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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

Many opportunities to meet with children and youth across the diocese present themselves to me each year. I visit every Catholic school, meet with religious education students in deanery gatherings, encounter young people at Gasper River and in varied youth conferences, and of course spend some time with every Confirmation class. I have found it effective to sometimes make these encounters Q & A sessions.

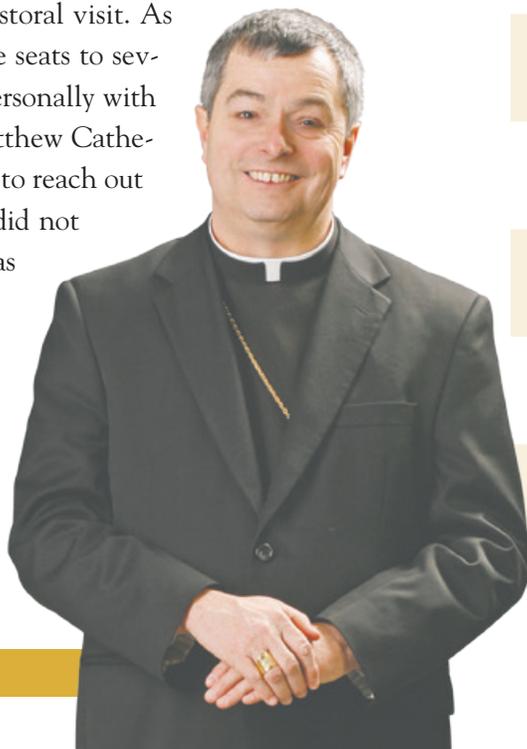
My most frequently asked question is perhaps to explain the funny hats that I wear. Well, we can save that for another day.

But another frequently asked question is whether or not it is fun being a bishop. I often answer by asking if every moment of being a third grader, a seventh grader, or a sophomore is always fun. I speculate that their parents may not find every moment of watching over them and guiding them as fun. But all in all my life as bishop is truly a happy one and I do have a lot of fun.

Sometimes a youngster will follow that question up with, "What's the 'funniest' thing you get to do?" And I reply, "Apart from meeting you?"

As a bishop there are some incredible moments and glimpses at Church life that I could never have imagined for myself. In September I joined with hundreds of bishops, thousands of priests and religious, and hundreds of thousands of people in welcoming Pope Francis to the United States for his pastoral visit. As a bishop I was afforded some quite incredible seats to several papal events. No, I did not get to talk personally with Pope Francis, but in the gathering at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, D.C. I was close enough to reach out and touch him as he entered the church. I did not touch him because the U.S. Secret Service was always at his side and most vigilant about his safety. Anyone who followed the pope's visit on TV however observed that he himself broke out of that security on occasion, usually to embrace a sick or impaired person or to kiss a baby.

I have a feeling that, if asked, Pope Francis might say that these were his "funnest"



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● NOVEMBER 2015

- NOV 1** 8:00 a.m. ● Mass – St. Anthony, Clarkson
- NOV 3** 2:30 p.m. ● Mid-South Conference – Lake Barkley
- NOV 5** 10:35 a.m. ● School Mass – Owensboro Catholic High School
- NOV 7** 6:00 p.m. ● St. Mary School System Benefit Dinner/Auction
- NOV 11** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation, St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady/St. Anthony, Hardinsburg – St. Mary of the Woods
- NOV 12** 9:00 a.m. ● School Mass – Owensboro Catholic Middle School
- NOV 13-19** United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's meeting – Baltimore, MD
- NOV 19-21** National Catholic Youth Conference – Indianapolis, IN
- NOV 23** 9:45 a.m. ● Priests' Personnel Board Meeting – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
- NOV 24** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ● Paducah Office Hours – Lourdes Hospital
- NOV 26** 8:00 a.m. ● Thanksgiving Day Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
- NOV 29** 11:00 a.m. ● Mass with Confirmation Students – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- NOV 30 - DEC 2** Province Bishop's and Priests' Council Provincial Meeting – Memphis, TN

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moments. He has a radiant smile and he lights up when encountering children. Anyone who followed the coverage of his visit will recall his warmth when visiting with Catholic school children in Harlem in New York City.

For those of us accustomed to a generally negative and critical assessment of all things Catholic from the secular media, the overwhelmingly positive profile that Pope Francis enjoyed in the U.S. was gratifying. Certainly our divisive TV news networks worked hard to find something to criticize; they strove to categorize his every remark as liberal or conservative. But there remains something disarming when one speaks the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is not constrained by measuring his words for each and every audience. "The truth will set you free."

Among my most significant takeaways from the pope's talks, addresses and homilies was his call to dialogue. He challenged the bishops to respectful dialogue, he called upon Congress to dialogue, and he emphasized the power of dialogue within the family. What is dialogue? Simply two people or two groups conversing, an exchange of ideas and opinions. Dialogue implies, in fact requires, genuine listening and openness to new ideas, new ways of thinking, to the possibility that someone with whom I may disagree may actually possess a part of the truth. There is nothing so radical about this, but in our country, in our families, and even in our Church real dialogue may be rare.

It was indeed fun to be a part of history. I saw Pope Francis at very close range at St. Mathew Cathedral, at the canonization Mass for St. Juni-

Bishop Medley, photographer

During Pope Francis Sept. 22-27 visit to the United States, Bishop Medley kept those of us back home in western Kentucky up-to-date with the daily papal visit happenings – via Twitter! Check out these highlights from his Twitter feed.



Bishop Medley shared this photo on Sept. 23 prior to Pope Francis' arrival at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Bishop Medley included the caption, "Reporting live from St. Matthew Cathedral. Pope Francis to arrive soon."



Bishop Medley snapped this up-close shot of Pope Francis when the pope arrived to speak at Independence Hall on Sept. 26.



Follow Bishop Medley

Don't forget to follow Bishop Medley at
[Twitter.com/BishopMedley1](https://twitter.com/BishopMedley1)

pero Serra at the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and at the open air Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway there.

My prayer is that the message of Pope Francis will touch hearts and minds all over our nation calling us to greater charity and holiness.

Most of Pope Francis' addresses were given in Spanish, his first language as a native Argentinian.

But his final words in English in Philadelphia were clear: "Pray for me! Don't forget!"

May God Bless You All!

William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

'We're all family here'

Diocesan pilgrims draw joy, refreshment from WMOF, papal visit



Pope Francis cruises by in the Popemobile during the Philadelphia papal parade on Sept. 26. Photo was taken by Rachel Evans of Owensboro, who went with her husband and three eldest children to attend several events for the World Meeting of Families 2015.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sept. 27 Zach Ault stood behind the street barricades in crowded Philadelphia with the child of a nearby Mexican family on his shoulders hoping to see the Popemobile drive by.

The little girl's mom and dad stood nearby, with the dad carrying another daughter on his shoulders. The child with Dad had asked first to "go up," resulting in tears from her sister who wouldn't have as good a view of Pope Francis. Ault had offered to

pick up the little one and the parents had eagerly agreed.

"We're all family here," Ault realized, and remarked later to The Western Kentucky Catholic that there was an overwhelming sense of peace during the 2015 World Meeting of Families (WMOF), and Pope Francis' visit to the United

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Carrying hope



Pope Francis touches the stomach of a pregnant woman as he meets guests after a meeting with U.S. bishops in the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, Sept. 23. (CNS photo)

During his visit to Cuba prior to his arrival in the United States, Pope Francis gave a special blessing to pregnant women in his speech at a Santiago cathedral, telling them they are "carrying hope." The pope said that during his regular Wednesday audiences "so many women will hold their stomachs and tell me: "Pope, Pope, will you bless my child?" The pope told any pregnant women in the cathedral at the time, listening on the radio or watching on TV, "to touch your stomach. To each one of you, to each child which you carry, I bless you. All, touch your stomach and I give you a blessing in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I wish for all the babies to be born in good health, for them to all grow up well." ♦

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States.

"Everyone was open and hospitable and welcome," said Ault, who had gone to the WMOF in a group of seven from St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah. "Such an atmosphere of acceptance and family."

Rachel Evans and her husband, Keith, had driven out to Philadelphia with their three eldest children for the Sept. 25-27 events. They were able to venerate the relics of St. Maria Goretti on display, and attend both the papal Mass for the WMOF and the Festival of Families – an internationally-gearred event of music and art celebrating family.

Evans, whose family attends the Parish of the Immaculate, said they wanted their kids "to see the universality of the Church beyond just Owensboro."

While "there was a lot of sitting and waiting," due to the large crowds, security checkpoints and lines, Evans said that it was all "pretty neat."

She was particularly touched by the pope's homily at Sunday Mass, where he emphasized that "we must look at the family life within ourselves before we reach out to change the world," she said.

Pope speech cites two Kentuckians

Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro was present with his fellow bishops at a number of the Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia papal activities.

This included midday prayer with the U.S. bishops and Pope Francis in St. Matthew Cathedral in D.C., the canonization Mass of St. Junipero

Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the WMOF Mass in Philadelphia.

While Bishop Medley said he was struck by the "uniqueness of each talk" the pope gave – roughly 18, counting quasi-public talks, homilies and other speeches – he believed the most historically-significant event was the pope's U.S. Congress address.

