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# A Word From Bishop Medley

## Mary our mother and her role in salvation history

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we look ahead to just the next few weeks in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, we might be struck by prominence of the veneration of Mary reflected on these days. Over a period of about six weeks there are at least six feasts associated with Mary – some major, some lesser known. These are but a handful of feasts and remembrances by which the Church holds Mary up to us for veneration, ever reminding us that God acted through a woman to bring about our salvation.

The most prominent of these during these weeks is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary observed on August 15, recalling the Church's assurance that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven upon her earthly death. In some places this feast is remembered as the "falling asleep" of Mary. The widespread observance of this event dates from the fifth century and reflects the Church's confidence that Mary was rewarded for her faithful assent to God's will.

On August 22 – the eighth day of the Assumption octave – we observe the Queenship of Mary. There is a naturalness to using a whole week to mark special observances and while the Queenship of Mary may not seem to impact us directly, it speaks of the importance the Church assigns to Mary. Perhaps our greatest familiarity with this title is the fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary, the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of Heaven

Earlier this month, on August 5, there is in the calendar a lesser-known feast associated with Mary. After the Council of Ephesus in 431 where Mary was definitively identified as the Mother of God, Pope Sixtus III erected in Rome the oldest basilica in the West dedicated to Mary – the Basilica of St. Mary Major. This basilica still stands and each time Pope Francis travels outside of Rome he goes to the shrine to pray before an image of Mary both upon his leaving and his return.

When we move into September, we encounter even more Marian feasts. September 8 is observed as the Nativity (birthday) of Mary. This feast also dates from the fifth century and specifically marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem which is, according to tradition, on the location of the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary. All things tie together: September 8 is precisely nine months after December 8, when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – recalling that Mary alone was conceived without sin.

The optional feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary is observed on September 12 and celebrates exactly what it says: that the very name of Mary is holy! With this we are reminded that it is Mary's words in the Magnificat that proclaim, "Holy is God's name."

The final tribute to Mary in these weeks is celebrated on September 15 as the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The day before, September 14, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This memorial of Mary reminds us of the centrality of the

<b>BISHOP MEDLEY'S AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR</b>	
<b>August 2-3</b>	<b>McRaith Catholic Center Staff Retreat – Saint Meinrad</b>
<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>Fancy Farm Picnic – St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm</b>
<b>AUGUST 12</b>	<b>5 p.m.   Confirmation – St. Michael Parish, Sebree</b>
<b>AUGUST 13</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Mass in Celebration of 75th Anniversary of the Parish – Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro</b>
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Cross in our faith and devotion, signifying the very human dimension of this mystery of our faith.

These are but a handful of the opportunities the Church presents us to venerate Mary. Perhaps in another column I can speak of some other feasts of Mary: the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (November 21), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

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Mary (December 8), the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), and the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, (January 1).

Even these are not all. We also honor Mary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), the feast of the Visitation (May 31), and the memorials of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11) and Our Lady of Fatima (May 13). The list does not end here, for not all Marian feasts are listed in the Church calendar in the United States.

If we as Catholics are not attuned to the place of Mary in our salvation history, it is not because the

Church does not hold this before us.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Diocese of Owensboro

## Carmel Home pioneer celebrates 75 years of religious life



BY SR. MARIA CARMELITA NAVARRO CARMEL, DCJ,  
SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On July 2, 2023, Sr. M. Bernadette Niehaus, Carmel DCJ, commemorated her 75th jubilee of religious profession as a Carmelite Sister of the Divine Heart of Jesus at the Carmel Home Chapel.

Sr. M. Bernadette entered the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on Sept. 7, 1946, and made her first profession of vows in 1948. She was sent to Owensboro, Kentucky in 1952 with three other Carmelite Sisters to help open Carmel Home.

She served the residents at Carmel Home until 1964 when she was sent to Wisconsin to study nursing. After graduating, she worked with the children and elderly, serving in the congregation in various other capacities (resident care, procurator, organist, local superior, and sacristan) in Wisconsin, Kentucky, Missouri, and Michigan. In March 2005, she was transferred back to her Old Kentucky Home where she enjoyed playing the organ for Mass, being sacristan, gardening, and visiting Residents. Sister moved to the Carmel

COURTESY OF CARMEL HOME

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## Happy anniversary to our priests!

**Fr. J. Edward Bradley | Ordained  
8/9/1975**

Retired

**Fr. Jerry Riney | Ordained 8/9/1975**

Retired

**Fr. Julian Ibemere | Ordained  
8/6/1998**

Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Oak Grove

**Fr. John Ighacho | Ordained  
8/28/1990**

Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Central City.

**Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo | Ordained  
8/19/1995**

Pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

**Fr. Jude Okeoma | Ordained  
8/22/2009**

Parochial vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville

**Fr. Chrispin Oneko | Ordained  
8/25/1990**

Pastor of St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm; and St. Charles Parish, Bardwell

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Home Infirmary in 2022 where she continues to serve as resident advocate and leads the prayers in the dining room. ■

Sr. Maria Carmelita Navarro Carmel, DCJ, is the local superior for the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, who operate the Carmel Home in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF CARMEL HOME  
Sr. M. Bernadette Niehaus, Carmel DCJ, with Carmel Home resident Mary Faulkner.

*We are happy to congratulate  
Saint Meinrad graduates  
Rev. Christopher Grief and  
Rev. Christopher Kight on their  
ordination to the priesthood.*

**Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB,  
and the students, faculty, monks  
and staff of Saint Meinrad Seminary  
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COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH  
Sister Nancy Liddy, OSU, places the Associate pin on new Associate Wes Wheatley. Sister Nancy was his contact Sister during formation.

## Associates and Sisters Day brings friends together to share faith and learn about the Eucharist

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

One of the highlights of the year at Maple Mount is Associates and Sisters Day. This brings together the lay people who have committed to share in the mission of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

This year's program was on June 24, with Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, serving as the keynote speaker. She wowed the crowd with her

topics, "From Incarnation to Eucharist," and "Living a Eucharistic Life," incorporating the importance of the Eucharist with insights from St. Angela Merici and St. Mere Marie of the Incarnation.

Four new Ursuline Associates committed themselves to embrace the charism of the Ursuline Sisters: Jamie and Alice Durbin of McLean County, Linda Rocco of Owensboro, and Wes Wheatley of Hancock County. ■

## ‘Making a good marriage even better’

*With Grace Marriage, Owensboro diocese ‘ahead of curve’ in helping marriages thrive*

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

After taking off throughout the Diocese of Owensboro, a marriage enrichment program is expanding to other dioceses and parishes around the United States as leaders seek ways to embrace the Vatican’s proposal of a catechumenal model for marriage formation.

The program, called Grace Marriage, is for “making a good marriage even better,” according to Danny May, the Diocese of Owensboro’s director of marriage and family life, who helped provide the supplemental Catholic content for the curriculum, which was originally written from a non-denominational perspective.

“We don’t just want people to get married – we want them to stay married and have joyful marriages,” said May, explaining that parish marriage ministries tend to be limited to two areas: wedding and marriage preparation, and support for marriages in crisis.

But initiatives like Grace Marriage bridge the gap between premarital formation and trying to repair the damage of daily stresses and bad habits that have chipped away at a marriage.

“Marriage enrichment is what you do to keep a marriage thriving,” said May.

In January 2022, the Diocese of Owensboro was one of the first five dioceses in the United States to receive a \$50,000 matching grant from the Catholic Marriage Initiatives Fund.

The diocese had already been offering Grace



COURTESY OF GRACE MARRIAGE  
Brad and Marilyn Rhoads of Owensboro, Ky., are the cofounders of Grace Marriage.

Marriage prior, but thanks to the grant, it has been able to expand to 13 locations across western Kentucky – growing from 11 couples in the pilot program to 175 couples as of this story’s publication.

And while the Diocese of Owensboro was the first to begin offering the program to its parishes, other dioceses who have since gotten involved include the Diocese of Evansville, Ind., the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., and the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif.

There are also several parishes in Louisville, Ky., and a parish in Minneapolis, Minn., who utilize Grace Marriage in their ministries.

May joined the diocese in December 2017, at a time when his office was undergoing a critical shift from being called the Office of Family Life to the Office of Marriage and Family Life.

Having marriage as the key component in his office’s objectives just makes sense, said May, explaining that “the heart of the Church is the family, and the heart of the family is marriage.”

“We need to focus on both marriage prep and enrichment, and that’s directly from Pope Francis,” he said, referencing the catechumenal model for marriage formation described in the “Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life” document issued by the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

Grace Marriage could not have come at a better time.

When May first learned about the marriage enrichment program, several local Catholics had already been involved with it, finding in Grace Marriage a resource that had been virtually absent in most parish life ministries.

By the time he sat down with Grace Marriage cofounder Brad Rhoads, May discovered that Rhoads had already read Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation “Amoris laetitia” (The Joy of Love) in order to better understand Catholic perspectives on marriage.

Rhoads and his wife, Marilyn, founded Grace Marriage in 2012, after witnessing the breakdown of marriages and families in their respective fields – his as an attorney in the courtroom, and hers as a counselor with her master’s in social work.

“On some level, everybody struggles,” Rhoads told The Western Kentucky Catholic during an interview at the Grace Marriage headquarters in Owensboro.

He said the program helps couples realize that “we’re imperfect people who have struggles, but we’re built on the rock versus built on the sand” by having their marriage grounded in Christ.

He said the program stands out because it is ongoing – as opposed to most marriage coaching

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### COURTESY OF ESTES FAMILY

Renea and Jonathon Estes with their children Mason, Luke, Chapel and Chaney. Renea Estes is a marriage ministry consultant with Grace Marriage and serves as a Catholic liaison.

programs that have a beginning and a conclusion.

Instead, Grace Marriage sessions meet on a quarterly basis for several hours. The sessions include some video presentations and small group conversations, but prioritize time with the husbands and wives talking one-on-one through discussion prompts and workbook questions “because most of the time that’s not going to happen” amid life’s busyness, said Rhoads.

“Unless you fight to stay close together, life will quickly divide a couple,” he said. “It takes intentional investment.”

Renea Estes – today a marriage ministry consultant with Grace Marriage who serves as a liaison to Catholic communities – and her husband, Jonathon, were among the first local Catholics to engage with the program.

