themes of the week and really engaging and challenging the campers about their faith.

We were also very intentional about inviting the Holy Spirit into camp, to meet us, lead us and guide us through the week. I really believe this made

all the difference this summer. Each week that we had returning campers, many for several summers, multiple kids came to us and shared this was “The greatest week of camp we’ve ever had!” That has never happened before. It is so comforting to know that when we rely on the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will be there.

Again, Adoration was the highlight of most campers’ week. Several comments from camper evaluations said, “At Adoration, I felt the love of Jesus for the first time in my life.” “I felt like was just sitting in front of Jesus and having a conversation.” “I don’t know what it was, but I felt something wash over me at Adoration. I guess it was the love of Jesus!” “I have to be like the woman at the well and

go tell everyone what I learned about Jesus.” “Jesus is just awesome!”

We agree! Jesus is awesome and it’s up to all of us to share about our encounters with Him with others. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support for the ministry here and for all the donations to the camper scholarship fund. There are some summers when you’re ready for camp to be over and others where you wish it could keep on going. This was one of those summers! Always remember, Jesus didn’t come to the well for the water, He came for you! ■

*Ben Warrell is the director of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. Learn more at [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org).*



# Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

## *La historia de la Iglesia católica en la Frontera de Kentucky es un Avivamiento Eucarístico en sí mismo*



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El 14 de agosto de 2022, el Obispo William F. Medley celebró la Misa por el bicentenario de la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, la iglesia católica más antigua del condado de Daviess, Kentucky. En esta foto tomada en las festividades posteriores aparecen el Obispo Medley con el párroco actual, el Padre Shijo Vadakumkara, párroco anterior, el P. Augusty Valomchalil y cuatro Hermanas de la Caridad de Nazaret, cuya orden atendió a la parroquia durante muchos años. La Hna. Eula Johnson, SCN, y la Hna. Maggie Cooper, SCN, son nativas del condado de Daviess.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En junio de este año, la Iglesia católica de los Estados Unidos inició un Avivamiento Eucarístico de tres años. La mayoría de las diócesis marcaron este evento destacando la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi). Me uní a los feligreses de San José en Mayfield en una procesión de Corpus Christi alrededor de los terrenos

de su iglesia. Nos reunimos a la sombra de su antiguo edificio escolar que resultó dañado sin posibilidad de reparación por la destrucción de los tornados del 10 de diciembre de 2021. También podíamos ver decenas de edificios habían sido destruidos y se perdieron muchas vidas.

El terreno de la Parroquia de San José fue un lugar extraordinario para inaugurar este Avivamiento Eucarístico pidiendo a Dios que reviva la fe y esperanza en nuestra cultura y época en la que muchos han perdido el aprecio por nuestra tradición sacramental.

Varios meses después, el domingo 14 de agosto, me uní a la comunidad de la Parroquia de San Lorenzo en el este del condado de Daviess para celebrar su bicentenario. En 1822, el P. Charles Nerinx, uno de los primeros misioneros católicos en la Frontera de Kentucky, ofreció la primera Misa en el condado de Daviess en una casa privada para un grupo de familias católicas que se habían establecido allí. En los años siguientes, a partir de esta reunión, se organizó la Iglesia Católica de San Lorenzo con la aprobación del Obispo de Bardstown, Benedict Joseph Flaget. En 1824, nacido en Kentucky (en Sunfish, Ky., en nuestra diócesis) el P. Elisha Durbin ofreció atención pastoral a los católicos en el oeste de Kentucky, donde construyó muchas iglesias. En 1824 se construyó una pequeña iglesia de San Lorenzo hecha de troncos a la que siguió una estructura más perma-

CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY SEPTIEMBRE DE 2022	
1-4 DE SEPT.	Grupo de apoyo de obispos en San Meinrad
7 DE SEPT.	8:30 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro
8 DE SEPT.	11 a.m.   Misa de apertura – Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro
10 DE SEPT.	1:30 p.m.   Misa y visita con las Hermanas Pasionistas en celebración del 25 aniversario de la Madre Juan María – Monasterio de San José, Whitesville
11 DE SEPT.	2 p.m.   Misa de entrega de premios Sofia – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
14 DE SEPT.	10:30 a.m.   Misa del Arco Iris de las Escuelas Católicas – Centro Deportivo de Owensboro [Sportscenter], Owensboro
19 DE SEPT.	10 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC 1:30 p.m.   Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
20 DE SEPT.	6 p.m.   Imposición del Sagrado Palio a Monseñor Fabre – Catedral de la Asunción, Louisville
21-24 DE SEPT.	Cumbre de mesa redonda de liderazgo – Washington DC
25 DE SEPT.	2 p.m.   Celebración Diocesana de los Aniversarios de Matrimonios – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
27 DE SEPT.	10 a.m.   Horas de oficina en Paducah – Hospital Mercy Health Lourdes, Paducah
29 DE SEPT.	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.   Día del Presbiterio – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro

nente que rápidamente se quedó pequeña. La iglesia actual fue construida en la década de 1870.

Estas dos historias están unidas por 200 años de historia católica y por la fe de aquellos que nos han precedido y nos han transmitido la herencia invaluable de nuestra fe una, santa, católica (en este sentido “católica” tiene significado de “universal”),

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y apostólica.

En 1822, cuando se ofreció la primera Misa en el condado de Daviess, había asentamientos e iglesias católicas en los condados de Breckenridge y Grayson durante muchos años, también establecidos por primera vez por el P. Nerinx. Los asentamientos católicos se dispersaron por el centro de Kentucky a partir de 1775: la primera parroquia de la Santa Cruz se estableció en 1785 en Providence, Ky. La Diócesis de Bardstown se estableció en 1808 y abarcaba lo que hoy son los estados de Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois y Wisconsin. Cuando el Obispo Flaget fue nombrado obispo, había seis sacerdotes sirviendo en esta vasta área. La mayoría de los asentamientos católicos solo disfrutaban de la presencia de un sacerdote y la celebración de la Eucaristía después de largos intervalos.