"I think people will reference that talk to Congress for a long time," said Bishop Medley, who said he was proud that of the four Americans mentioned in that address – Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day – "two were Kentuckians."



Bishop Medley, Charlotte Hedges and Joe Bland meet for a pasta dinner in Philadelphia the evening of Sept. 24. Photo courtesy of Joe Bland.



(CNS graphic/Malcolm Gear Designers)



Pope Francis arrives to celebrate the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families on Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia Sept. 27. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Abraham Lincoln, born in Kentucky, was presented as the “unifier,” said the bishop, and Thomas Merton, who had lived in Kentucky at the Abbey of Gethsemani, was presented for his “theme of dialogue.”

Bishop Medley said that this was a poignant message to be given in light of the chaos of current politics.

“When rhetoric reaches the point of shouting at each other, it’s just shouting at each other,” he added.

For a man so “apolitical, he’s a savvy politician,” said Bishop Medley. “He doesn’t speak liberal or conservative; he speaks Gospel.”

Papal pilgrim Janet Vannatter, who also attends St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah, echoed this thought after attending the papal events in D.C. with her family.

“What were most inspiring were Pope Francis’ choices about who to see and where to go,” said Vannatter, who with her husband and two kids spent a week in D.C. to both participate in the pope’s events and tour the area.

Vannatter pointed out that while Pope Francis could have spent his lunchtime in D.C. with important dignitaries, he chose to visit the homeless and hungry at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

The Vannatters attended the St. Junipero Serra canonization Mass and planned to go back to “tourist mode” after that – until the following day when they toured the National Archives.

“We didn’t know the Capitol was so close to the National Archives,” until they discovered the papal entourage would be leaving the Capitol right as they left the Archives, she said.

“He came by in his little Fiat,” Vannatter remembered.

World Meeting of Families

Joe Bland and Charlotte Hedges of the Diocesan Family Life Office had attended the full week of the WMOF Congress (the conference prior to the WMOF papal events), and while they were unable to stay long enough to see the pope, “it recharged you,” said Hedges.

“It was bigger than I expected,” said Hedges. “I had never been to anything like that before, and it was refreshing to have so many like-minded faith believers in one place.”

“It let you know you’re not an island,” Bland added.

Bland said the congress included a series of keynote speakers and breakout sessions addressing “all aspects of human life, from cradle to grave.”

Ault said his family and fellow parishioners the Washburns had decided to go to the WMOF before they even knew the pope was coming to America. But that certainly strengthened their resolve to attend.

During their various Philly train rides Ault said their group kept meeting people not attending the WMOF, but simply going downtown to work.

“They kept saying the pope is such a good face of the Catholic Church,” he said. ♦

More than a pope trip

Bowling Green papal pilgrims grow through interfaith experience

BY ROBERT PFINGSTON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It all started in January with a parishioner's donation for a chartered bus so that a pilgrimage could be planned for a youth group to see Pope Francis in September.

Led by Deacon Matthew Keyser, youth minister at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, 56 youth and adults would participate on that pilgrimage.

An effort was made to continue keeping expenses to a minimum so that as many youth as possible could afford to go. Parishioners Marilouise Thomas and Ginny French, originally from the Philadelphia area, reached out to friends and acquaintances.

Just as it seemed they were running out of options, Thomas contacted lifelong friend Ellen Glassman to see if she had any further ideas. When she explained the dilemma, Glassman quickly suggested that her synagogue, Beth El-Ner Tamid in Broomall, Pennsylvania, might be willing to sponsor the youth group.

"When Marilouise asked if there was a school or YMCA where they could sleep overnight, I immediately thought of our facilities," said Glassman.

Soon, further plans began to take shape.



Rabbi Barry Blum of Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid and Deacon Matthew Keyser of Holy Spirit Parish prepare to bless participants and a meal on the night of the pilgrims' arrival in Pennsylvania. Photo courtesy of Robert Pfingston.

The synagogue would happily host the pilgrims. Not only that: they would work to provide interfaith activities between their youth and Holy Spirit's, providing fertile ground for new friendships to grow and opportunities to learn more about Catholicism and Judaism.

As the dates approached, the group received yet another pleasant surprise. One of the congregants, Marvin Melnikoff, heard of how the youth would be coming to see Pope Francis. Melnikoff knew the kids were happy to see the pope on one of the large television screens positioned throughout the city, but he wanted to do more.

"I couldn't imagine those kids traveling 800

miles and possibly not even getting to see the pope in person!" said Melnikoff.

So he made phone calls and was able to procure VIP tickets to the seated area where the papal mass would be held. Upon hearing the news of the tickets just days prior to the trip, adults and youth alike were overcome with emotion. Not only would they be seeing Pope Francis in person, they would have eighth-row seats.

Pen pals were assigned prior to the pilgrimage, and on Saturday, both groups shared meals, prayed together, and watched the documentary film "Paper Clips." The documentary was about a small middle school in Whitwell, Tennessee that sought to col-

lect a single paper clip for each of the six million souls lost to the Holocaust during World War II.

The group also met Arnold Vanderhost, a holocaust survivor who lost his family at the tender age of six; they received a tour of the sanctuary in which they saw the synagogue's ark and scrolls of the Torah; and they participated in Havdallah, a prayer ceremony Jews participate in to mark the end of the Sabbath.



'Hey there Bishop Medley!' – Bishop Medley waves back to Holy Spirit parishioners who had yelled his name upon his entrance with other bishops from around the country and the world for the Sept. 27 papal Mass in Philadelphia. Photo courtesy of Robert Pfingston.

“If a pilgrimage is to be an encounter with faith... if it is to be an encounter with self... if it is to be an encounter with Jesus Christ, then our pilgrimage was a success. God bless everyone who helped make it possible!” said one of the adults after the trip. ♦

Welcomed with open hearts, open arms

A youth's perspective

**BY CAITLYN CAMPBELL,
SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN
KENTUCKY CATHOLIC**



Holy Spirit youth Brianna Wright holds a special multi-wicked candle for the Havdallah prayer to mark the end of Sabbath on Sept. 27. Photo courtesy of Robert Pfingston.

What a once in a lifetime experience! Words can't even express the love experienced between Holy Spirit parishioners and the congregation of Beth El-Ner Tamid Synagogue.

Personally I thought this trip would be like many other trips I have done. But the emotions flowing through my mind and heart were changed by the people of Beth El-Ner Tamid.

Each member welcomed complete strangers with open hearts and open arms. Not only did they open their doors for us but they treated us like family. The Lord really watched over us. This weekend showed me that no matter what faith we are a part of or where we live in the world we should all be followers of the Lord and have open hearts and minds.

Traveling over 800 miles to experience this great event was a true blessing. I am grateful to everyone who pulled the pilgrimage together for us to have this amazing experience. When we arrived at the synagogue following a 14-hour drive, we were not expecting a driveway full of people complete with television cameras and reporters to welcome us!

Pope Francis says, “Have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus.”

He is giving us insight into how to live with and alongside our brothers and sisters.

Caitlyn Campbell attends Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. ♦

Archives Corner

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Take a walk down memory lane to days gone by in the Diocese of Owensboro! To learn more about the Archives Office and how they can help you find historical information about the Diocese of Owensboro, contact our archivist Heidi Taylor-Caudill at Heidi.caudill@pastoral.org or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Archives.



Fr. Tony Bickett reads the Christmas story during the Happy Birthday Jesus Party at St. Romuald Parish in this December 17, 2006 photograph.



In this November 1985 photograph, Bishop John McRaith greets individuals outside the Help Office in Owensboro on Thanksgiving Day.

Feeding hungry neighbors



On Aug. 31, St. Francis de Sales Parish staff in Paducah began a community cookout on Mondays to help feed neighbors who might be hungry as a way to meet the community and provide a ministry of outreach. Although they have affectionately dubbed the ministry "Grillin' with the Man," it is an informal ministry with no official name. Zach Ault, pastoral minister, said "We're just grilling and inviting anyone who is hungry that is around to come eat and visit." Photo courtesy of St. Francis de Sales Parish.

Sunfish's special visitor



Bishop William F. Medley visited and said Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Sunfish on August 23, as part of his goal of visiting as many parishes as possible throughout the year. Following Mass he attended breakfast in the new parish center and conversed with parishioners. In this picture, Bishop Medley greets Rene Duvall after Mass, while Fr. Tony Bickett and Deacon T.J. Dennison stand nearby. Photo courtesy of Bill Canty.