After hearing about Grace Marriage from a friend and attending sessions in 2018 at a Baptist church, the Estes encountered several fellow Catholic couples who loved Grace Marriage. Together, they agreed that “we need this!” in the wider Catholic community.

The Estes met with May and Bishop William

F. Medley, and soon after the diocese decided to launch a pilot program in 2019 to see how it would be received.

“Then it took off,” said Estes.

She left the corporate world during Covid and began working with Grace Marriage in 2021 to specifically work with Catholic clients – and has seen the initiative bear fruit for the many parishes and couples she has encountered.

“We provide the tools and materials for them to be able to add this ministry to their parish,” she said. “It can be lay-led and doesn’t have to take a lot of time or budget from the parish, other than having the parish help promote it.”

Estes said Grace Marriage’s adaptable nature has made it accessible for parish life.

Many parishes’ groups meet on Saturday mornings once a quarter, though one new group plans to meet every Saturday for a month, based on parishioners’ preferences. Some groups are limited to registered parishioners, while others share a group across a county or parish cluster.

Several parishes are already heading into their third or fourth year of Grace Marriage, and May is encouraged to see that “they still want it.”

Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green will soon launch their second year of Grace Marriage.

Carolyn Fusting, who with her husband, David, helped establish Grace Marriage at Holy Spirit, said the sessions provide the opportunity “to be around other couples who want to build up their Catholic marriages.”

David Fusting said that in terms of growing a healthy marriage, “I don’t think we’re meant to do that alone. Grace Marriage provides that opportunity to listen to others’ examples and stories. We’re meant to thrive in community.”

Carolyn Fusting said Grace Marriage works because it is practical, such as helping couples learn to work through “the everyday struggles.”

“If you’re having a bad day, you can be compassionate and bring grace to (your spouse’s life), rather than griping back at them,” she said. “If we can do that, we’re going to live our married life more Christ-centered.”

Rhoads is pleased to see how Grace Marriage has taken off in the Owensboro diocese and beyond.

“When people make time for their marriage and dedicate time to enjoy it – when people invest in it

– they find there is more there than they realized,” he said, adding that the ages of participants are

“surprisingly consistent among both younger and older

people: we’ve seen people married for 60 years and people married for one month.”

He said his hope is to teach the new generation of married couples “a new way to do marriage.”

“It’s neat to see the Owensboro diocese ahead of the curve,” said Rhoads. “I’m proud of how Owensboro is taking the lead.” ■



### COURTESY OF FUSTING FAMILY

David and Carolyn Fusting, who belong to Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, Ky., helped launch the program at their parish last year.

# ‘Happening in our own hearts’

## *Acts 2:42 Small Groups to foster greater connections among parishioners*



SCREENSHOT  
Deacon Chris Gutiérrez (left) and Bishop William F. Medley (right) will lead video reflections for the Acts 2:42 small group series, which launches in September.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE  
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This fall, across the Diocese of Owensboro, parish-based small groups will begin a series of meetings in order to “help people see what it means to receive and live the Eucharist” according to the diocese’s evangelization and discipleship director.

The initiative, called Acts 2:42 Small Groups, references the scripture passage in which the early Christians “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”

Dr. Andrini, who directs the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, said these sessions are a key part of the diocese observing the Year of Parish Revival, which is year two of the National Eucharistic Revival.

“The idea is that the Revival is not just an idea out there – it’s something happening in our own

hearts,” he said.

The two-hour sessions are designed to take place in people’s homes once a month. The sessions include prayer, reading scripture excerpts and passages from various documents of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, discussion time, and prerecorded video

reflections available in both English and Spanish. The sessions will meet from September 2023 to May 2024.

The video reflections for English-speaking small groups will be given by Bishop William F. Medley, and the video reflections for Spanish-speaking small groups will be given by Deacon Chris Gutiérrez – the diocese’s director of Hispanic/Latino ministry – and by several Hispanic/Latino ministers from across western Kentucky.

Currently, 34 primarily English-speaking parishes are signed up to participate in the initiative, and eight to 10 parishes with Hispanic/Latino ministry are signed up to participate. Dr. Andrini estimated that the small groups will consist of about eight to 12 people per group.

He said the small group hosts undergo training so they can adequately lead their fellow participants. Deacon Gutiérrez said he has been inspired by working with many of the hosts.

“After going around our the diocese to train Hispanic parish coordinators of Acts 2:42, I perceived a renewed enthusiasm and excitement about gathering in homes to reflect, pray and share on the beauty and gift of the Eucharist,” he said.

Dr. Andrini said one of the goals of his office has been to establish small groups out of every parish in the diocese, so he looks forward to this opportunity for the faithful.

“Small groups help people feel connected to the community,” he said, adding that after the pandemic, “people are lonelier than ever” – and seek more connections with others.

“What does every adult Catholic need and in most cases want?” he asked. “Love, belonging, meaning, a growing relationship with God and others... this is why small groups are so important for parish life today!”

Bishop Medley said his hope is that the 78 parishes will “embrace this opportunity” to “invite the faithful to join together to explore the place of the Holy Eucharist in our lives.”

“This engagement can be a firm building block for the three-year National Eucharistic Revival,” he said.

Dr. Andrini said that if someone’s parish is not currently participating in the initiative, that they are welcome to reach out to him directly for materials to lead their own small group within their family. He can be reached at [jeff.andrini@pastoral.org](mailto:jeff.andrini@pastoral.org). ■



# Resurrecting: While tornado recovery continues, Dawson Springs community holds groundbreaking for new church



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Attendees look on as Bishop William F. Medley gives a final blessing at conclusion of the groundbreaking of Resurrection Catholic Church in Dawson Springs, Ky., on July 8, 2023.

BY RILEY GREIF, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Eighteen months after devastating tornadoes ripped through western Kentucky, Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs gathered in the rain on the property where their church once stood. Resurrection Parish, severely damaged by the tornado, was deemed a total loss. After months of hard work, planning, and adjustments, they finally gathered for a groundbreaking. A new church will be constructed where the previous one stood.

Bishop William F. Medley noted in his homily that the parish was “aptly named” and noticed that the city of Dawson Springs has already begun its “resurrection,” rebuilding the homes and businesses



RILEY GREIF | WKC

Individuals, including Fr. David Kennedy and Bishop William F. Medley, gather in the rain for the groundbreaking of Resurrection Catholic Church in Dawson Springs, Ky., on July 8, 2023. The rain ended by the time the groundbreaking service began.

destroyed.

For the past 18 months, parishioners have gathered for Mass at Rhonda and Donnie Mills’ shed on the property of their home, which was unscathed by the Dec. 10, 2021 storms. Rhonda Mills has “heard no complaints” about the setup, even when they celebrated First Communion under their carport. She said the community is “just glad to stay together.”

The event began with two scripture readings and a homily by Bishop Medley. The sun shone through the clouds as the Gospel was proclaimed, “you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church” from the Gospel of Matthew. Bishop Medley then blessed the grounds with holy water and remarked



RILEY GREIF | WKC

Deacon Mike Marsili, Rhonda Mills, Fr. David Kennedy, Bishop William F. Medley, Joe Keller, and Carol Keller participate in the groundbreaking of Resurrection Catholic Church in Dawson Springs, Ky., on July 8, 2023.

that God had blessed the grounds a few minutes ago with the rain that cleared as the service began. Next, a group composed of Bishop Medley, pastor Fr. David Kennedy, Deacon Mike Marsili, Rhonda Mills, and Joe Carol Keller broke the ground.

Fr. David Kennedy expressed his gratitude for the support and generosity they have received from people all over the country. He said he has seen firsthand how this tragedy has “brought people together to be strong in Spirit”. His hope is that the faithfulness of the community will inspire generations to come.

Early diocesan projections have the church finished in summer 2024. ■

# Following Logan Davis's legacy, Gasper campers share 'support and encouragement' through new activities



RILEY GREIF | WKC

(Left photo) Ben Warrell, the director of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green, assists a camper about to do the Leap of Faith activity on June 11, 2023. (Right photo) Fr. Jason McClure, chaplain for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green, celebrates Mass on June 11, 2023.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Three years after the Catholic community in western Kentucky lost a beloved teen, his faith-filled impact is felt to this day by campers at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

This summer, youth attending the Bowling Green area camp have been able to remember Logan Davis in a tangible way with Tower #68, named after the teen's Owensboro Catholic High School football jersey number.

The tower is located on Gasper's newly-acquired 30-acre property, across the river from its existing 170-acre campus. The tower features beginner and advanced climbing walls, rappelling, and a free flight named the Leap of Faith.

"The kids have really taken to Tower #68," said Ben Warrell, the director of the camp and retreat center, which is a ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro. "Getting to share Logan's story with any kid who does the tower is a really powerful moment."

Davis, a rising senior and 6-foot-3, 320-pound offensive guard and defensive tackle, died on July 11, 2020, following a one-vehicle automobile accident in Owensboro.

In addition to his committed faith, loyal friendship, and deep love for his mom and sister, Davis was a regular at Gasper, always cheering on his fellow summer campers.

In a September 2020 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic, Warrell shared that Davis had a particular love for Jesus in the Eucharist af-

ter experiencing Adoration at Gasper as a middle schooler.

In that article, Warrell said he believes it was in Adoration that Davis realized "we're not made for this world: we're made for something greater" and described the youth as someone who "wasn't going to judge you; he would love you for who you are."

Speaking to the WKC on July 11, 2023, three years to the day that Davis passed away, Warrell said he has witnessed that same spirit echoed in the campers who come to Gasper today.

"Seeing that support and encouragement of each other is just beautiful," said Warrell, noting that this is especially seen among participants of Tower #68.

Whether it is kids cheering for a fellow camper about to jump out on the Leap of Faith, or youth

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ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Campers display homemade pretzels they made during the “baking” track on June 11, 2023 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

shouting advice and encouragement to their peers on the climbing wall, Warrell said he feels Davis’s legacy.

“Having a new challenge (with Tower #68) is just a beautiful thing to see them stretch themselves,” he said, which offers the opportunity “to continually challenge these young people to grow as people and in their faith as well.”

Tower #68 is only one of the new features at camp this summer.

Gasper has become known for its dedication to the Catholic faith, including Mass, Adoration, confession, and small groups, as well as its challenging activities like the zipline, team-building games, giant swing, vertical playground, and more.

