



## A Word From Bishop Medley

*Editor's note: On April 12, 2019, the Diocese of Owensboro released a list of priests who have served in the diocese against whom one or more allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor have been substantiated. In place of his regular WKC column, Bishop William F. Medley's letter accompanying the list is printed below.*

April 12, 2019

My dear sisters and brothers,

In the Roman Catholic Mass for Reconciliation we pray, "When we ourselves had turned away from you on account of our sins, you brought us back to be reconciled, O Lord."

In the spirit of this prayer, the Diocese of Owensboro today is releasing a list of priests who have served in our diocese against whom one or more allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor have been substantiated.

Today as a Church we seek to again acknowledge the sins of sexual abuse of children by people they should have been able to trust without reserve. I apologize to all who have suffered at the hands of a priest. For all the times when Church leaders failed to live out Christ's call to holiness and did not do what was needed to keep you and all children safe, I am sorry.

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I apologize as well to all of you in the Diocese of Owensboro. The sexual abuse of a child is abhorrent, and the fact that this kind of evil has been perpetrated by priests rocks our Church to its core. For the anger, the sadness, the embarrassment and doubts this may have brought you, I apologize and I share in your pain and frustration.

I apologize to the dedicated and holy priests of our Church who have never in any way harmed a child. You have suffered from the stain rendered upon the priesthood by the misconduct of others.

Thankfully, since 2002 there has been significant reform in how the Church in the United States handles allegations of sexual abuse. We operate under a zero-tolerance policy. When a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest in the Diocese of Owensboro is determined, that priest is permanently removed from ministry. Additionally, robust measures have been put into place to prevent abuse, including background checks for those who work with children and training for both children and adults. There has been a dramatic decline in the number of abuse cases over recent decades. However, I do recognize that even one person harmed is too many and we must remain committed in our efforts to keep every child safe.

The development of this list has been a thorough and painstaking process. Three former chairs of the Diocesan Review Board worked over several months with access to all diocesan files to recommend to me the names presented here. William Craig is an attorney, Dr. Mike Farina is a psychologist, and Mary Beth Hurley is a retired nurse. They have served generously because they love the Church and want it to be the best it can be, and especially to be a safe place

for children.

Inclusion on this list does not necessarily indicate that an accused priest has been found guilty of a crime or liable for any civil claim. While every allegation of abuse received today by the diocese is reported to authorities, it does not mean that the authorities will pursue charges. Often, allegations are not received until years and even decades after an incident. In some cases, the accused priests have been deceased before an allegation has been made.

We hold anyone who works for the Church to a higher standard than civil or criminal courts may require. Therefore, while inclusion on this list does not necessarily indicate guilt, it does indicate a finding on the part of the Diocese of Owensboro that there is adequate reason to believe the alleged abuse did occur.

Over the years, the Diocese of Owensboro has investigated some allegations against priests that had a semblance of credibility, but could not be substantiated. The definition of a substantiated allegation which guided the work of the reviewing committee is:

An allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest is substantiated when there is probable cause for believing the claim is true. The following may be considered as evidence of probable cause: 1) admission of guilt by the accused; 2) accused does not contest the allegation; 3) guilty finding rendered by a court; 4) finding rendered by an investigative process shows cause for believing the allegation is true on an objective basis.

The publication of this list does not indicate a closure of the matter of sexual abuse in the Church. We know that survivors of abuse present themselves

## **BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR MAY 2019**

<b>MAY 1</b>	8 a.m.   <b>Mass &amp; Crowning of Mary</b> – Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson 6 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho
<b>MAY 2</b>	9 a.m.   <b>Mass</b> – Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus
<b>MAY 4</b>	10 a.m.   <b>Brescia University Graduation</b> – Owensboro 5 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Mary Parish, Franklin
<b>MAY 5</b>	9 a.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah 3 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
<b>MAY 8</b>	6 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Sebastian & St. Charles Parishes, McLean County
<b>MAY 9</b>	6:30 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. William Parish, Knottsville
<b>MAY 11</b>	5:30 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
<b>MAY 12</b>	8 a.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm 2 p.m.   <b>Owensboro Catholic High School Graduation</b> – Owensboro
<b>MAY 16</b>	<b>Visit Kentucky State Penitentiary &amp; Fredonia</b>
<b>MAY 17</b>	7 p.m. <b>Trinity High School Graduation</b> – Whitesville
<b>MAY 18</b>	7 p.m. <b>St. Mary High School Graduation</b> – Paducah
<b>MAY 19</b>	10:30 a.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro 4 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
<b>MAY 20</b>	10 a.m.   <b>Priest Personnel Meeting</b> 1:30 p.m.   <b>Priests' Council Meeting</b>
<b>MAY 22</b>	8:30 a.m.   <b>Diocesan Finance Council Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam
<b>MAY 26</b>	8:30 a.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Paul Parish, Leitchfield 10:30 a.m.   <b>Confirmation</b> – St. Elizabeth Parish, Clarkson
<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>Paducah Office</b>
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and tell their stories in their own time. This often was complicated by the Church's reluctance to hear and believe those who came forth. To any who have not come forward, have not been heard, we invite you to do that which is best for you. If that includes coming to the Church, we stand ready to listen and heal, to learn and act.