2015 Sophia Award Recipients



The Sophia Award 2015 recipients after Mass with Bishop William Medley on Oct. 4. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

Every year the Diocese of Owensboro presents Sophia Awards to individuals nominated for their service in their parishes and the diocese community. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
Julie Whitten

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro
Robert Johnson

Carmel Home, Owensboro
Tony Kaelin

Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
Barbara Schnapf

Christ the King Parish, Scottsville
Frank Heil

Holy Cross Parish, Providence
Beth Nall

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington
Dale & Beverly Haines

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
Oscar & Laurie Chavira

Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam
Caroline Brown

Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
Steve & Wanda Baka

Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown
Al Davis (Deceased)

Immaculate Parish, Owensboro
James & Rebecca Horsman

Immaculate Conception Parish, Earlington
Dorothy O'Neal

Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville
Sharon Russelburg

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
Edward Laughley

Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro
Helen Schwartz

Resurrection Parish, Dawson Springs
Barbara B. Cranor (Deceased)

Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Burford Wilson

Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville
Mary Lolita Bryan

Saint Agnes Parish, Uniontown
Bill & Janet Butler

Saint Alphonsus Parish, Saint Joseph
Daisy Gibson

Saint Ann Parish, Morganfield
Cathy Welden

Saint Anthony Parish, Axtel
Dan & Patricia Rhodes

Saint Anthony Parish, Peonia
James Thomas Grant

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers
Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw

Saint Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs
John Mudd

Saint Augustine Parish, Reed
Hershel & Barbara Smith

Saint Benedict Parish, Wax
Delma & Mamie Stinson

Saint Charles Parish, Bardwell
Wayne Wilson

Saint Columba Parish, Lewisport
Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Saint Denis Parish, Fancy Farm
Richard & Patty Green

Saint Edward Parish, Fulton
Fr. Robert Drury

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Clarkson
Mrs. Donna Probus

Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
John & Rita Kuebrich

Saint Henry Parish, Aurora
Annette Sopcak

Saint Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
Ruby Rowe

Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville
James Allen

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
Charlotte & Marietta Haas

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish
Annie Durbin

Saint Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
Benny & Cissy Clark

Saint Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
Dr. William & Louise Moore



Photos from the event are available at rcdok.org/ministries/stewardship/

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St. Romuald seniors visit 'God's Country'



The senior citizens group of St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg, visited "God's Country", a retreat center in Bristow, Indiana on Oct. 8, accompanied by pastor Fr. Brian Johnson and Deacon Mike Wiedemer. Along with guests ranging from 9-89 and from neighboring parishes, the pilgrims met with Dr. Mark Ginter of St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. Activities included Stations of the Cross, confessions, Mass and lunch. Deacon Wiedemer commented: "We were immersed in God's revelation through nature, scripture, sacred tradition and community. By the time all was said and done at the end of the day we were all saturated in God's love." Photo courtesy of Rosa Hockenberry.

From Owensboro to Philly

Owensboro natives smile during the World Meeting of Families events in Philadelphia. (Top row) Xavier Evans, Lucy Evans, Luke Evans, Joseph Jones, Parker Jones, Rachel and Keith Evans. (Bottom row) Carol Morris, Philip Morris, Erin Jones. Carol Morris, an associate of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, recently wrote in their newsletter that, "... As the Popemobile drew near on the parade route, our wildly waving 10-year-old grandson stood tightly pressed against the fence, along with two little girls. As he passed by, our Holy Father leaned over and gave the children a blessing! What a gift!" Photo courtesy of Erin Jones.



'Wisdom of women' lauded in MSJ series

Ursuline Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan led the Oct. 6, 2015 session of "An Evening with an Ursuline" on the topic, "The Wisdom of Women: Gift of the Feminine Soul for Men as Well as Women" at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The series, which begins with dinner at 5 p.m. and a presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., takes place on the first Tuesday of each month through the fall of 2016. Pictured here is Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU, leading the evening's discussion. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



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Saint Joseph Parish, Central City
Mary Justice

Saint Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
Robert & Joanne Deweese

Saint Joseph Parish, Mayfield
Teresa Schaeffer

Saints Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
John & Rose Roberts

Saint Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence
Sr. Mary Eula Johnson

Saint Leo Parish, Murray
John & Joan Krieb

Saint Mark Parish, Eddyville
Larry & Mary McClusky

Saint Mary Parish, Franklin
John & Paula Herrmann

Saint Mary Parish, LaCenter
Wallace & Brenda Shankle

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho
Ruth Ann Hardy

Saint Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady
Gary & Patricia Carwile

Saint Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville
Ita Belle Howard

Saints Mary & James Parish, Guthrie
Helen Hock

Saint Michael Parish, Sebree
Mary Elizabeth Loehr

Saint Paul Parish, St. Paul
Michael Whitfill

Saint Peter of Alcantara Parish, Stanley
Jimmy & Patty Settles

Saint Peter of Antioch Parish, Waverly
Janie Greenwell

Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
Mary Ann Keel

Saint Pius X Parish, Calvert City
John & Marilyn Brooks

Saint Pius X Parish, Owensboro
Bobby & Theresa Barnett

Saint Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
Tom Winchell

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport
Mary Ann Lynch

Saint Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
Gerald & Pat Payne

Saint Stephen Parish, Cadiz
Joe & Janie Anderson

Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Mary Hilda McFarland (Deceased)

Saint Susan Parish, Elkton
Linda Case

Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah
Ann Averill

Saint William Parish, Knottsville
Loretta Higdon

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Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of each month

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

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| Nov. 3 | Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU –
<i>Catholic Pioneers: Maryland to Kentucky</i> | Apr. 5 | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU –
<i>Chile: An Ursuline Adventure</i> |
| Dec. 1 | Sister Ann McGrew, OSU –
<i>The Art of Waiting</i> | May 3 | Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU –
<i>Mind Management</i> |
| Jan. 5 | Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU –
<i>Change and Transition: A Reflection</i> | June 7 | Sister Ann McGrew, OSU –
<i>The Choice to Say "Yes;" The Choice to Say "No"</i> |
| Feb. 2 | Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU –
<i>Why Do I Feel Guilty When it's Time to Relax? Dealing with Everyday Stress</i> | July 5 | Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU –
<i>Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes</i> |
| Mar. 1 | Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU –
<i>Angela, A Woman for All Time</i> | Aug. 2 | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU –
<i>The Gift of Forgiveness</i> |

Rediscover Catholicism

Second Thursday of each month ● Nov. 12, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

The \$10 fee includes lunch. This is a study based on the bestselling book, "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. He reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today as individuals and as a Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month except September (Picnic day)

Nov. 8, Dec. 13 ● 4-5 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel
Adoration will conclude with evening prayer.

Yarn Spinners

Weekends of Dec. 4-6; Jan. 8-10, 2016

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

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Advent with Angela: What Angela Teaches about Waiting

Saturday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

The \$20 fee includes lunch. This retreat will focus on Advent from the point of view of Saint Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Order. Angela spent her life listening to God and waiting to hear God's message concerning the vision she had as a young adult. Today, during the season of Advent, we listen and wait for God's message concerning our life in service to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club

Sign up by Dec. 3 to get your name into the 2015-16 Quilt of the Month Club drawings. The drawings take place the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you can still get 10 chances to win a handmade quilt. To order your ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or kris.mango@maplemount.org

Advent Prayer Retreat Day

Wednesday, Dec. 9

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Led by Monsignor Bernard Powers

The \$20 fee includes lunch. The season of Advent is more than trimming a tree and buying presents. The true nature of Christmas calls us to prayer and celebration at the Lord's coming and our own salvation. This will be a day to reflect on the meanings of Advent. Join the Ursuline Sisters at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in celebrating God's wonderful love for us all in the best gift of all – GOD'S SON.

Spring Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons

Weekend of March 11-13, 2016

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Led by Sister Cheryl Clemons

Fee: \$180 (Commuters can attend for \$130)
Take 10 percent off in paid in full by Feb. 11, 2016

"The Tender Mercy of Our God:" Jesus and Gospel Women is the theme of the 2016 spring women's retreat. During this retreat weekend, participants will be invited to reflect on "the tender mercy of God" as embodied in Jesus' treatment of a number of women in the gospels. This theme reflects on Pope Francis' Year of Mercy.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

NOVEMBER

- 1 MSJ Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass
- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Catholic Pioneers**
- 5-6 Teen Leadership Conference
- 7 Bereavement Workshop
- 12 Rediscover Catholicism**
- 13-15 Ordained Deacons Retreat
- 20-22 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

DECEMBER

- 1 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: The Art of Waiting**
- 4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend Retreat
- 5 Advent with Saint Angela Retreat Day**
- 9 Advent Day of Prayer (Msgr. Powers)**
- 10 Rediscover Catholicism**

- 18-20 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 27-31 Ursuline Sisters' Chapter of Elections

JANUARY 2016

- 5 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Change and Transition**
- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend Retreat**
- 11-15 Spiritual Direction Training Program (Week 2)**
- 16-22 St. Meinrad Retreat Week
- 22-24 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 29-31 Retrouvaille

Shopping for Christmas? Our Gift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m.-10 a.m. or by appointment. Call 270-229-4103



Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register. We are located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56. To register or schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206
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Cost: \$20 includes program and lunch.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Brescia University Presents

Vatican II: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary

Wednesday, November 4
6:30-8p.m.

Dr. Keith Lemna (St. Meinrad)
Fr. Larry Hostetter (Brescia)

Wednesday, November 11
6:30-8p.m.

Fr. Ray Goetz (Brescia)
Dr. Daniel Kuthy (Brescia)

Contact stuart.squires@brescia.edu
for more information.