But this year, Gasper has introduced “tracks” so campers can participate in even more activities. This includes baking, nature, sports, and survival.

“It’s been great to see friendships blossom because of disc golf or making pretzels,” said Warrell. “It helps the kids get to know each other better by sharing their likes.”

“Little changes” like these tracks provide “something new to challenge them and help them grow,” said Warrell.

Camps continue to be offered for a wide range of ages – Explorer Camp (third and fourth grade), Expedition Camp (fifth and sixth grade), Quest Camp (seventh and eighth grade), and Camp LIFE (high school and graduated seniors), which stands for “Live It For Eternity.”

Warrell and his staff look forward to some much-needed updates to camp this fall.

“In November we plan to begin widening and paving the driveway,” he said, in reference to the long, winding gravel entryway.

They also look forward to launching their first capital campaign since Gasper opened in 2007. With these funds, they hope to build a bridge across the river, so they no longer need to drive groups of campers up the street to get from the original property to the new property with Tower #68.

Warrel said that post-Covid, they have seen an uptick of more than 30 retreats a year, including more adult retreats. This summer Gasper is at approximately 450 youth campers, bumping them above even pre-Covid numbers.

“We’ve been intentional about inviting the Holy Spirit,” he said, adding that he was once advised, “if you don’t dream big, you’re putting limits on what you believe God can do.”

He is also encouraged by notes that he often receives from parents, such as a mom whose son did not originally want to come to camp, but now he wants to return next year – as well as wanting to attend Mass more often.

“I’ve been blown away by what the Holy Spirit has done this summer,” he said. ■



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

During the “survival” track on June 11, 2023, staff show campers how to build and sustain a fire during Camp LIFE (Live It For Eternity) at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

## *In their own words...*

*“I’ve seen myself grow tremendously as a Catholic as well as a person. My greatest hope for camp is for it to grow even more: for more kids to come and even consider becoming staff themselves.”*

*-Caroline Long, first-year staff member from Hopkinsville, who attended as a camper for six years*

*“The activities and learning the different elements can transform your faith. My favorite is the Jacob’s ladder because of the teamwork.”*

*-Braxton McCoy, rising junior from Bowling Green*

*I’ve been coming to Gasper for 11 years. I started coming in third grade. My favorite thing this summer has been the new tower.”*

*-Landon Shupe, class of ‘23 high school graduate from Marshall County, who is serving as a SIT (Staff In Training) this summer*

## What's new in the New Evangelization?

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Was the old evangelization broken or deficient in some way? Is the New Evangelization a “new and improved” type? And what does this strange Greek word mean anyway?

The word “evangelize” in Latin, “evangelizare,” means to “spread or preach the Gospel” and this comes from the Greek root “euangelizesthai,” meaning to “bring good news.” Evangelization is literally the core mission of the Catholic Church, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. At the end of Jesus’s life on earth, before his Ascension, he commissioned the disciples to “Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching all I have commanded.” This great commission is given to you and me today.

Since the Second Vatican Council, there has been a renewed call and understanding of the mission of the Church. In 1983, Pope John Paul II declared that the fifth centenary of the first evangelization of the Americas (1492-1992) should mark the beginning of a new era of evangelization; “new in its ardor, methods, and expression.” He added that “The time has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization.”

Today, as we continue this mission to the world, the New Evangelization has taken a turn to focus more directly on those who are already Catholic.

The United States Catholic Bishops’ website says this: “The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special

way, the New Evangelization is focused on ‘re-proposing’ the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith.”

This call to deepen our faith is not just about understanding the teachings of our Church but is more focused on a living relationship with Jesus: a daily encounter with our living God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to be more formed by the teachings of Jesus and led by God’s Spirit instead of overwhelmed by the chaos of our day, the sins of our Church leaders or our own desire for comfort and security. The Gospel, the Good News is that God is with us and wants us to experience abundant life in communion with the Trinity. How many of us Catholics know this type of abundance

and are willing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus?

The New Evangelization starts in our own hearts and in our relationship with Jesus. As you may know, the National Eucharistic Revival is currently happening in our country, and we launched the Year of Parish Revival this past Corpus Christi Sunday. As we enter into this special year, may the parishes of our diocese and every Catholic encounter anew the love, care, presence, and power of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in each of us as we carry his presence into the world. Follow along with the Acts 2:42 Small Groups taking place in our diocese by reading this column each month. We will highlight evangelization and how the monthly topic challenges us to live the Eucharistic Revival.

Peace in Christ,

Jeff ■

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# The Lord is speaking but are we listening?

BY DEACON JAY W. VANHOOSIER, OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Sometimes people need to get our attention and they blurt out, “listen.” When that happens our response is, “I need to hear this.” It could be listening to a teacher’s instructions, or listening to your parents or maybe a friend sharing something they want to make sure we hear. In a way, this is what is happening in the scene of the Transfiguration. The Father says, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Sometimes we are so busy talking to God (like Peter) we forget that God wants us to listen because he wants to speak to us. But that begs a basic question: When it comes to hearing from God, do we want to hear from him?

It is easy to look at prayer as a one-way communication. However, if we look at prayer as us talking to God, we will miss God talking to us. We all know what it is like to talk with someone who talks but who never listens. It is frustrating. Likewise, God wants us to learn to listen to him. God has no problem communicating. Over and over God interacts with people in a variety of ways. God spoke to Daniel through visions, Balaam through a donkey, Peter through a rooster, and of all things, he spoke to Moses out of a bush that was on fire! He is a God who says in Isaiah 28:23, “Give ear and hear my voice, pay attention and hear my word...”

When we are talking to God in prayer remember to give him a turn. Give God a chance to speak and when he speaks, listen to him. Learning to hear the Lord’s voice does not have to be complicated. But it does require some discipline to find a quiet place

and to allow some time just listening.

Have you ever been in a crowded room where everyone is talking? Your spouse is in the room and if you listen very carefully, you can make out his or her distinctive voice. To everybody else who doesn’t know him or her, that voice would have blended into the cacophony, but because you know your spouse, you would recognize his or her voice. This is how we recognize God’s voice as well. Because we know God, we will recognize his voice even above life’s noise. The more we pause and listen for his voice, the more we will become familiar with it and the more our ears will tune in to it. ■

*Deacon Jay W. VanHoosier is the Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Owensboro.*



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A woman closes her eyes in prayer during Eucharistic Adoration at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11, 2023.

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# Vacation Bible School 2023 *across the diocese*

Across the diocese, kids spent the summer exploring, traveling the world, going on adventures with their pets, and some even went to outer space... all from the comfort of their parishes. Though themes may have all been different, the goal was the same: to gain an understanding that Jesus helps guide us through this life. It was a great way to learn more about the Catholic faith while having fun and making new friends. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this another great summer of Vacation Bible School.



COURTESY OF ST. AGNES PARISH  
Children pose in front of a display as they get ready for classes in their Pets Unleashed Vacation Bible School at St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown.



COURTESY OF ALLISON STEEN-BAKER  
Children dance during a segment at Vacation Bible School at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. Their theme was Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light.



COURTESY OF ROBIN MURPHEY  
Rachel Hardesty, a volunteer at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish's VBS, runs the children through a course of activities outside the Owensboro parish.



COURTESY OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH  
VBS kids play outside on a slip-n-slide covered with soap at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah. This year was the first year they held it on church grounds -- with 90 kids participating.

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COURTESY OF LAUREN JOHNSON

Children play a game outside St. William Parish in Knottsville during Vacation Bible School 2023. Their theme was "Cathletics! 'For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come,' 1 Timothy 4:8."

## Special Announcement

*The Diocese of Owensboro Division of School & Community Nutrition will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.*

Breakfast will cost \$2.25; lunch will cost \$3.25. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Reduced-price meals cost \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

To learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/school-food-service](http://owensborodiocese.org/school-food-service)

## Catholic Schools Office announces new principals

BY WKC STAFF

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Owensboro is excited to announce and welcome six new principals for the Catholic schools of western Kentucky as the new school year begins.

The new principals are Emily Girten, John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield; Clint Board, St. Romuald Interparochial School in Hardinsburg;

George Powell, Owensboro Catholic High School in Owensboro; Chip Schrader, Owensboro Catholic Middle School in Owensboro; Wendy Kenny, Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus in Owensboro; and Kristin Miller, Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus in Owensboro.

Please pray for our new principals and for all of our schools as we embark on the 2023-2024 school year.



COURTESY OF OCS  
Chip Schrader is the new principal of Owensboro Catholic Middle School in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF CLINT BOARD  
Clint Board is the new principal of St. Romuald Interparochial School in Hardinsburg.



COURTESY OF EMILY GIRTEN  
Emily Girten is the new principal of John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield.



COURTESY OF OCS  
George Powell is the new principal of Owensboro Catholic High School in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF OCS  
Kristin Miller is the new principal of Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF OCS  
Wendy Kenny is the new principal of Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus in Owensboro.

# Recipients of 2023 SLIM awards and certificates announced

BY WKC STAFF

This summer the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth Ministry recognized the recipients of the 2023 Servant Leaders in Ministry (SLIM) awards. Based on nominations from the parishes, the youth ministry office selects up to 18 youth from around the diocese who have made outstanding contributions to their parishes, communities and the diocese.

The names are submitted to Robin Tomes, administrative assistant for the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, who coordinates with office director Charlie Hardesty in reviewing the nominees.

"Every year when Robin and I sit down to select our recipients for Student Leaders in Ministry awards, I'm always reminded of just how blessed we are in this diocese," said Hardesty. "The young people that have been nominated this year are simply wonderful and deserving of this recognition. We are grateful for their continued leadership and pray God's blessing for them as they continue to live a life of faith and service."

This year's 15 winners received a plaque, and all nominated youth receive a certificate of recognition. This year's winners and certificate of recognition recipients are listed below.