Uno podría decir que la historia de la Iglesia católica en la Frontera de Kentucky es un Avivamiento Eucarístico en sí mismo. Porque la presencia de la fe y los sacramentos católicos puso en marcha un manantial de educación y servicio católico. En 1812 se fundaron dos congregaciones de mujeres religiosas, las Hermanas de Loretto y las Hermanas de la Caridad de Nazaret, las cuales continúan con los ministerios de educación, servicio y justicia social hasta el día de hoy. En 1822 también se establecieron allí las Hermanas Dominicas de Santa Catalina.

Oremos para que nuestro Avivamiento Eucarístico moderno sea tan fructífero como este momento único en nuestra historia. ■

*William F. Medley*

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



## El Diácono Ken Bennett es nuevo co-coordinador de culto

La Diócesis de Owensboro recientemente dio la bienvenida al Diácono Ken Bennett como el nuevo co-coordinador de la Oficina de Culto, trabajando con el co-coordinador, el P. Brandon Williams. El Diácono Bennett y su esposa, Helen, pertenecen a la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Owensboro. ■

FOTO POR CORTESÍA DEL DIÁCONO KEN BENNETT  
El Diácono Ken Bennett sostiene a Nicodemus Davis, a quien bautizó en marzo de 2021 en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Owensboro.

## VIVIENDO vidas Eucarísticas COMO DISCÍPULOS MISIONEROS

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El personal parroquial de San León en Murray le da la bienvenida a la Hna. Angélica López Rodríguez el 6 de agosto de 2022.

## La parroquia San León en Murray da la bienvenida a una nueva hermana

El 6 de agosto, la Parroquia de San León en Murray dio la bienvenida a la comunidad parroquial a la nueva ministra hispana, la Hna. Angélica López Rodríguez, durante la Misa en español de las 5:30 p.m. seguida por una celebración. ¡Por favor ore por la Hna. Angélica mientras comienza su nuevo ministerio! Puede comunicarse con ella al (270) 753-3876. ■

## El Campamento del Río Gasper concluye su 15º verano

“Nuestro decimoquinto campamento de verano en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper ¡fue increíble!” dice Ben Warrell, director del Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper en Bowling Green. “Nuestro tema este verano fue la Mujer junto al Pozo. También invitamos intencionalmente al Espíritu Santo al campamento, para que nos encontrara, nos guiara y nos orientara a lo largo de la semana. Realmente creo que esto hizo toda la diferencia este verano”.



CORTESÍA DEL CAMPAMENTO DEL RÍO GASPER

Los campistas se ayudan mutuamente a escalar el Muro de Taylor durante la temporada de campamentos de verano de 2022 en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper en Bowling Green. Taylor Widmer era un campista lleno de fe que falleció en 2014.

# Parroquias con ministerio hispano/latino

**Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam**  
107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

**Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green**  
434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes o Padre Corey Bruns (270) 842-2525

**Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie**  
7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234  
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (270) 265-5263 o (302) 438-7335

**Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin**  
403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY

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Contacto: Padre Tom Buckman o María Molina (270) 586-4515

**Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson**  
511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420  
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

**Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville**  
902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
Contacto: Sra. Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

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1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431  
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (270) 821-5494 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

**Parroquia de San José, Mayfield**  
702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066  
Contacto: Hermana María Lina Ramos (270) 247-2843

**Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown**  
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**Parroquia de San Leo, Murray**  
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5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001  
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**Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree**  
57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455  
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## Terapeutas de habla hispana

Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro ofrece un programa único de asistencia de consejería llamado CAP (por sus siglas en inglés). A través del programa CAP, Caridades Católicas colabora con varios consejeros en todo el oeste de Kentucky que ofrecen sus servicios a una tarifa reducida para los feligreses de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Aprendan más en [owensborodiocese.org/servicios-de-consejeria/](http://owensborodiocese.org/servicios-de-consejeria/).

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# Mujeres participan en el retiro de Cristo Renueva su Parroquia de 2022



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Las participantes del retiro de mujeres hispanas de Cristo Renueva su Parroquia del 29 al 31 de julio de 2022, que se llevó a cabo en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro.

Del 29 al 31 de julio, 34 mujeres de la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, y algunas de otras parroquias vecinas, participaron en un retiro de mujeres hispanas de Cristo Renueva su Parroquia. Fueron dirigidas por más de 32 miembros del equipo central. El retiro de hombres está programado del 28 al 30 de octubre de 2022. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina de la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo al (270) 683-5641. ■

## La diócesis publica un informe de 10 páginas sobre las sesiones de escucha regionales del sínodo

La Iglesia universal participa actualmente en el Sínodo sobre la Sinodalidad. Este es un proceso de escucha de dos años que comienza a nivel local y culmina con el Sínodo de los Obispos con el Papa Francisco en Roma en octubre de 2023. El Papa Francisco quiere que el Sínodo de los Obispos de 2023 se base en los aportes de todos los católicos del mundo. En la Diócesis de Owensboro, llevamos a cabo sesiones de escucha parroquiales en enero y febrero de 2022 y luego llevamos a cabo sesiones de escucha regionales con el Obispo Medley durante el mes de marzo de 2022. Un informe que refleja el fruto del proceso de escuchar en nuestra diócesis fue presentado a la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. El informe completo se encuentra en <https://owensborodiocese.org/sinodo/>. ■