Owensboro Catholic Schools – Director

Owensboro Catholic Schools, a unified, progressive K-12 system with an enrollment of over 1,300 students in four schools, is currently seeking applications for the position of Director. Requirements: Practicing Catholic; Master's degree or higher preferred; excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills. OCS is seeking a dynamic leader who is committed to a team approach to school administration. The Director must be a problem-solver, a self-starter, and have a strong record of achievement that predicts success in leading the development and growth of OCS.

Send resume to the following address:

Jim Mattingly, Superintendent
Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools
600 Locust St.
Owensboro, KY 42301
270-683-1545

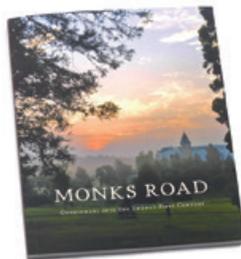
Applications will be accepted until
the position is filled.



NOVEMBER 2015 BULLETIN BOARD

■ Gethsemani 'Monks Road' book now available

In celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life, we are happy to offer "Monks Road" – a brief history of our Trappist monastic life with pictures of our life at the Abbey of Gethsemani and text by Fr. Michael Casey and Fr. Clyde Crews. Please order online at gethsemanifarms.org or call our toll-free number 1-800-549-0912. The monks also make and sell Kentucky Bourbon Fruitcake and several flavors of delicious Fudge.



■ Alzheimer's education for Western KY

Alzheimer's Association educational programs are available for families in Western Kentucky. *Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementias* (Learn the difference between dementia and normal aging):

Nov. 3, 2015, 10 a.m. – noon: HealthPark, 1006 Ford Ave., Owensboro.

Nov. 19, 2015, 1–2 p.m.: McCracken County Senior Center, 1400 HC Mathis Dr., Paducah.

Nov. 24, 2015, 10-11 a.m.: St. Peter & Paul Parish, Office Annex, 902 E. 9th Street, Hopkinsville.

Registration required for all events. For more infor-

mation & to register, call 1.800.272.3900.

\$5 donation suggested. Designed for families only; please no professionals.

■ Immaculate hosting Mass miniseries for teens

Immaculate Parish will be hosting a 5-week series for high school students entitled ALTARATION. It is a powerful miniseries on the Mass, guaranteed to "altar" one's perception of the Mass. The series begins Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. with dinner. Sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. The series will run Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Dec. 6 at Immaculate Parish. For more information, contact Diane Willis at Immaculate Parish. All high school students are invited and welcomed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMACULATE PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY
PRESENTS:
**ADVENT PRAYER AND MUSIC
PROGRAM**
in the style of **Taize'**
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 5PM



Song—Scripture—Silent Reflection

Take one hour out of your busy "holiday" preparations and come prepare your heart for the Christmas season with a special Advent program in the style of Taize. [TAZ-ay] A Taize' style service is a very moving prayer experience that penetrates the heart and whole being. Join us and experience a time of deep prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist; with music that is sure to warm the heart on a cold winter's night. Adult, Children. Youth Choirs/Musicians will be in attendance to lead the sung prayer.

A traditional "holiday themed" reception will follow in the PFC – bring the whole family – a wonderful way to get in the spirit of Christmas!

Where?

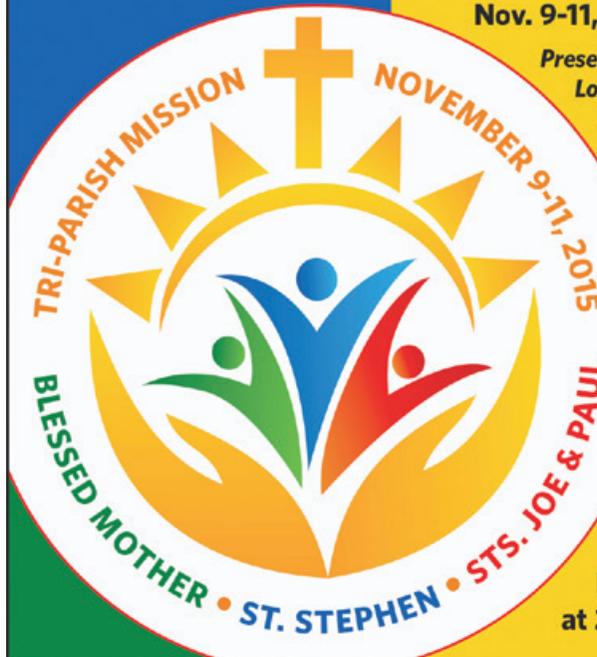
Parish of the Immaculate
2516 Christie Pl—Owensboro, KY

"Sent To Shine"

A Tri-Parish Mission in Owensboro, KY

Nov. 9-11, 2105 • 6:30 p.m. each night

Presented by Rev. J. Ronald Knott from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Join us for a three night gathering of fellowship and prayer. Refreshments served after each service. Child care available. Fr. Knott's books will be for sale.



LOVING YOURSELF AND LETTING YOUR OWN LIGHT SHINE

Mon., Nov. 9 - Blessed Mother Church:

Tackling Your Own Apathy, Cynicism, Narcissism, and Personal Neglect

Tues., Nov. 10 - St. Stephen Cathedral:

The Convenience of Playing Small

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND HELPING THEIR LIGHT SHINE

Wed., Nov. 11 - Sts. Joe & Paul Church:

Saying "No" to Gossip, Jealousy, and Suspicion

For more information, contact Rick Rhodes at 270-302-6982 or ricksjpc@yahoo.com

Join our Spinning Retreat Weekends!

Upcoming Weekends: Dec. 4-6

**Next year: Jan. 8-10, March 4-6,
June 3-5, Aug. 26-28, Nov. 4-6**



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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA NOVIEMBRE 2015

- NOVIEMBRE 1** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa – San Antonio, Clarkson
- NOVIEMBRE 3** 2:30 p.m. ● Conferencia del Sur Central – Lake Barkley
- NOVIEMBRE 5** 10:35 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro
- NOVIEMBRE 7** 6:00 p.m. ● Cena/Subasta a favor del Sistema Escolar de Santa María
- NOVIEMBRE 11** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación, Santa María del Bosque, McQuady/St. Anthony, Hardinsburg – Santa María del Bosque
- NOVIEMBRE 12** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro
- NOVIEMBRE 13-19** Reunión de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los EEUU – Baltimore, MD
- NOVIEMBRE 19-21** Conferencia Nacional de la Juventud Católica – Indianápolis, IN
- NOVIEMBRE 23** 9:45 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
- NOVIEMBRE 24** 10-3:00 p.m. ● Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Hospital de Lourdes
- NOVIEMBRE 26** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias – Catedral de San Esteban
- NOVIEMBRE 29** 11:00 a.m. ● Misa con los Estudiantes de la Confirmación – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
- NOVIEMBRE 30 - DICIEMBRE 2** Reunión Provincial de los Obispos y los Consejos Sacerdotales – Memphis, TN

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

Cada año se me presentan muchas oportunidades para conocer a niños y adolescentes a través de la Diócesis. Visito a cada escuela Católica, me reúno con los estudiantes de educación religiosa en los decanatos, encuentro adolescentes en Gasper River y en varias conferencias juveniles y por supuesto paso tiempo con cada clase de Confirmación. Me he dado cuenta de la eficacia de convertir estos encuentros en sesiones de preguntas y respuestas.

La pregunta más frecuente que escucho probablemente es explicar las gorras chistosas que uso. Bueno, eso podemos dejar para otro día.

Pero otra pregunta frecuente es: si es o no es divertido ser obispo. Suelo contestar con la pregunta si cada momento de ser un alumno de tercer grado, o séptimo grado o décimo grado siempre es divertido. Yo supongo que sus papás no piensan que cada momento de cuidarlos y guiarlos es divertido.

Pero a fin de cuentas mi vida como obispo es verdaderamente una vida feliz y definitivamente me divierto.

A veces un niño seguirá esta pregunta con, “¿Cuál es la cosa más chistosa que puedes hacer?” Y respondo, “¿Aparte de conocerte a ti?”

Como obispo hay unos momentos increíbles y vistas de la vida de la Iglesia que nunca podría haber imaginado para mí mismo. En septiembre me junté con cientos de obispos, miles de sacerdotes y religiosos y cientos de miles de personas para dar la bienvenida al Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos para su visita pastoral. Como obispo me dieron asientos increíbles a varios eventos papales. No, no pude hablar personalmente con



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Una Palabra del Obispo Medley ...

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el Papa Francisco, pero en la reunión en la Catedral de San Mateo en Washington, D.C. estuve suficientemente cerca para alcanzar tocarle cuando entró a la iglesia. No lo toqué porque el Servicio Secreto de los EEUU estuvo siempre a su lado y vigilante sobre su seguridad. De todos modos, cualquier persona que estuvo mirando la visita del papa en la tele observó que él mismo salió de esta seguridad a veces, normalmente para abrazar a un enfermo o alguien con discapacidades o para besar un bebé.

Siento que si preguntaríamos al Papa Francisco diría estos son sus momentos más “divertidos”. Tuvo una sonrisa radiante y se ilumina cuando se encuentra con los niños. Al que siguió su visita en los medios recordará su ternura cuando visitó a los estudiantes de la escuela Católica en Harlem en la Ciudad de Nueva York.