*Award nominees:*

Olivia Ford, Blessed Mother, Nominated by Christina Barnard

Emily Solorza, Holy Name, Nominated by Beth Probus

Thomas Eyre, Holy Name, Nominated by Beth

*Probus*

Kaylee Hutchinson, Our Lady of Lourdes, Nominated by Sandy Fleming

Sam Fulkerson, Precious Blood, Nominated by Sr. Rosanne Spalding

Lilly Watson, St. Francis de Sales, Nominated by Sondra Rankin and Ging Smith

Conner Thomas, St. Jerome, Nominated by Peyton Hutson

Macy Marler, St. Jerome, Nominated by Peyton Hutson

Natalie Elder, St. Jerome, Nominated by Peyton Hutson

Rose Forney, St. Mary (Franklin), Nominated by Fr. Tom Buckman

Landon Shupe, St. Pius X (Calvert City), Nominated by Paula Schmidt

Savannah Masterson, St. Pius X (Owensboro), Nominated by Matt Knight

Randi Carol Porter, Sts. Joseph and Paul, Nominated by Aynde Bennett and April Dickens

Carly Chaudoin, Sts. Peter and Paul, Nominated by Libby Downs

Eva Blankenberger, Sts. Peter and Paul, Nominated by Libby Downs

*Certificate recipients:*

Mary Dolinger, Blessed Mother, Nominated by Christina Barnard

RayAnne Howard, Blessed Mother, Nominated by Christina Barnard

Alexis Hatchett, Blessed Sacrament, Nominated by Sr. Jeannette Fennewald

Nolan Murphy, Precious Blood, Nominated by Sr. Rosanne Spalding



COURTESY OF ST. MARY PARISH  
Fr. Tom Buckman (center) with SLIM certificate recipient Ariel Molina Jr., and SLIM award nominee Rose Forney.

Avery Thompson, St. Jerome, Nominated by Peyton Hutson

Ryan Hayden, St. Jerome, Nominated by Peyton Hutson

Hannah Ramos, St. Joseph (Bowling Green), Nominated by Joseph McGinnis

Ariel Molina Jr., St. Mary (Franklin), Nominated by Fr. Tom Buckman. ■

*To learn more about youth ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, visit [owensborodiocese.org/youth-ministry](http://owensborodiocese.org/youth-ministry) or email [charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org](mailto:charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org).*



## Pope to young people: To tackle life's ups and downs, look to the elderly



CNS PHOTO/VATICAN MEDIA

Pope Francis greets 100-year-old Lucilla Macelli before celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, marking World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 23, 2023.

BY JUSTIN MCLELLAN, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Gospel calls Christians to bring the elderly to the center of their lives and away from the margins of families, politics and financial markets that banish them as “unprofitable waste” in society, Pope Francis said.

“Let it not happen that by pursuing the myths of efficiency and performance at full speed we become unable to slow down to accompany those who struggle to keep up,” he said in his homily at a Mass for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in St. Peter's Basilica July 23.

“Please, let us mingle and grow together,” he said.

Elderly persons in wheelchairs were seated in the front row before the altar and alongside Pope Francis. Several grandparents with young children in tow were scattered among the estimated 6,000

people in attendance in the basilica.

“We need a new alliance between young people and the elderly,” Pope Francis told them in his homily, “so that the sap of those who have a long experience of life behind them will nourish the shoots of hope of those who are growing.”

“In this fruitful exchange we can learn the beauty of life, build a fraternal society and in the church we can allow for encounter and dialogue between tradition and the newness of the Spirit,” he said.

Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life – which organizes the world day – was the main celebrant at the altar. The theme for this year's celebration was “His mercy is from age to age,” taken from St. Luke's Gospel.

In his homily, the pope related the elderly's role in society to the three parables Jesus tells in the day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew.

In the first parable, the devil plants weeds among a wheat crop while the householder is asleep, but rather than tell his slaves to pull them up he allows them to grow until harvest for fear of uprooting the wheat with it.

“The good and the bad are intertwined to the point of appearing inseparable,” Pope Francis said. But, “Christians, enlivened by hope in God, are not pessimists, but neither are they naive people who live in a fairy-tale world, who pretend not to see evil and say ‘all is well.’”

“No, Christians are realists: they know there is wheat and weeds in the world,” he said.

The pope noted the common temptation to create a “pure” society and church that risks

making people “impatient, intransigent, even violent toward those who have fallen into error.”

“In that way, together with the weeds we pull up the good wheat and block people from moving forward, from growing and changing,” he said. Instead, by “beating the temptation to divide the wheat from the weeds, we are called to understand the best ways and moments to act.”

The elderly, who have “already come a long way in life,” he said, are examples of embracing life's beauty as well as its challenges.

“Old age is a blessed time also for this reason: it is the season to be reconciled, to look with tenderness at the light that has advanced despite the shadows, in the faithful hope that the good wheat sowed by God will prevail over the weeds with which the devil has wished to infest our hearts,” said the pope.

He also recalled the parable of the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large bush where birds make nests among its branches.

“At the beginning we are a small seed, then we are nourished by hopes, we fulfill projects and dreams, the most beautiful of which is becoming like that tree, which doesn't live for itself but makes shade for who wants it and offers space for who wants to build a nest,” said Pope Francis.

He said that grandparents and grandchildren “grow together” like the tree and the birds that settle in its branches, where they “learn the warmth of home and experience the tenderness of an embrace.”

Urging the elderly and young people to engage with one another, the pope turned to the parable of

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the yeast in which a whole batch of bread is leavened by a small measure of yeast. He encouraged the young and elderly to “mix with one another” and to “come out from yourself to join with others.”

Such intergenerational interaction, he said, “defeats individualism and selfishness, and helps us generate a more humane and fraternal world.”

After Mass, five elderly people in St. Peter’s Basilica symbolically handed over a pilgrim’s cross to five young people traveling to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, which is scheduled for Aug. 1-6. The gesture represents the elderly’s commitment to “pray for the departing youth and accompany them with their blessing,” the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life said in a statement.

Shortly after, Pope Francis appeared at the window of the papal studio overlooking St. Peter’s Square with a young person who was going to attend World Youth Day and his grandmother on either side of him. The pope noted the significance of a day dedicated to celebrating the elderly right before World Youth Day begins.

“May the closeness of these two days be an invitation to promote an new alliance between generations of which there is so much need; so that the future may be constructed together, in the sharing of experiences and reciprocal care between young people and the elderly,” he said after praying the Angelus.

Noting the strong heat waves in many countries and recent flooding in South Korea, Pope Francis called on governments to act concretely to reduce polluting emissions, and he asked the estimated 20,000 people in St. Peter’s Square not to forget the ongoing migration crisis in northern Africa. ■

## Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish hosts 5k race to support ministries beyond walls of the church

BY LAURA SHOULDERS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

More than 170 participants pre-registered for Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish’s second annual Freedom 5k, held on July 8, 2023 – more than double last year’s numbers. All proceeds are used to equip missionary disciples as part of our parish mission: “Know Jesus - Equip Disciples - Build Community - Live Mercy.”

Funds are used to empower and equip parishioners to fulfill the Church’s missional call to get out of the pews and go be the hands and feet of Jesus.

The overall winners were Asher Spurrier, time 17:30; and Chaney Heady, time 21:31.

We appreciate the generosity of all who contributed to making this day a success, especially race coordinators Hunter and Samantha Cavender, and our sponsors who contributed financially: Firehouse Moving Co., Triple G Painting & Drywall, Envision Enterprises, Legends, Denise Jarboe - Realtor, Knights of Columbus Msgr. Braun Council, Shoe Stop, Navigator Financial; as well as our donors, who gifted us with supplies or door prizes: Artwear Express, Trophy House, St. Maximilian Catholic Bookstore, Red Swing Coffee, Great Harvest, Kroger, Under the Mantle - Laura Shoulders, Orange Leaf, Brew Bridge, Feta, Madewell’s Corner Cafe, Chosen Creations Photography, and Whipt Creations Catering.

Next year’s 5k is scheduled for July 13, 2024, and will be chip-timed and have a “walker” category. ■

*Laura Shoulders is the religious education minister at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.*



COURTESY OF LAURA SHOULDERS

Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioner Gustavo Gonzalez Gomez of Triple G Painting and Drywall served as the title sponsor during this year’s Freedom 5k in Owensboro. Gomez (far left), his son Gabriel Gomez, and wife Shaylynn Gomez (gray shirts) handed out water to runners like participants Carolyn Abel, Duane Harris, and Deacon John and Davena Cecil, pictured here.

## Brescia renames its academic mall in honor of Sister Vivian Bowles

BY DAN HECKEL, MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU, was in the eighth grade at St. Edward School in the Louisville suburbs when her teacher, Ursuline Sister Joseph Mark Hayden, told the class that the Ursulines were moving their junior college to Owensboro. The Sisters needed tables and chairs for the library, Sister Joseph Mark said.

“I think I contacted every relative and neighbor I had, and we got our tables and chairs before any other elementary school,” Sister Vivian said.

It may have been her first fundraising effort for Brescia College, but it was hardly her last. Sister Vivian recounted that story on June 30, 2023, before a roomful of well-wishers at Brescia’s Moore Center who were on hand for the renaming of the campus’ Academic Mall in her honor.

“The Academic Mall was Sister Vivian’s brainchild,” Brescia president Fr. Larry Hostetter said.

“Today we dedicate it to Sister Vivian, who served as president from 1995-2007. She helped re-energize Brescia University. We stand on her shoulders and all of the Sisters who served as president of this university,” Fr. Larry said. “She envisioned Brescia beyond a small regional university, that it could have a larger impact.”

Brescia became a university during Sister Vivian’s tenure, but it is perhaps the physical changes she oversaw that are her legacy.

From the time the Ursulines began buying property on Seventh Street in 1950 to open Brescia until Sister Vivian arrived as president,

the street had split the campus in half. Sister Vivian led the effort to ask the city of Owensboro to close Seventh Street and allow the Academic Mall to bring the campus together. Later, she also had Eighth Street closed through the campus.

“It was said at the time that students made up their minds in the first three minutes about a campus,” Sister Vivian told the crowd. “I knew that if they came and didn’t find a campus, they would leave. The alumni probably closed Seventh Street more than I did. They packed the hall.”

Today, an archway proclaiming Brescia University leads visitors through a brick lined mall that will now have a plaque honoring Sister Vivian, a 1969 graduate, for her commitment to Brescia.

One of her closest friends, Larry O’Bryan, served on the Brescia Board of Trustees for 27 years, with four of those years as president during Sister Vivian’s tenure.