Para los que estamos acostumbrados a las evaluaciones generalmente negativas y críticas de todo lo que es Católico en los medios seculares, el perfil positivo que tuvo el Papa Francisco en los EEUU fue gratificante. Ciertamente los redes de noticias divisivos de la tele trabajaron duros para encontrar algo para criticar; se esforzaron para categorizar cada comentario suyo como liberal o conservador. Pero permanece algo encantador cuando alguien predica el Evangelio de Jesucristo y no se restringe midiendo sus palabras para cada audiencia específica. “La verdad te hará libre.”

Una de las cosas más significativas que tomé de los discursos, audiencias y homilías del papa fue su llamado al diálogo. Retó a los obispos al diálogo respetuoso, llamó al Congreso al diálogo, y enfatizó

el poder del diálogo entre la familia. ¿Qué es el diálogo? Simplemente dos personas o dos grupos de personas conversando, un intercambio de ideas y opiniones. El diálogo implica, de hecho requiere, escuchar genuinamente y estar abierto a ideas nuevas, nuevas formas de pensar, a la posibilidad de que alguien con quien no estoy de acuerdo tal vez tendrá una parte de la verdad. No hay nada radical en eso, pero en nuestro país, en nuestras familias y aún en nuestra Iglesia el diálogo auténtico puede ser muy escaso.

Ciertamente fue divertido ser parte de la historia. Vi al Papa Francisco muy de cerca en la Catedral de San Mateo, en la Misa de la Canonización del San Junípero Serra en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción, en el Independence Hall en Filadelfia, y en la misa en el aire libre en la Avenida de Benjamín Franklin.

Mi oración es que el mensaje del Papa Francisco toque corazones y mentes a través de nuestra nación llamándonos a mayor caridad y santidad.

La mayoría de los discursos del Papa Francisco fueron en español, su lengua materna como un nativo de Argentina. Su inglés es bueno, pero se veía que cuando hablaba en inglés tenía que estar muy deliberado, como la mayoría que hablan en su segunda o tercera lengua. Pero sus palabras finales en Filadelfia fueron claras: **¡Oren por mí! ¡No se olviden!**

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Obispo Medley, fotógrafo

Durante la visita del Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos el 22-27 de Sept., el Obispo Medley nos mantuvo al tanto a nosotros aquí en Kentucky occidental con todas las actividades papales – ¡a través del Twitter! Vean aquí lo más destacado de su cronología del Twitter.



El Monseñor Medley tomó esta foto de cerca del Papa Francisco cuando el papa llegó para su discurso a Independence Hall el 26 de Septiembre.



El Monseñor Medley compartió esta foto el 23 de Septiembre antes de la llegada del Papa Francisco en la Catedral de San Mateo en Washington, D.C. Incluyó esta leyenda con la foto, “Reportando vivo de la Catedral de San Mateo. El Papa Francisco llegará pronto.”

Un Extracto del Discurso del Papa Francisco a los Obispos de los Estados Unidos en Washington, D.C.



El Papa Francisco pasa en su Papamóvil durante el desfile papal en Filadelfia el 26 de Sept. La foto fue tomada por Rachel Evans, quien viajó con su esposo y sus tres hijos mayores a varios eventos del Encuentro Mundial de las Familias 2015.

“Ahora tienen esta larga ola de inmigración latina en muchas de sus diócesis. No sólo como Obispo de Roma, sino también como un Pastor venido del sur, siento la necesidad de darles las gracias y de animarles. Tal vez no sea fácil para ustedes leer su alma; quizás sean sometidos a la prueba por su diversidad. En todo caso, sepan que también tienen recursos que compartir. Por tanto, acójalos sin miedo. Ofrézcanles el calor del amor de Cristo y

descifrarán el misterio de su corazón. Estoy seguro de que, una vez más, esta gente enriquecerá a su País y a su Iglesia...”

En D.C., el Papa Francisco también canonizó al San Junípero Serra, misionero a California y alguien a quien el Papa llamó “un misionero incansable, un testigo de la santidad, un fundador de América.” Esta fue la primera canonización en la tierra de los EEUU. ♦

Seamos Iglesia de Salida



Un saludo a cada uno y a sus familias en este ya mes de noviembre. Increíble lo rápido que pasan los meses. Ya incluso se comienza a escuchar, y que bueno, que algunas de nuestras parroquias se preparan ya distribuyendo días para la novena guadalupana, la fiesta del 12, las posadas, navidad etc...

El Papa Francisco en su reciente exhortación apostólica *La Alegría del Evangelio* y en referencia a su deseo de que nos convirtamos más en una ‘Iglesia en Salida’ nos dice: “*La Iglesia en salida es la comunidad de discípulos misioneros que primerean, que se involucran, que acompañan, que fructifican y festejan. «Primerear»: sepan disculpar este neologismo. La comunidad evangelizadora experimenta que el Señor tomó la iniciativa, la ha primereado en el amor (cf. 1 Jn 4,10); y, por eso, ella sabe adelantarse, tomar la iniciativa sin miedo, salir al encuentro, buscar a los lejanos y llegar a los cruces de los caminos para invitar a los excluidos.*” EG. 24

Sin duda alguna el Papa Francisco nos reta y nos da ejemplo de lo que significa ser una Iglesia en salida. Constantemente vemos al Papa romper con protocolos establecidos inclusive de la liturgia deteniéndose a saludar al indigente, a besar al bebe, a abrazar al discapacitado, a visitar al encarcelado etc.

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Seamos Iglesia de Salida ... Continuación de página 19

El Papa ha sido un constante recordatorio para todos de que si revisitáramos el evangelio, podríamos ver que Jesús mismo está siempre en un constante movimiento de lugar en lugar y en salida para encontrarse con los alejados, con los enfermos, con los que necesitan del médico tanto espiritual como físicamente.

Me parece a mí que el Papa Francisco y aún más importante el evangelio mismo, nos retan a muchos a un cambio importante. Muchos creemos que con el solo cumplir

con la Misa del domingo nuestro compromiso con la Iglesia y con Dios termina. Algunos nos cerramos a posibilidades y formas creativas de pastoral encadenados a un solo modo de trabajar. Otros muchos parecíamos en ocasiones que hemos hecho de nuestros grupos, círculos, o movimientos parroquiales, pequeños y exclusivos nichos en donde nos refugiamos y de donde difícilmente nos sacan.

El Papa Francisco nos reta a que salgamos al encuentro del que casi no viene o nunca llega. Al encuentro del que raramente vemos

y del que necesita al médico. Al encuentro misericordioso del que todavía cree que para él o para ella en la Iglesia no hay espacio. Y aunque ciertamente sería más fácil y cómodo el quedarnos en los espacios de la parroquia o en nuestro grupitos con los que conocemos y con los que nos sentimos bien; la misión evangélica de todos como discípulos misioneros, incluyendo tuya y mía sigue siendo la de salir al encuentro.

Dios los bendiga.

Cristóbal Gutierrez
Director del Ministerio Hispano



(Gráfico CNS/Malcolm Gear Designers)

Los Estudiantes del Santo Nombre 'caminan' con el Papa Francisco durante su visita



Durante la visita del Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos el 22-27 de Sept., los estudiantes de la Escuela del Santo Nombre en Henderson prometieron "caminar con Francisco," siguiendo las sugerencias de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos y la Arquidiócesis de Washington, D.C. de hacer actividades reflejando las actividades planeadas del Papa. Las actividades de los estudiantes incluyeron la oración, una misa con toda la escuela y juntar donaciones para los pobres.

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

Parroquia de Santa Susana, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia Santa María y Santo Santiago, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.

313 3rd Street, Guthrie, KY 42234

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522

Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754

Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431

Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 6:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071

Contacto: Padre Brandon Williams (270) 302-5374

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001

Contacto: Hermana Esther Ordoñez (270) 816-0657

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276

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

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455

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

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

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

'Sisters of Service' growing since 2010



Sisters of Service officers and their mothers at the August officer installation. Photo courtesy of Sheri Babbs.

BY CAROLINE VEATCH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

'Sisters of Service' is a service group for teenage girls, 10-18, looking to do service around their community. Sisters of Service (SOS) was founded in 2010.

In the past few months, SOS has been very busy with service and social projects. In May, they made and delivered Mother's Day to the Merryman House. Sisters worked at Vacation Bible School for all the children that attend the churches in the community in June. For our July project, SOS worked and attended the Daughters of Isabella picnic. In August, SOS worked the St. Thomas More Parish picnic at the church. SOS used their talents to help work bingo, food set up, craft stations, and games at St. Thomas More. In September, the SOS worked a booth for the Mount St. Joseph picnic for the Ursuline Sisters. SOS was able to work a booth, talk to some of the sisters, and play some of the games.

The midterm officers were installed at the home of Hannah Speis in August with the mothers of the officers as special guests. With a unique officer system, SOS conducts all of their own meetings, plan and vote on all of the activities. The big sisters mentor the little sisters, so that the work of SOS as Sisters become alumni and go out to change the world.

In September, SOS went to Murray to listen to a talk from Lisa Cotter sponsored by the Murray State University Newman Center. Lisa Cotter is an inspirational speaker who speaks to people of all ages about dating, marriage, femininity, and motherhood. Specifically, she spoke on the emotional differences between men and women and how to keep yourself emotionally pure.

There are also many social/spiritual events com-

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Trinity holds 'Mr.' and 'Ms.' elections

Whitesville's Trinity High School students recently learned the results of some important elections. Tyler Cecil and Nina Wathen were elected "Mr. & Ms. Freshman;" Jacob Pace and Molli Buck were elected "Mr. & Ms. Sophomore;" John Gibson and Alanna Wathen were elected "Mr. & Ms. Junior;" Drew Mills and Lauren Beyke were elected "Mr. & Ms. Senior" and Daniel Hardesty and Maddy Buck were elected "Mr. & Ms. Pride."



Daniel Hardesty and Maddy Buck were recently elected "Mr. & Ms. Pride" at Trinity. Photo courtesy of Christina Rhodes.

Holy Name kids qualify for Duke University's 'TIP'



Holy Name seventh graders smile after receiving qualification for Duke University's TIP, or Talent Identification Program. Photo courtesy of Holy Name School.

Thirteen Holy Name School seventh-graders qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) by scoring at or above the 95th national percentile on specific subtests of the ITBS test. Through TIP, students can now take the SAT or ACT as seventh-graders. Additionally they receive educational journals, academic camp guides and performance recognition.

Not to be outdone, 40 fourth-graders, 16 fifth-graders and 15 sixth-graders also qualified for TIP by scoring in the 95th percentile, and will be able to take the EXPLORE test – an eighth-grade level test made by the ACT. They will also receive educational newsletters, academic contest opportunities, an invitation to academic camps and performance recognition. ♦

Lourdes youth help at Mount picnic



Volunteers from Owensboro's Our Lady of Lourdes Parish youth group helped out at the Sept. 13 Mount St. Joseph picnic. Here, Ross Flemming, Sam Wilson, Caleigh Millay, Christina Stelmach, Regan Neal, Jude Neal, Bradley Davis, Keaton Davis and Cody Stelmach wash dishes for the sisters. Photo courtesy of Peggy Tichenor.

Living rosary in Philpot

On Oct. 2 all students of Mary Carrico Memorial School, Philpot, prayed the Living Rosary. This is a yearly event led by the eighth grade students and Sr. Mary Celine Weidenbenner, OSU. Photo courtesy of Martha Warren.



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ing up. St. Maria Gorretti was chosen to be the patron saint of Sisters of Service. On Oct. 19, SOS will have the opportunity make a pilgrimage to view her relics that are on tour in the United States. SOS will travel to Bellview, Ill. to view St. Maria Gorretti's relics. The Sisters have been looking forward to this for a long time, and they can't wait to go!

On Oct. 26-27, Jason Evert came to Paducah at St. Mary High School. He is an inspirational speaker who talks to mostly high school and college students about chastity. SOS listened to his talk on the 26th.

Sisters of Service has been very busy and has many events planned for the upcoming months. SOS loves to help the community. Sisters of Service want to be the hands of God.

Caroline Veatch is the SOS Big Sister Recording Secretary. ◆

Whitesville students' art displayed at Botanical Garden

St. Mary of the Woods School students in Whitesville painted tiles in their art class taught by Enid Roach. These tiles were prominently displayed in the Western Kentucky Botanical Garden in Owensboro.



Shown are students Harlee Keener, Madi Edge, Emma Mills and Maria Roberts. Photo courtesy of Kim Rydecki.

Holy Name students 'walk' with Pope Francis during visit

During the Sept. 23-27 visit of Pope Francis to the United States, students of Holy Name School in Henderson pledged to "walk with Francis," following suggestions from the USCCB and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., to do activities mirroring the pope's scheduled activities.

John, a Holy Name student, wrote in a short illustrated essay for the occasion: "Pope Francis is in the U.S. He will pray with our Bishops. He will visit the site of the World Trade Center. He will tell people about God."

An all-school Mass on Sept. 23 honored fathers and other important men in students' lives, including the Holy Father. Students paused for prayer later that morning when Pope Francis was scheduled to pray with the U.S. bishops at St. Matthew Cathedral in D.C.

During morning announcements on Sept. 24 – the day Pope Francis attended an ecumenical service at the 9/11 memorial site in New York – students listened to Holy Name's youth minister, Charlie Hardesty, and the Henderson Youth Ministers Association share commonalities that bind Christians together during tragedy.



Photo courtesy of Holy Name School.

Students collected nonperishable foods on the day Pope Francis visited Catholic Charities in New York, and the items went to several shelters around Henderson. Students also pledged to "walk with Francis" after the pope left the U.S. by praying for him, evangelizing, doing works of mercy and caring for the environment. ◆

Parents lay foundation for vocations

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS AND VICAR FOR CLERGY, DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO



Fr. Jason McClure

The World Meeting of Families was the occasion of Pope Francis' recent visit to the United States. This highlights the importance of family in the Church and the world. Vatican II declared that families were genuinely "Church" and restored the ancient concept of

"domestic church" as it stated: "The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

I believe being a parent is one of the most rewarding and at the same most challenging of vocations. I sincerely pray every day for parents, that by God's grace, you have the strength and ability to meet the needs and challenges that accompany the great vocation to parenthood. The commitment you made on the day of your child's baptism is among the most important you will ever make. On that day you were asked if you clearly under-

How to foster vocations at home

- Your example of living your vocation to marriage, of prayer, of listening and being obedient to God's will is the greatest witness you give.
- Pray together as a family and include prayers for vocations: Pray for your parish priest, religious, seminarians (possibly name some specific families, priests, religious, etc.), and pray for those discerning vocations.
- Let your children know that you support and encourage whatever the call of the Lord may be for them, that you also desire it. It is very difficult for a child to walk freely towards his/her vocation without positive support from parents.
- Encourage interaction with priests and consecrated religious; invite them to your home or events in your family's life.
- Share and discuss with younger children, the stories of calls in Scripture; i.e. Mary's response to God (Lk 1: 26-39), Jesus' calling the Apostles (Mt 4:18-22).
- The Eucharist. Need we say more?

stand what you are undertaking when asking to have your child baptized. It was a commitment to accept the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the faith. What tremendous trust, that our God would place such responsibility in the hands of those he calls to be parents.

Parents, you are the number one teachers of our children. In my estimation, loving and educating your children is the most beautiful and important of missions you have. St. John Paul II emphasized this when he said, "The Christian family, as the 'domestic church,' also makes up a natural and fundamental school for formation in the faith: father and mother receive from the Sacrament of Matri-

mony the grace and ministry of the Christian education of their children, before whom they bear witness and to whom they transmit both human and religious values."

You have the greatest influence on your children's lives. And so in the Vocations Office, we hope to support you in your mission to teach, guide, and nurture your children's relationship with Jesus and to help them respond to the plan he has for them.

In this issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic I would like to encourage and support parents

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in your efforts to foster a culture of vocations in the home. Whether called to marriage or priesthood, consecrated life or single life, a culture of vocations in the home will lay the foundation on which one's call from God is realized.

Thank you, parents for your commitment to your children. Your dedication to the mission of family in the Church and the world guides, guards, and communicates the love of our God through your selfless witness. For more resources for cultivating a culture of vocations in the family, please feel free to contact the Vocations Office.

May the grace and love of our God be with you and your family always. ♦

Diocese of Owensboro parishioners become Nashville Dominicans

A young woman from the Diocese of Owensboro recently made perpetual professions of poverty, chastity and obedience and another also of our diocese made simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, both as Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee.



Sr. Veronica Marie Buckmaster, OP, a former member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson, joined four other young women on July 25 to make their

perpetual profession of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Mass for the Rite of Perpetual Religious Profession was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. Bishop David R. Choby of Nashville presided. Sr. Buckmaster currently teaches seventh-grade language arts and eighth-grade religion at St. Gertrude in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Sr. Maria Theresia Dunn, OP, a former member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville joined 12 other young women on July 28 to make their

simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Mass for the Rite of First Religious Profession was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. Bishop David R. Choby of Nashville presided. ♦

Workshop for Priests Nearing Retirement

For priests who are approaching retirement age, a workshop by St. Meinrad's Institute for Priests and Presbyterates can jumpstart the planning process.

The four-day workshop is designed to help priests:

- Plan for the transition into retirement
- Make retirement meaningful and purposeful
- Discover strengths and likely challenges, and how to best engage both

- Discover the 15 spiritual growth factors that can transform retirement into an energizing time of personal and spiritual development
- Learn the steps to make the most of retirement.

The workshop will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2015, at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN. For details about the schedule, how to register and the workshop cost, visit www.saint-meinrad.edu/retirement-workshop or call (800) 357-8477.

The Sisters of the Lamb of God: A short history

BY SR. DEBRA ANN BAILEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Fr. Rene de la Chevesnarie, S.J., founded the Servants of the Lamb of God, known in Owensboro as the Sisters of the Lamb of God, in 1945.

The Servants of the Lamb of God were founded by Fr. Rene de la Chevesnarie, S.J. in February of 1945 in Brest, France. Several years earlier he had been giving women's retreats when he discovered that there were women who had a religious vocation but were not able to enter life because they were either "too

old," had a physical handicap, or poor in health.