“Under her leadership, Brescia was the place to go to get a quality Catholic education,” O’Bryan said. “She started a beautification project which included the quad, the fountain, a chapel renovation, banners on the buildings and her work



COURTESY OF URSULINE SISTERS OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

The Academic Mall – which was once where Seventh Street cut through the campus – now welcomes visitors from Frederica Street in Owensboro. It has been renamed after Ursuline Sister Vivian Bowles, who helped get the street closed to expand the Brescia campus.

to close Seventh Street. She built Young Hall and bought properties to enlarge the campus.”

Sister Vivian became emotional during the ceremony each time she talked about the Brescia alumni.

“I didn’t do any of this by myself,” she said. “Please continue your cooperation and contributions to Brescia. Brescia and the Mount are my family.” ■

*Dan Heckel is the director of mission advancement and communications for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky.*

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# Coming this August: Healing retreat for adult children of divorced/separated parents

BY DANNY MAY, OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The title of the retreat says it all: “Life-Giving Wounds.”

That phrase implies the entire focus of the weekend healing retreat, which is to bring God’s healing to the wounds experienced by adult children of divorce or separation. Bethany Meola, co-founder and vice president of Life-Giving Wounds (LGW), explains, “We acknowledge their pain, we grieve with them, and we want to accompany them on the healing journey to reclaim their identity as a child of God, capable of great love, faith, hope, and joy.”

Focusing on 1 Peter 2:24 “By His (Jesus’) wounds you have been healed,” the retreat walks participants through the “wounds” that may silently exist from their parents’ divorce or separation. Just like Jesus’ wounds from the crucifixion were transformed after his resurrection, our past wounds can also be transformed into sources of love through a process of mourning, healing, and forgiving.

The first LGW retreat in the Diocese of Owensboro was held in August 2022, when the Office of Marriage and Family Life partnered with the Diocese of Evansville to fly in co-founder Dr. Daniel Meola and a team to present the inaugural retreat. I had the profound experience of witnessing that retreat from a table in the back of the room and saw firsthand the healing and restoration that happens in a retreat setting like LGW. Yes, there were tears, but there were also lots of smiles and laughter. The stories shared by



COURTESY OF LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

Dr. Daniel and Bethany Meola, co-founders of Life-Giving Wounds. Life-Giving Wounds will hold a retreat in the Owensboro area on August 18-20, 2023.

participants at the end of the retreat were incredibly moving as participants were given a chance to share the most meaningful moments of the weekend.

One comment I heard several times from participants is the powerful sense of connection from being in a room full of people who all have a similar shared experience. Because of that, the presentations’ topics relate and “hit home” powerfully. Retreatants say the retreat became a safe space to unpack experiences and sort through past hurts and disappointments.

What also impressed me about LGW is how well those sensitive topics were handled with great care, concern, and understanding. It was heavy, but it was also hopeful.

LGW presentations are delivered by trained leaders who are adult children of divorce themselves. Topics include forgiveness, family boundaries, dealing with anger and anxiety, building strong relationships as an adult child of divorce, addressing wounds to one’s identity and faith, and more. The small group



COURTESY OF DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

The participants of the 2022 Life-Giving Wounds retreat co-sponsored by the Dioceses of Owensboro and Evansville.

sessions, which are led by trained peer leaders, are an opportunity for attendees to connect with other adult children of divorce who understand the challenges of their situation and can provide support and encouragement.

Now with a local team trained to present the retreat, the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Marriage and Family Life is co-sponsoring a second three-day Life-Giving Wounds retreat with the Diocese of Evansville, to be held August 18-20, 2023, at SARTO Retreat Center in Evansville, IN.

To learn more or register for the retreat, visit [owensborodiocese.org/life-giving-wounds](https://owensborodiocese.org/life-giving-wounds). To learn more about this ministry, visit [lifegivingwounds.org](https://lifegivingwounds.org). For questions or more information, contact [danny.may@pastoral.org](mailto:danny.may@pastoral.org) or call (270) 852-8336. ■

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# Tornado survivors rebuilding their lives with help from Catholic business owners

BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Dale and Pam Haberlock, members of St. Paul Parish in Princeton, Ky., immediately began serving friends and neighbors after the Dec. 10, 2021 tornadoes devastated their community. The couple was blessed to have their home and business spared, so they went to work finding ways to help those around them.

The Haberlocks own Cozy Living and U-Haul in Princeton. When they learned Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro was providing case management to tornado survivors across western Kentucky, the Haberlocks were one of the first local businesses to reach out and offer to help any way they could.

For the past year, the Haberlocks have worked with Catholic Charities case managers to ensure clients' needs are met when it comes to furniture and moving/storage.

"Dale and Pam have been amazing," said Stacey Menser, one of the Catholic Charities case managers serving in western Kentucky. "I could call them afterhours and tell them I needed a bed frame for a single mom, and they would make it happen. They also coordinated so many U-Haul rentals for



COURTESY OF STACEY MENSER

Lisa Davis (right), who is working with Catholic Charities to rebuild her home lost in the 2021 tornado, stands with Dale Haberlock, co-owner of Cozy Living and U-Haul in Princeton, Ky. Haberlock's business has assisted Davis through her family's tornado recovery journey.

my clients who were receiving furniture through St. Vincent De Paul's House in a Box program."

The Haberlocks continue to serve tornado survivors on the road to recovery, like William and Lisa Davis of Dawson Springs. The Davis family home was moved off its foundation in the tornado. The couple continued to live in the house as they made an appeal to their insurance company. Catholic Charities has stepped in to build a new home for the couple.

"But we have to tear down their old house, which means William and Lisa have to pack up everything they own and put it in storage," said Menser.

After a phone call to Cozy Living and U-Haul, Lisa Davis was invited to stop by the store where Dale Haberlock loaded her car with moving boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap and markers.

"I just appreciate it so much," said Lisa Davis. "We appreciate everything you (Catholic Charities) are doing for us and bringing so many people together to help us." ■

# Picnic marks 150th anniversary of Stanley parish



COURTESY OF MONICA RICE

Mass was held on the day of St. Peter of Alcantara Parish's picnic on July 15, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the Stanley parish. The Mass was celebrated by pastor, Fr. Will Thompson, and concelebrated by previous pastor, Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal.



COURTESY OF TERRY MURPHY

Families enjoy the picnic at St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley on July 15, 2023. The picnic coincided with the celebration of the parish's 150th anniversary.

BY WKC STAFF

On July 15, St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley held a picnic that coincided with the parish's 150th anniversary. Crowds gathered to enjoy barbecue, live music, a raffle, and community. Earlier that week, Daviess County Fiscal Court had named July 15, 2023 as St. Peter of Alcantara Catholic Church Day in honor of the parish's anniversary. ■

# Sacrament of Unity: *How to properly receive Holy Communion*

BY DEACON KEN BENNETT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Eucharistic celebration is at the heart of our Church and the grace received flows from understanding Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The marks, or characteristics of the Church are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. These marks flow through and from the Eucharist and, with the Eucharist being central, define for us what it means to be Church. That is why the National Eucharistic Revival has been focused on Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist: it defines who we are as Catholics.

Unity is the first mark and the subject of this article. St. Paul tells us we are individually members of one Body, that is, the Body of Christ. Paul speaks of unity in and through Christ, and it is in the



RILEY GREIF | WKC

Fr. Brandon Williams, co-coordinator of the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Worship, gives Holy Communion to Danny May, director of the diocese's Office of Marriage and Family Life, during Chrism Mass on April

liturgy, particularly the Mass, where unity of belief and unity of worship are publicly expressed.

In the liturgy there are postures, gestures, and dialogues we make together. In unison we stand together, we sit together, we kneel together, and we sing together. The same is true when receiving the Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides the manner – which includes posture, gesture, and dialogue – for Catholics in the United States to approach and receive Communion and comprise six general steps:

1. Posture. The norm established for dioceses in the United States is that Holy Communion is to be received standing; however, those who choose to kneel will not be denied Communion.

2. Gesture. When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The gesture is repeated before receiving the Precious Blood.

3. Dialogue. Before receiving Holy Communion, the minister says “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ. The communicant then responds, “Amen.”

4. The communicant may receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand or on the tongue.

If receiving on the hand, place one hand over the other and hold your hand at an appropriate height so the minister can place the Sacred Host into your hand. Remain still until you have received the Host and consume immediately.



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People process up the aisle to receive Holy Communion during Chrism Mass on April 4, 2023.

If receiving on the tongue, open your mouth wide enough and extend your tongue for the minister to place the Host onto your tongue. Do not move your head until the Host is placed onto the tongue.

Intinction (dipping Host in chalice) is not permitted.

5. According to St. Augustine, “the one who sings prays twice.” The Communion song expresses the unity of the Body of Christ and affirms our oneness in belief. So, let's sing!

6. After everyone has received Communion, the Church calls for a brief period of sacred silence to offer thanksgiving to God.

Unity of worship expressed in the liturgy culminates in reverent reception of the Eucharist. During Communion we unite ourselves with Him, with our neighbor, and provide witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Unity, the Eucharist. ■

*Deacon Ken Bennett is the co-coordinator of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Owensboro. Contact him at [ken.bennett@pastoral.org](mailto:ken.bennett@pastoral.org).*

# Archives looks forward to sharing more stories from our diocese's rich and varied history



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES

A section of the stacks room in the diocesan archives at the McRaith Catholic Center.

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

My first article for this new printing cycle of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, following its summer break, will be an update of the archives and a look forward into possible artifacts to be featured in upcoming articles. This should give readers some information on the plans of the archives for the coming months. It will also serve as a bit of an introduction for first-time readers of the column and a refresher for those who have read and enjoyed it in the past.

First off, I would like to mention that in the past year, a welcome situation has presented itself. Several requests have been made from institutions around the diocese for information and photographs to honor sisters, nuns and priests who served them.

These requests came from multiple churches as well as schools. The requests were not made from simple curiosity but expressly for the purpose of creating alumni walls and halls of honor. This could not be more celebrated by the archives. The stacks rooms where we keep the information is a good place to preserve our diocese's history. Among the people, the faces, and knowledge of times past this information breathes, has new life, and teaches. Our walls keep it safe but, spread beyond those walls, our history can live among us.

The archives currently has several objects lined up to be featured in upcoming articles. An item I am particularly interested in is one mentioned last year, a lock of hair encased behind a small 19th-century painting. This was in the possession of a deceased priest who had a love for history. There are also several items from Mount Saint Joseph's old museum that will be covered. A group of such items that have gained quite a bit of attention are the Eucharistic host makers from when the Ursuline Sisters used to bake the hosts for parishes throughout the diocese.