He envisioned a community of sisters living the Gospel councils all together, the able-bodied, the handicapped, the poor in health and the healthy regardless of age.

Fr. Rene found a bombed-out castle in Brest which was vacated by a family, leaving only a picture of the Lamb of God. The picture was Fr. Rene's inspiration for choosing this building.

Fr. Rene gathered several women together and they became the first postulants in September 1945.

Though they had little, the women shared what they had with each other and lived religious life like any other order, praying the Divine Office, working outside or inside the home, and bringing whatever gifts and talents they had. The flourish-

ing sisters' occupations included parish office work, nursing and teaching.

In 1953 the first American sister joined and became Sr. Mary Madeline Bessette. She was 45, blind and spoke French fluently; her mission became calling people on the phone and emphasizing their importance.

In 1958 three American and three French sisters came to Owensboro, KY, with the slight name change from "Servants" to "Sisters of the Lamb of God." Upon arrival they took a census of the families in the parishes throughout the diocese.

Fr. Rene was overjoyed that the sisters were spreading across the world, and to this day each Sisters of the Lamb of God chapel has a map or symbol of the world.

In 1967 we received approbation from Rome,



Learn More

Learn more about our local Sisters of the Lamb of God at sistersofthelambofgod.org, call them at (270) 926-8656 or write to them at Sisters of the Lamb of God, 2063 Wyandotte Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301.

delighting Fr. Rene before his death in 1968 in France.

Since arriving in Owensboro the sisters started the first Catholic kindergarten, and their ministries continue to be as varied as they are.

From the beginning they have had a dual spirituality: St. Ignatius and St. Therese, the Little Flower. They live the words, "Meek and humble of heart" every day of their lives. "For An Ever Greater Love" is their motto. ♦

Ursuline sister celebrates 60 years

St. Henry Parish, Aurora, celebrated 60 years of religious life with Sr. Teresa Riley, OSU on Sunday, Aug. 16. Approximately 150 people attended a dinner reception in the parish hall after the Mass. Born in Mayfield, Sr. Riley spent almost her whole life in Kentucky and now serves in outreach ministry in Benton. She is associated with St. Henry, Aurora and St. Pius X, Calvert City. She made her commitment to religious life at 18 years old when she entered the postulancy of the Ursuline Sisters at Mount St. Joseph and made her final vows 13 years later, also at Mount St. Joseph. Her remaining 47 years have been spent teaching and doing administrative duties at various grade schools, high schools and colleges throughout Kentucky. Sr. Riley lives by advice from a quote from St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Sisters: "For those in perilous and pestilential times, you will find no other recourse than to take refuge at the feet of Jesus Christ." St. Henry Parish thanks Sr. Riley for her years of devoted service. ♦



November Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Kenneth & Alice Cole, 56
David & Jerri Rudd, 53
Gene & Linda Howard, 51
Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, 59
Henry E. & Bernadette Hayden, 51

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Phillip & Joyce Moorman, 58

Christ the King, Madisonville

Richard & Ruth Dale, 51
Bernie & Donna Kahl, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Larry & Jane Denton, 56
Thomas & Evangeline Farris, 25
Billy & Betty Gatten, 66
Steven & Janet Hayden, 40
William & Sandra Haynes, 54
Jerry & Mia Johnson, 25
Leland & Donna Leslie, 51
Bobby & Della May Marlin, 58
Ralph & Jeannine O'Nan, 57
Charles & Faye Pippin, 58
John & Elizabeth Probus, 25
Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 54
Ronald & Judy Wilkerson, 54

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Janusz & Anna Swierkosz, 25
Don & Judy Dobernic, 50
Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 56
John & Linda Meyer, 51
Randy & Jean Thompson, 54

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Mike & Sheila Ogle, 10
J. Rodney & Joretta Wheatley, 50
William & Phyllis Emmick, 52

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Thomas W. & Carol Husley, 40
James & Deborah Payne, 40
John & Barbara Collignon, 51
Stephen & Patty Johnson, 51

E. L. & Dianne Woodward, 52
Gene & Shirley Zoglman, 55

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Donald & Mary Blanford, Sr., 62
Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 61
William M. & Martha Mills, 54
John & Patricia Mountain, 59
Haymen & Marie Ward, 54
Tom & Rosella C. Whitsett, 65
James & Joan Johnson, 56

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Louis & Liz Cecil, 71
Charles & Shirley Merimee, 59
James & Doris Schrecker, 61

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Jeff & Maryann Bell, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

William & Jean Danhauer, 64

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Ross & Jane Tomas, 56
Pat & Peggy Thomas, 63
Gerald & Marilyn Greenwell, 54
Buck & Pam Buchanan, 10
Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckmans, 56

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Richard & Nancy Blandford, 54
Bill & Daisy Gibson, 59
Doug & Janie Hayden, 52
Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly, 58

St. Ann, Morganfield

Curt & Carrie Divine, 10
Matt & Julie Lovell, 10
Eddie & Mary Jo Steward, 50
John & Peggy Jenkins, 53
Harold & Kathy Thomas, 56

St. Anthony, Axtel

Ken & Nori Baurle, 50
Rod & Kathy Henning, 40

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Robert & Dorothy Marie Mattingly, 50

St. Anthony, Peonia

Arthur & Linda Pierce, 54

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Donald & Barbara Shipley, 40

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

John & Sue Mudd, 52

St. Augustine, Reed

Billy Joe & Philomena Bollinger, 54
Jerald Wayne & Sheila Mignon Ralph, 25
Paul & Jane Johnson, 25

St. Charles, Bardwell

Walter & Ethel O'Neill, 51

St. Charles, Livermore

Andy & Patricia Martinez 25
James & Margie Logsdon, 52

St. Edward, Fulton

Doug & Connie Lorton, 59
Bill & Jean Fenwick, 63

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Paul & Bernadette Farr, 60

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Charles W. & Bonnie Kortz, 52
Larry & Joyce Hooks, 55

St. Henry, Aurora

Les & Judy Jegenyas, 54
Anthony and Karin Kenbt, 53

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jason & Kayla Henson, 10
Jerry & Lyndia Elder, 52
Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, 66
Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 57

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Glenn & Judy Smith, 52
Francis & Dorothy Scheer, 61
Bennie & Doris Durbin, 65

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Robert & Renee Butler, 10
Dr. Bill & Lou Moore, 62
Stan & Cody Young, 53

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Thomas & Tina Via, 25
Howard & Rita Darnell, 52
John & Helen Riley, 59
Douglas & Hilda Webb, 67

St. Jude, Clinton

Don & Barb McConnell, 56

St. Leo, Murray

Leonard & Elenore Lankford, 56
Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 59
Vincent & Anne Beichner, 56
Michael Metcalf & Patricia Stevens-Metcalf, 10

St. Martin, Rome

Larry & Sharon Gillim, 56

St. Mary, Franklin

Harry & Mae King, 52
Dr. A. V. & Kay Wilwayco, 58

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Roger & Pearl O'Bryan, 40
Jim & Martha Kamuf, 51

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Arthur & Genevieve Boarman, 50
Lou & Martine Boarman, 67
Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 61
J. W. & Mary Morris, 63

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove

Patrick & Kathy Finnegan, 40
Randy & Irmgard Pierce, 25

St. Peter, Waverly

George & Regina Vogel, 67
Darrell & Bernice Russelburg, 54

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

George & Rose Mary, Clary, III, 54
Vincent & Reenee Fogle, 25
Hugh & Betty Cecil, 63
Delbert & Shirley Fulkerson, 63

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Jerry & Gayle Seay, 62

St. Pius X, Owensboro

David & Brenda Coombs, 40
Jerry & Audrey Mezur, 50
Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 56
George & Geraldine Keller, 51

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Wayne & Judy Hardesty, 53
Victor & Lillian Henning, 58

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Andy & Patricia Martinez, 25
James & Margie Logsdon, 52

St. Stephen, Cadiz

George & Dorothy Boone, 56
Lonnie & Pam Wimsatt, 51

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

James & Jolene Hudson, 59
William E. & Jean Danhauer, Jr., 65
Gilbert & Theresa J. Moore, 58

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Keith & Kim Cash, 25
Jim & Sharon Godec, 53
Jack & Vonnie Howard, 53
Wayne & Margaret Hagan, 57

St. William, Knottsville

Thomas & Stella Boehmann, 51
Leon & Patricia Lanham, 58
Frankie & Elsie Lindsey, 59

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

George & Diane Sutton, 52

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Phillip & Stacey McCarthy, 25
Donald & Martha Hare, 60
Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, 51
Charles & Florence Howard, 60
Richard & Rita Stiff, 60

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Arnold & Julia Borders, 60
Charles & Judy Folz, 54
Ronny & Darlene Fuller, 51
Henry & Hannelore Kumpfmuller, 58
Thomas & Winnie Wilson, 63

Dear Cursillistas: In thanksgiving for Sr. Elaine Burke

BY MARY HAGAN AND TERESA WESTERFIELD, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I hope you will all join me in giving Sr. Elaine Burke, OSU, thanks for her 13 years of faithful, loving service to the Cursillo community as a spiritual advisor.