The coming months will be busy for the archives. We currently have several projects underway. At the Mount, we will be finishing up the monumental task of decommissioning the museum. We are also assisting in planning and celebrating the 150-year anniversary of Mount Saint Joseph, which will take place next year. Audio digitization and organization of the new stacks area continues at the McRaith Catholic Center, as well as several new policy implementations.

We look forward to bringing as much of your history to you as possible. Whether through these articles, assisting your churches or other means, we hope to draw you closer to the history of your incredible diocese. We also appreciate all the feedback we get on the articles that you find interesting or that are moving to you; it means a lot, thank you. Sr. Emma Cecilia Busam, namesake of our archives, pray for us! ■

*Edward Wilson is the director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Archives and the Archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Comments and questions may be sent to [edward.wilson@pastoral.org](mailto:edward.wilson@pastoral.org).*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### 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.

#### All invited to celebrate St. Francis de Sales Parish anniversary

St. Francis de Sales in Paducah will celebrate our 175th anniversary with a year of celebrations. A quilt/wall hanging is being made with signatures of present members and deceased members. For more information contact Patti Sanders at [pattisanders50@gmail.com](mailto:pattisanders50@gmail.com).

August 4: 6 p.m. family movie night with burgers, hot dogs, popcorn and snacks.

Sept. 17: Parish family picnic

Oct. 28: Truck and Treat after 5 p.m. Mass. Chili cookoff will be held.

Nov. 11: Trivia night 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 17: Christmas caroling to nursing homes and cookie exchange.

Jan. 24, 2024: Closing Mass on feast day

#### Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Weekend Aug. 26-27

All former students and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy or Junior College, Maple Mount, Ky., are invited to Alumnae Weekend on Aug. 26-27. This year's theme will be "The Wizard of Oz." Alumnae will gather on Saturday for a blessing and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. On Sunday, alumnae will meet at Mount Saint Joseph Maple Hall (formerly known as the auditorium/gym) for a business meeting, class pictures, and the annual banquet which includes the Maple Leaf awards. The day will also include a Sunday Liturgy. The Saturday "Welcome Back" supper is \$15, and the Sunday catered awards banquet is \$25. Alumnae are also asked to pay their annual dues of \$25. To register, contact Doreen Abbott at 270-229-2006 or [alumnae.msj@maplemount.org](mailto:alumnae.msj@maplemount.org). A registration form

can be found at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/alumnae-weekend-registration/>

#### Save the date for St. Paul School car show

Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information please contact the school at (270) 242-7483.

#### 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/>.

#### Need a meeting space? Maple Hall is available at Mount Saint

Need a meeting space for up to 200 people? Maple Hall (formerly known as Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium/Gym) is available for rent. It is located on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph campus, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky., 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56, across from the park. Maple Hall is an open space with a kitchen equipped for catering. It's perfect for hosting receptions, parties, reunions, etc. 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). The use of 8-foot tables and chairs is included in the rental fee (user is responsible for setup, or this can be done for you for an additional fee). To reserve Maple Hall, contact the Mount Saint Joseph Finance Office by email: [ap@maplemount.org](mailto:ap@maplemount.org) or call the switchboard at 270-229-4103 and ask to speak to the Finance Office. 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-maple-hall/>

#### How to stay in touch with the Ursuline Sisters

There are several ways you can stay in touch

with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph (Maple Mount, Ky.) The Sisters have a website: [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org). They publish a magazine three times a year. To sign up to receive "Ursulines Alive," visit the website and click Contact Us and send a message. You can ask to receive our Quilt Club, raffle, and annual appeal letters. If you would like to get our monthly Pilgrimage emails, visit our website and click Subscribe. You can sign up in the same place to receive prayer requests. Every day there is a new Facebook post, so be sure to like the Ursuline Sisters ([facebook.com/ursulinesmsj](https://facebook.com/ursulinesmsj)). The Sisters also post occasionally on Twitter ([ursulinesmsj](https://twitter.com/ursulinesmsj)), Instagram ([ursulinesistersofmsj](https://instagram.com/ursulinesistersofmsj)) and YouTube (UrsulineSistersMSJ). You can reach the Sisters by phone (270-229-4103), email ([info.msj@maplemount.org](mailto:info.msj@maplemount.org)) or their mailing address is 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. The Ursulines look forward to hearing from you!

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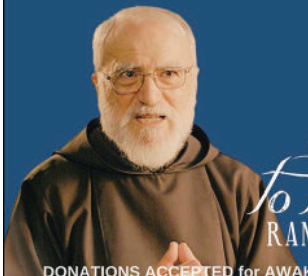
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2023 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. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and community during the warmest months of the year. 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
AUG. 1	Serving 4 p.m., drive-thru only	St. Martin, Rome
AUG. 5	Serving noon-2 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
AUG. 5	Serving from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG. 12	Serving 5 p.m. after 4 p.m. Mass	St. Ann, Morganfield
AUG 26	Serving from 3-6:45 p.m. Eastern Time	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
SEPT. 9	Serving 5 p.m	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT. 9	Serving from 10 a.m.-6	Christ the King, Scottsville
SEPT. 9	Serving 3 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
SEPT. 10	Serving 10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph, Central City

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DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
SEPT. 16	Serving 4 p.m.; drive-thru only	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT. 16	Serving 4-8 p.m.; mass at 8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT. 17	Serving 11 a.m.	Mary Carrico School (St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, 6119 St. Lawrence Rd., Philpot)
SEPT. 23	Serving from noon-2 p.m., drive-thru only	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT. 24	Serving 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
SEPT. 30	Serving 10 a.m.-2 p.m	Honeyfest Dinner at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson



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# August Wedding Anniversaries

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

### *A note from the WKC: Make sure your anniversary is listed*

As the WKC returns from our summer printing break and begins printing again with this August issue, now is a great time to make sure your parish has your wedding anniversary on their list. The WKC recognizes 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over anniversaries being celebrated for the month printed (i.e. this edition shows the milestone anniversaries for August). In order to appear in the WKC's monthly anniversaries, you must be listed by your parish. Please contact your parish directly to make sure your anniversary is on file with them. – WKC staff

#### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

David & Martha Lashbrook, 62  
Drew & Jeannette Ward, 55  
Greg & Vicki Cash, 40  
Harold & Rhonda Staples, 52  
James & Alma Topper, 53  
John & Rose Meister, 52  
Joseph & Geraldine Jarboe, 50  
Marvin & Martha Hayden, 55  
Raymond & Theresa Payne, 63  
Ron & Mereda Hicks, 51  
Steve & Brenda Hagan, 54

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

David & Ellen Walters, 64  
Doug & Patricia Pilson, 55  
Frank & Barbara Schnapf, 55  
James & Judy Donley, 55  
Paul & Gwen Bergman, 57  
Ron & Marsha Segebarth, 55  
Tommy & Carol Richardson, 57

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

Armando & Holivia Sandoval, 52  
Bill & Judy McClellan, 60  
Brad & Miki Sauer, 25  
Danny & Debbie Bullock, 50  
Danny & Janie Jacobs, 59  
Jeffery & Heather Brack, 10  
Jimmy & Debbie Hagan, 52  
Keith & Diane Utley, 54  
Mark & Jamie Mattingly, 40  
Mike & Kay Smith, 51  
Oscar & Laurie Chavira, 25  
Rick & Traci Courtney, 10  
Scottie & Cynthia Long, 50  
Thomas & Mary Duncan, 57  
Thomas & Sandra Rugg, 51  
Tim & Chandra Hagan, 25  
Wayne & Rose Wheeler, 40

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

Jack & Carole Hoett, 51  
Jeffrey & Kelly Lynn, 40  
Jerold Reh & Bo Meh, 5  
John & Jocelyn Knepler, 54  
Jordan & Kelsey Pruden, 5  
Kevin & Ellen Cline, 25

Steve & Ann Bolt, 50  
William & Darlene Sims, 59  
William & Linda Brian, 55

#### **Holy Trinity, Morgantown**

Kyle & Crystal Coleman, 25  
Larry & Mary Martin, 61  
Teddy & Margie Seiler, 53

#### **Immaculate Conception, Earlington**

Johnny & Elizabeth Wix, 55

#### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Dallas & Margaret Powers, 53  
Dan & Shirley Hagman, 63  
James & Brenda Adkins, 55

#### **Immaculate, Owensboro**

Al & Rose Clark, 67  
Buzz & Patsy Van Meter, 58  
Donald & Janet Head, 53  
Edward & Nannette Parish, 53  
Gary & Bonnie Roberts, 56  
James & Sharon Murphy, 58  
John & Margie Wathen, 68  
Kevin & Sara McDonough, 5  
Steve & Leigh Ann Terry, 25

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

Al & Judy Mattingly, 52  
Christopher & Ashley Bowlds, 10  
Jerry & Amy Glahn, 40  
Kenneth & Johanna Boarman, 61  
Mike & Linda Todd, 55  
Nick & Annie McCrary, 10  
Siebrand & Wanda Dooper, 40  
Thomas & Cindi Reisz, 53  
Wayne & Laura Edge, 53

#### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Bill & June Johnson, 63  
Jordan & Karleigh Roby, 5  
Louis & Beverly Beldotti, 40  
Paul & Tancy Payne, 55  
Roger & Linda Haynes, 50

#### **Rosary Chapel, Paducah**

Jack & Frances Pullen, 55  
Mike & Julia Ward, 54

#### **Sacred Heart, Hickman**

Gerald & Mary Harris, 56  
Jimmy & Barb Blanton, 58  
Jimmy & Pat Cooley, 63

#### **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Charles & Nancy Clements, 52

#### **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Bill & Lora Lee Duncan, 54  
Damon & Cathy Dayberry, 56  
John & Michelle Baird, 40  
Tom & Julie Davis, 40

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

Charles & Sarah Dant, 58  
Randy & Elaine Blandford, 51  
Wally & Kim Murphy, 40

#### **St. Ann, Morganfield**

Charles & Elizabeth Acker, 56  
Fred & Bonnie Hooper, 56  
H.E. & Marylyn Ervin, 67  
James & Dorothy Buckman, 66  
John & Yvonne Davis, 57  
Kenny & Judy Willett, 56

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

Dan & Cindy O'Brien, 53  
Paul & Diane Quayle, 56

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

Jason & Ileana Gaynor, 25

#### **St. Anthony, Peonia**

James & Donna McLemore, 54  
Joe & Theresa Reuther, 56  
St. Augustine, Grayson Springs  
David & Mary Doris Simon, 65  
Joseph & Jody Ziegler, 52

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

Ben & Stanette Blair, 55

#### **St. Columba, Lewisport**

Eddie & Rachel Gray, 51  
Harry & Pat Roberts, 51

#### **St. Denis, Fancy Farm**

James & Carolyn Morgan, 56

#### **St. Edward, Fulton**

Brent & Laura Kimbler, 40  
Jerry & Mary Ann Hobbs, 63  
Tommie & Melinda Briggs, 52

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Charlie & Brenda Stinson, 51

**St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis**

Bobby & Faye Greenwell, 65  
Michael & Rosanne Thornsbury, 50

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Darrell & Cindy Boyd, 50  
George & Angie Bray, 5  
Ike & Kelly Nichols, 10  
Jim & Judie Bonner, 53  
Michael & Jenny Gillituk, 25  
Stephen & Susan Hobbs, 10  
William & Judith Hayden, 64

**St. Henry, Aurora**

Gary & Lavonne Hanlon, 65  
Ray & Ann Davis, 56  
Ty & Nancy Thill, 55

**St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Benny & Ruthie Wood, 50  
Billy & Bobbye Mills, 40  
David & Emmalene Hayden, 52  
Grant & Claudette Mills, 56  
Jeff & Karla Sheridan, 10  
Joseph & Paula Elliott, 52  
Norris & Elexie McNutt, 51  
Raymond & Carole Ballard, 66  
William & Angela Higdon, 50

**St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

David & Elizabeth Goewert, 55  
Frank & Kay Kern, 60  
Richard & Susan Durbin, 53  
Susan & Michael Marlier, 53  
William & Heidi Ballard, 60

**St. John the Evangelist, Sunfish**

Danny & Glenda Kiernan, 59

**St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Dan & Jennifer Murphy, 56  
Ralph & Mary Wilken, 53  
Ronnie & Paula Miller, 54  
Tom & Peggy Cahill, 63

**St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Bill & Carolyn Thomason, 58

**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Charles & Christie Henson, 51  
Gerald & Pam Brooks, 55  
James & Judy Hobbs, 55  
Joey & Nancy Wilson, 53  
Larry & Rose Seay, 53

**St. Leo, Murray**

Andy & Lou Ann Conklin, 53  
Dan & Cherie Earles, 56  
Doug & Anne Walton, 51  
James & Susan Koegel, 53

**St. Martin, Rome**

Larry & Donna Kamuf, 51

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Bill & Judi Head, 56

Christopher & Kim Hagan, 40  
Daryl & Janet McMaster, 40  
J L & Joan Byrne, 59

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

Donald & Shirley Howard, 61  
Gene & Brenda Hamilton, 51  
Lewis & Jeanie Jean, 54  
Mark & Pamela Hagan, 40  
Robbie & Nicole Boarman, 25  
Sean & Wendy Lane, 5

**St. Mary, Franklin**

Dean & Sharon Henderson, 58  
John & Paula Herrmann, 56

**St. Mary, LaCenter**

Jerry & Julie Owsley, 55  
Joe & Betty Lane, 51

**St. Michael, Sebree**

Bobby & Susie Blanford, 60  
Robert & Dorothy Taylor, 64  
Sidney & Gayle Steib, 52  
Stevin & Martha Houston, 40

**St. Paul, Princeton**

George & Sharon Barber, 52  
Tommy & Kay Cotton, 55

**St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Joe Bill & Barbara McKay, 60  
Luke & Jennifer Cecil, 5  
Steve & Sally Moss, 52

**St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly**

David & Janie Nixon, 55  
John & Gwynn Royster, 52  
Ralph & Kay Wolfe, 50

**St. Pius X, Calvert City**

Bob & Bette Zilligen, 63  
Larry & Judy Krouse, 53  
Ray & Alice Lucas, 66  
RJ & Diane Witowski, 55

**St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Al & Jane Johnson, 58  
Daniel Phenee & Margaret Hsawmoe, 5  
David & Jennifer Brown, 50  
Eric & Jenny Hicks, 25  
Greg & Marion Bates, 50  
Richard & Mary Coy, 62

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Larry & Patti Mattingly, 61  
PJ & Martha O'Donoghue, 55  
Raymond & Margie Wethington, 63  
Ron & Jamesetta Whitfill, 51

**St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Donald & Cindy Durbin, 57  
Jerry & Mary Abney, 64

**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Carroll & Margie Howard, 10  
Ed & Gloria Cecil, 54  
Ed & Mary Riney, 56  
Elmo & Dora Thompson, 61

Mike & Susan Fulkerson, 59  
Raymond & Barbara Trogolo, 66

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Gus & Carol Puth, 58  
Wayne & Nancy Gundry, 52

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Anthony & Cecilia Toren, 60  
Frank & Nancy Burch, 53  
Gary & Linda Whitelock, 53  
Harry & Julie Brigance, 55  
James & Jeanine Taylor, 52  
James & Julia Harper, 61  
Jerry & Diane Stoverink, 51  
Rich & JoAnne Miller, 62  
Richard & Pat Heflin, 53

**St. William, Knottsville**

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# Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

## Nuestra madre María y su papel en la historia de la salvación

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Mientras miramos hacia las próximas semanas en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia católica, podríamos sorprendernos por la prominencia de la veneración de María reflejada en estos días. Durante un período de aproximadamente seis semanas, hay al menos seis fiestas asociadas con María, algunas importantes, otras menos conocidas. Estos son solo algunas de las fiestas y memorias por las cuales la Iglesia resalta a María para venerarla, recordándonos siempre que Dios actuó a través de una mujer para lograr nuestra salvación.

La más destacada de estas fiestas durante estas semanas es la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María que se celebra el 15 de agosto, recordando la seguridad de la Iglesia de que María fue llevada en cuerpo y alma al cielo tras su muerte terrenal. En algunos lugares se recuerda esta fiesta como el Tránsito o la Dormición de María. La observancia generalizada de este evento viene del siglo V y refleja la confianza de la Iglesia en que María fue recompensada por su fiel entrega a la voluntad de Dios.

El 22 de agosto, el octavo día de la octava de la Asunción, observamos la Memoria de Nuestra Señora María Reina. Hay una naturalidad en usar una semana entera para marcar celebraciones especiales y aunque el Reinado de María no parezca impactarnos directamente, habla de la importancia que la Iglesia le asigna a María. Quizás nuestra mayor familiaridad con este título es el quinto Misterio

Glorioso del Rosario, la Coronación de la Santísima Virgen María como Reina del Cielo.

A principios de este mes, el 5 de agosto, hay en el calendario una fiesta menos conocida asociada con María. Después del Concilio de Éfeso en 431 donde María fue definitivamente identificada como la Madre de Dios, el Papa Sixto III erigió en Roma la basílica más antigua de Occidente dedicada a María: la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor. Esta basílica sigue en pie y cada vez que el Papa Francisco viaja fuera de Roma va al santuario a rezar ante una imagen de María tanto a su salida como a su regreso.

Cuando pasamos a septiembre, encontramos aún más fiestas marianas. El 8 de septiembre se observa Fiesta de Natividad (cumpleaños) de la Santísima Virgen María. Esta fiesta también viene del siglo V y marca específicamente el aniversario de la dedicación de una basílica en Jerusalén que se encuentra, según la tradición, en el lugar de la casa de Santa Ana, la madre de María. Todas las cosas se unen: El 8 de septiembre es precisamente nueve meses después del 8 de diciembre, cuando celebramos la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, recordando que sólo María fue concebida sin pecado.

La fiesta opcional del Santísimo Nombre de María se observa el 12 de septiembre y celebra exactamente lo que dice: ¡que el mismo nombre de María es santo! Con esto se nos recuerda que son las palabras de María en el Magnificat las que proclaman: “Santo es el nombre de Dios”.

El último homenaje a María en estas semanas se celebra el 15 de septiembre como Memoria de

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Nuestra Señora de los Dolores. El día anterior, 14 de septiembre, es la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Esta memoria en honor a María nos recuerda la centralidad de la Cruz en nuestra fe y devoción, significando la dimensión muy humana de este misterio de nuestra fe.

Estas son solo algunas de las oportunidades que la Iglesia nos presenta para venerar a María. Quizás en otra columna pueda hablar de algunas otras fiestas de María: la Memoria de Nuestra Señora del Rosario (7 de octubre), la Memoria de la Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María (21 de noviembre), la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María (8 de diciembre), la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (12 de diciembre), y la Solemnidad de María Santísima Madre de Dios

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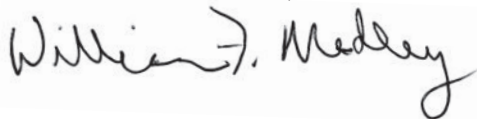
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Incluso estas no son todas. También honramos a María en la Solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor (25 de marzo), la Fiesta de la Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María (31 de mayo), y los memoriales de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (11 de febrero) y Nuestra Señora de Fátima (13 de mayo). La lista no termina aquí, ya que no todas las fiestas marianas están incluidas en el calendario de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos.

Si nosotros, como católicos, no estamos en sintonía con el papel de María en nuestra historia de salvación, no es porque la Iglesia no nos lo presente.

*Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo. Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.*

Sinceramente en Cristo,



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

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Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL  
CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

En septiembre, la Diócesis de Owensboro lanzará las Pequeñas Comunidades de Hechos 2,42, que recorrerán nueve temas relacionados con el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional que está ocurriendo en los Estados Unidos.

“Después de recorrer nuestras cuatro regiones de la diócesis para capacitar a los Coordinadores Parroquiales Hispánicos de Hechos 2,42, percibí un renovado entusiasmo y emoción por reunirse en los hogares para reflexionar, orar y compartir sobre la belleza y el don de la Eucaristía”, dijo el Diácono

Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la diócesis.