Sister has had many duties; she has invited priests to participate in our Masses and reconciliations, she has given thousands of talks on weekends, attended meetings of the Secretariat and been a spiritual advisor for the Cursillo weekend encounters with Jesus, self and others.

She has worked in our booth at the Mount St. Joseph picnics, been the knowledge and direction of the Cursillo movement as she helped several lay directors take office, and

guided us in our charism and apostolate of the Cursillo movement.

Sister retired from the Cursillo movement on June 15, 2015, but is still around to help guide and pray for us as we continue the movement in our diocese. Words cannot express the love for Sister and the honor we have had to have her be a part of our history.

The next Cursillo workshop is Nov. 14, 2015 at Blessed Mother Parish hall from 9 a.m. – noon with a potluck lunch provided by the Secretariat. It will be a Sponsor Workshop to help sponsors with their duties to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ, continuing to show the love of Jesus as they

walk with their candidate for the next year.

We welcome all those who have made a Cursillo weekend to participate and enjoy renewing friendships as we work to grow our movement in the diocese, and bring others to the weekends.

Our next men's weekend is June 9-12, 2016. Our next women's weekend is June 16-19, 2016. Both will be at the Hawesville Center for Cursillo. For more information contact Mary Hagan at (270) 240-4778 or haganm95@yahoo.com, or Teresa Westerfield at (270) 256-8864. ♦

Owensboro parishes hosting 'Tri-Mission' to make a difference

BY JUDY COOMES, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As a member of St. William Parish in Knottsville during my youth, I was offered many opportunities to strengthen my faith, not only from my church but my parents and my Catholic schools. When our parish hosted a yearly mission, Mom and Dad saw that our family attended. As good as our pastors were, it was still refreshing to hear messages from other priests and missionaries. Regretfully, as an adult, teaching and raising a family sometimes

“challenged” my faithful attendance at our parish missions.

Just as Pope Francis exhausts himself reaching out to the young and old, our priests offer their parishioners countless opportunities to draw closer to the Lord. We may give up on ourselves, but, thankfully, God never gives up on us. Our God is an amazing Person, and we must make our prayers a conversation with the Lord, asking Him to walk with us daily on life's rocky, challenging paths, which are reasons why you are invited to attend the November 9, 10, and 11 Tri-Mission, co-hosted

by Blessed Mother, St. Stephen's, and SS. Joseph and Paul Parishes. A nine-member planning team has worked for several months to coordinate a valuable and memorable Mission open to everyone – Catholic as well as non-Catholic. Invite others to join you each night.

We are excited that Fr. Ron Knott of the Archdiocese of Louisville will conduct our Tri-Mission. Fr. Knott is a Bellarmine University campus minister, author of 30 books, retired St. Meinrad instruc-

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tor, recipient of Fleur de Lis Leadership Award from Louisville business leaders, priest convocation/retreat presenter, and a weekly columnist for his diocesan paper. Recognized as a dynamic speaker, Father Knott will offer a different, but related, self-improvement message each night.

Organized onsite childcare will be provided nightly by members of each parish's youth group, so parents can focus on Fr. Knott's message. If transportation is a problem, please call your parish office and share your name and address as each parish has volunteer "chauffeurs." Fr. Knott will also offer his books, spiritual readings, and homilies for purchase at each parish. Following the 6:30-8 p.m. mission, desserts and beverages await everyone in each Parish Center.

As a member of Blessed Mother, it has been good to collaborate with two other parishes in hosting this Tri-Mission, for we are one Church with one goal – eternal salvation. On Nov. 9 at Blessed Mother, Fr. Knott will discuss "Tackling Your Own Apathy, Cynicism, Narcissism, and Personal Neglect." On Nov. 10 at St. Stephen's the topic will be "The Convenience of Playing Small." The Tri-Mission will conclude on Nov. 11 at SS. Joseph and Paul with a focus on "Saying 'No' to Gossip, Jealousy, and Suspicion."

Praying and living a good life are often challenging. Take courage in knowing that the graces received from attending the Tri-Mission will help in overcoming life's challenges and strengthening one's determination to make a difference. ♦

'Catholic Answers' well worth a tune-in

BY ROB ABNEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I love listening to Catholic Answers, a radio program originating from San Diego, California and broadcast on local radio in Owensboro Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The program can also be heard locally in Hopkinsville, Morganfield, and Whitesville. If you can't listen at that time or you're not in one of those areas, there are other options: you can use the Catholic Answers app to download the show to your smartphone and listen anytime.

The program is professionally produced with an experienced host, usually Patrick Coffin, emceeding the program so that callers can call in and ask a question about the Catholic faith. An expert apologist or a guest such as a priest or an author answers the questions. The answers and explanations are derived from the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, papal documents, Church history, and/or Catholic reasoning.

The host keeps the questioners on subject to avoid excess background information but always does so in a charitable fashion. One of the joys of listening is to hear an atheist or Protestant or even a Catholic ask a question with some degree of animosity only to be answered with a friendly response that disarms the apparent anger and allows a productive dialogue.

Two of the regular apologists are Tim Staples and Jimmy Akin. Staples excels at answering questions with a plethora of scripture, thanks to his

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Chair), and Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

previous training as a Protestant now being used to proclaim the Catholic faith. Akin is extremely logical and precise with his answers; he never seems to be without an answer unless it requires a child-like answer to a very young caller! Another regular is Fr. Vincent Serpa who specializes in answering pastoral questions and will often direct the caller to also contact him off-air.

Apologetics is the art of defending the faith. The staff at Catholic Answers are strong defenders and will help you understand a variety of tenets of Catholicism. I encourage you to tune in and listen.

Rob Abney is a parishioner of St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro. ♦

Considering Adoption?

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

St. Gerard Life Home

Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies

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

'Dear Michelle' – a father's letter

Editor's note: Our October issue of *The Western Kentucky Catholic* told the story of David and Rita, a post-abortive couple who found healing through Rachel's Vineyard. This month we share a letter written by David to their aborted daughter.

Sunday, January 20th, 2013

Dear Michelle,

31 years. How do I write a letter to a child I killed and abandoned. A life I discarded and forgot for 31 years.

With God's Help.

Our Lord has sent us on a 31 year journey which has lead us here to Rachael's Vineyard. We did not know the Lord's reason for bringing us here this weekend. We were not sure what to expect, but our Lord knew we had a pain in our soul we needed to heal and a part of our life we needed to find.

As a parent expects their child to say "I'm sorry" when they do something wrong, you have been waiting 31 years for me to say, "I'm sorry Michelle. I denied you your life on earth and to grow up with your brother and sister. I know what we did was wrong and I am sorry it took this long to say "I'm sorry.

I believe you are with Jesus and you have no better teacher of forgiveness and you have been waiting patiently for our journey to bring us here.

I pray you have heard me.

I pray for your forgiveness.

I pray I can be a good father to you and talk to you through prayer from now on.

I pray you will be my patron Saint and watch over me.

I pray for all the women and men who are going or will be going through what we did.

Finally, I pray you will continue to wait patiently for the day our Lord calls me to our reunion when I will finally be able to hold you in my arms.

Love,
Dad ♦

Rachel's Vineyard

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held Nov. 13-15, 2015, in Whitesville, KY. For information contact Debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com and follow [Facebook.com/HopeAfterAbortionKY](https://www.facebook.com/HopeAfterAbortionKY). For a complete listing of retreats nationwide go to www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Sr. Mary Rita Lavigne, OSU

Sr. Mary Rita Lavigne, 93, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Sept. 17, 2015, in Owensboro, in her 62nd year of religious life. A native of Topeka, Kan., she enjoyed playing the piano by ear.

Sr. Rita was an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., prior to that community's 2008 merger with the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph. She was a teacher in Kansas, using her acumen for business to help her students. Sr. Rita was business administrator for the Lakemary Center in Paola, which serves adults and children with developmental disabilities, from 1969-87. Sr. Rita moved to Maple Mount on June 1, 2009, and served in the community

archives until her death.

Survivors include a brother, Harry Lavigne of Des Moines, Iowa, nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Sept. 21, at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Gifts in memory of Sr. Rita may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Rita Lavigne.

Fr. Emil Schuwey, CPPS

Fr. Emil Schuwey, CPPS, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, in the infirmary at St. Charles Center, Celina, Ohio.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1921, in Im Fang, Switzerland, to Henry and Marie (Jaggi) Schuwey and emigrated to Louisville with his family in 1927. He entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1936 at Brunnerdale High School in Ohio and was ordained in 1949.

In 1987 he served for three years as pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Hawesville, Ky., and St. Columbia Church in Lewisport, Ky. He returned to Louisville in 1991

and retired to St. Charles Center in 2003.

Fr. Schuwey is survived by four sisters: Lucy Lichtsteiner, Sabina Clan and Frieda Schuwey, all of Louisville; and Mary Hamer, Beavercreek, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral Mass was Oct. 23 at St. Charles Center with burial in the Community cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Province.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Emil Schuwey.

¡El Católico de Kentucky Occidental ahora se ve diferente! Aparte de otros cambios de diseño gráfico, ahora se encuentra la sección en español en medio del periódico, en vez de atrás.