Varias de las 14 parroquias con ministerio hispano/latino ofrecerán oportunidades para las pequeñas comunidades. Los temas, que se estudiarán mensualmente en los hogares de los feligreses, se centrarán en

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Octava sesión: Unidad

Novena sesión: Viviendo la misión

Se ofrecerán reflexiones en video antes de cada sesión, con el Diácono Gutiérrez y otros ministros hispanos/latinos de toda la diócesis.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el coordinador parroquial o el ministro hispano en su parroquia o con el Diácono Gutiérrez en [chris.guttierrez@pastoral.org](mailto:chris.guttierrez@pastoral.org) o visite la página <https://owensborodiocese.org/acts242/>. ■

## Después del fin del Título 42, las hermanas en la frontera estudian el panorama del migrante



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Monseñor Mark Seitz, obispo de la Diócesis de El Paso, Texas, habla el 15 de mayo de 2023 con una de las Siervas del Sagrado Corazón, quien ayuda a migrantes en un refugio de la diócesis, tras un servicio de oración por los migrantes en la Catedral de San Patricio en El Paso. Religiosas, por su organización y liderazgo, han sido la columna vertebral de la respuesta de la diócesis, dijo el obispo Seitz, presidente del comité de migración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE.UU.

POR RHINA GUIDOS, OSV NEWS

EL PASO, Texas (OSV News) ~ Últimamente, autoridades estadounidenses han estado promocionando las últimas estadísticas mostrando un número disminuyente de migrantes que ingresan al país por la frontera sur.

En vez de aumentar ~ como algunos habían pronosticado tras el fin de la restricción de salud Título 42, una regla de salud de la era Trump, el 11 de mayo ~ las entradas no autorizadas entre los puertos de entrada a lo largo de la frontera sur de los EE.UU. han bajado un 25% con respecto a lo

que eran hace un año, dijo la Patrulla Fronteriza de EE.UU. en un comunicado del 20 de junio.

Después de que la crisis migratoria proyectada en el lado fronterizo de EE.UU. no se materializó, miembros de la Iglesia católica, incluso muchas hermanas, comenzaron a ver las cifras y otras situaciones para evaluar mejor cómo ayudar a los migrantes y hablar sobre lo que han aprendido y cómo seguir adelante después del Título 42.

Los números pueden haber disminuido en el lado estadounidense, pero en la ciudad fronteriza de Piedras Negras, México, “la cantidad de migrantes que han llegado y siguen llegando ha aumentado” después del Título 42, dijo la hermana franciscana Isabel Turcios en una presentación por Zoom el 22 de junio para conmemorar la Jornada Mundial del Refugiado.

“Estamos en una situación difícil en la frontera”, dijo durante la presentación y agregó: “Tenemos una gran tarea”.

Antes del Título 42, las hermanas del refugio de Piedras Negras armaron listas que compartieron con las autoridades del lado estadounidense, señalando a algunas familias que posiblemente podrían calificar para asilo, así como a adultos o niños con necesidades especiales en sus refugios. Muchos de ellos pudieron ingresar a los EE.UU. Pero cuando se terminó el Título 42 y las autoridades impulsaron el uso de la aplicación CBP One para solicitar asilo “cambió la realidad”, dijo la hermana Turcios.

“Es como una lotería”, añadió Patrick Giuliani, analista de políticas del Hope Border Institute, una organización sin fines de lucro en El Paso, quien

participó en la presentación. “Hay gente que le sale la cita (para pedir asilo en los EE.UU.) en unos días y otros que nunca les sale cita. Hay muchos con niños enfermos esperando una oportunidad (de ingresar a los EE.UU.)”, explicó.

En El Paso, como en otras partes del país, las hermanas han seguido orando por los migrantes, por sus problemas legales, mientras se han levantado otro tipo de barreras para mantenerlos fuera, dijo la hermana Turcios.

Mientras tanto, muchas hermanas continúan supervisando el trabajo de los refugios para que los viajeros tengan comida, ropa, agua, a veces una palabra de consuelo o consejo legal. Pero cada vez es más difícil ayudarlos a mantener el ánimo debido a los cambios rápidos y las dificultades que enfrentan las personas que no pueden avanzar desde el lado de México, agregó.

El trabajo de las hermanas en la frontera con los migrantes en la Diócesis de El Paso ha sido invaluable, dijo el obispo Mark Seitz durante un servicio de oración el 15 de mayo en la Catedral de San Patricio de la ciudad.

“Siempre he dicho que el trabajo de las religiosas con los inmigrantes ha sido la columna vertebral de nuestra respuesta”, aseveró el obispo Seitz, presidente del Comité de Migración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU., a Global Sisters Report. “Han estado bien sintonizadas con la necesidad, amorosas con los que sufren, y están dispuestas a darse a sí mismas con tanta generosidad que han sido insustituibles en términos de nuestra respuesta. Nuestra gente aquí es generosa y está

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dispuesta a ayudar, pero las hermanas aportan la capacidad de liderar y organizar. Estoy agradecido”.

Los migrantes se encuentran cada vez más desesperados, dijo la hermana Turcios, mientras navegan un nuevo sistema, nuevas reglas que muchos a lo largo de la frontera aún no conocen.

Las hermanas dicen que su trabajo no se trata únicamente de la ayuda que ofrecen a los migrantes, sino también de lo que las hermanas reciben, las lecciones aprendidas de las personas a las que ayudan.

“Te dan nueva vida al dar y seguir caminando con ellos”, dijo a GSR en El Paso la hermana Joannes Klas, de las Hermanas Escolares de San Francisco, poco después de que expirara el Título 42.

Ella asistió al evento de oración con la hermana Josefina López y la hermana. Arlene Woelfel, también miembros de las Hermanas Escolares de San Francisco, quienes atienden a migrantes en ambos lados de la frontera sur, incluso en la vecina Ciudad Juárez, México, visible desde El Paso en la distancia.

Las comunidades católicas de ambos lados a menudo hablan con cariño, unas de las otras, de su admiración al ver cómo cada una abre sus hogares y corazones, y muestra bondad al extranjero a medida que pasan por sus alrededores las diferentes olas de migrantes.

“Esas personas, a cientos de millas de aquí, no saben lo que se pierden”, dijo el obispo Seitz durante el servicio de oración, que luego se convirtió en una oportunidad para organizar a voluntarios para servir a los migrantes que acuden a la diócesis.

“No conocen la alegría que se puede encontrar en nuestros albergues, y en nuestras calles cuando tenemos la oportunidad de encontrarnos con Cristo” en forma de forastero, añadió.

Es un sentimiento compartido por la hermana Klas, quien ha trabajado durante años con migrantes, incluido nueve años en un campo de refugiados en Guatemala. Su trabajo principal ahora, dijo, es uno que le permite pasar tiempo con ellos en un refugio.

“Camino y visito”, dijo y añadió: “Ves los regalos que aportan a la sociedad”.

Para los que están cerca de la frontera, es una oportunidad de vivir una vida “contracultural”, dijo el obispo Seitz, bromeando con algunos de los baby boomers en la catedral, preguntando durante su homilía si alguien más recordaba la década de los años 60. “¿Recuerdan todo ese movimiento de revolución contracultural y esos días de Acuario?”, dijo.

La contracultura de hoy es una revolución del amor fraterno, expresó, de construir un mundo para ayudar a los hermanos y hermanas que migran a recuperar su dignidad.

“No dejes que esas cosas se pongan en el camino; el color de la piel de una persona, dónde naciste o no naciste, la religión, la cultura o el idioma de una persona”, dijo, alternando entre inglés y español. “No dejes que esas líneas nos dividan. No funcionan como fronteras de nuestro amor”, instó.

Mientras algunas hermanas en El Paso pasan tiempo con los migrantes presencialmente; otras, como la hermana María Elena de San José, de las Adoratrices Perpetuas del Santísimo Sacramento, las acompaña en oración. Los familiares, preocupados, a veces llaman a la comunidad contemplativa pidiendo oraciones y peticiones particulares relacionadas con la inmigración, a veces para que un miembro de la familia en proceso de cruzar la frontera salga sano y salvo. Pero la hermana sacramentina también enfoca sus oraciones en el panorama general - “para que se iluminen los gobiernos, para que sepan cómo

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ayudarles”, le dijo a GSR.

Es difícil ver cómo se desarrolla el drama, dijo, pero reza por el bienestar de los migrantes y por sabiduría para que, si se les ofrecen oportunidades para prosperar en otro país en el camino, reconsideren cruzar ilegalmente y escuchen la voz de Dios, dado el peligro físico y la posible pérdida de vidas que enfrentan al tratar de ingresar sin autorización a los Estados Unidos.

“Yo también pido por los migrantes, que sean dóciles... que confíen en nuestro Señor, de que, si les ofrecen un trabajo en México, pues, por un tiempo (lo acepten)”, dijo. “Que, si ellos vienen con esa ilusión, si Dios quiere, pues, les van a dar el pase... que ellos no dejen de luchar por sus sueños. Para eso vinieron”.

La cálida recepción de El Paso a lo largo de los años, y hoy, es un ejemplo de que la narrativa negativa dominante sobre los inmigrantes en los EE.UU. puede ser reemplazada por el amor de Cristo, las enseñanzas que dejó, dijo el obispo Seitz. Las hermanas, en ese sentido, “dan un buen ejemplo” de cómo hacerlo, agregó, dirigiéndose a los que se reunieron en la catedral para ver qué podían hacer ellos también para ayudar, a través de oraciones y obras.

“Como dijo Jesús, ‘no tengan miedo’. Estamos viviendo aquí mismo en lo que mucha gente ha llamado la zona cero del movimiento de inmigración y trabajamos con los que vienen todos los días. Hermanos y hermanas, no tengan miedo. Jesús nos ha mostrado cómo amarnos los unos a los otros. No tengan miedo de vivirlo, aunque este mundo nos rechace”, dijo el obispo Seitz.

“Si están dispuestos a amar así, entonces se

están abriendo a un mundo completamente nuevo de posibilidades, la capacidad de darse a sí mismos, de descubrir el rostro de Cristo, en (la persona) que ven, y cuyas enseñanzas seguimos”, afirmó.

Y agregó: “Hermanos y hermanas, me siento muy bendecido de estar aquí y de estar aquí y ahora, en este momento. ¡Qué amor debe tener Dios por mí, y por ti, para habernos dado esta oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe de una manera tan práctica y concreta: al servicio de nuestros hermanos y hermanas!”.

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