These are dark days in our Church, but as Christians we are never without hope, even at Calvary. Jesus is always our hope and our light. Throughout our history, in times of darkness and confusion, God has raised up great saints to show us the way. Our time is no different. God is most certainly rais-

ing up holy men and women in our day who are calling us back to the Gospel and reminding us once more of Christ's call to each of us to live lives of holiness. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and we will find the way.

As we approach the holiest week of the year for us as Christians, I end my letter to you with these words from then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger given on Good Friday in 2005. Just a few short weeks later Cardinal Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI.

*"Through your passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection, Jesus, you have brought us the gift of forgiveness of sins. Cleanse and purify the Church you love of the sins*

*of abuse and misconduct which have seriously wounded the Church. Bring healing and love to victims. Help us all to rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of true holiness. Amen."* ■

Sincerely in Christ,



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

## Priests Who Have Served in the Diocese of Owensboro Against Whom A Substantiated Allegation of Sexual Abuse of a Minor Has Been Made

For purposes of this list, an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest is substantiated when there is probable cause for believing the claim is true. The following may be considered as evidence of probable cause: 1) admission of guilt by the accused; 2) accused does not contest the allegation;

3) guilty finding rendered by a court; 4) finding rendered by an investigative process shows cause for believing the allegation is true on an objective basis.

### **I. Priests ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro**

This section contains the names of priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring within the

Diocese of Owensboro.

- **Gerald Baker.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1983. Three allegations deemed substantiated by the Diocesan Review Board. Removed from public ministry 2016.
- **Paul Greenwell.** Ordained in the Diocese of Louisville in 1928. Became a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1937. Multiple allegations from the 1940's and 1950's deemed substantiated. Left the diocese in 1956. Deceased 1964.
- **Walter Hancock.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1947. Multiple

allegations deemed substantiated. Removed from public ministry 2002. Deceased 2012.

- **Gilbert Henninger.** Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Louisville in 1937. Became a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1937. Multiple allegations received after his death but deemed substantiated. Deceased 1990.
- **John Meredith.** Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Owensboro in 1980. One allegation deemed substantiated by the Diocesan Review Board. Removed from public ministry 2013.
- **Louis Piskula.** Ordained a priest in the Dio-

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cese of Owensboro in 1975. Six allegations deemed substantiated. From 1994 onward he was in restricted ministry and removed from public ministry in 2002. In 2014 he was convicted of child sexual abuse and sentenced to prison. Deceased 2018.

- **John Speaks.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1974. One allegation deemed substantiated. Removed from public ministry in 2002.
- **Carroll Wheatley.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1975. Two allegations deemed substantiated. Removed from public ministry in 2011. Deceased 2013.
- **Henry Wieder.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in 1989. One allegation of sexual abuse received in 2002 involving incident prior to ordination deemed substantiated. Left active ministry 2003.

## II. Priests from another diocese or religious order

This section contains the names of priests either from another diocese or from a religious order who at one time served in the Diocese of Owensboro and against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring within the Diocese.

- **Joseph Alexander.** Ordained a priest in 1973 in the Order of St. Benedict. Allegation is from years prior to ordination while at St. Maur's Seminary in South Union, Kentucky. Considered substantiated and removed from public ministry in 2002.

- **Joseph Pilger.** Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Covington in 1955. Served in the Diocese of Owensboro from 1963 - 1976. Thirteen allegations deemed substantiated. Convicted of child sexual abuse in 1993. Deceased 2003.
- **Louis Telegdy.** Ordained as a priest of the Precious Blood Order in 1942. Served in the Diocese of Owensboro 1972-1978. One allegation received in the Diocese of Owensboro after his death. Three allegations in the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa deemed substantiated. Deceased 1995.
- **Raymond Waldruff.** Ordained a priest as a Franciscan Third Order Regular (TOR) in 1953. Served in the Diocese of Owensboro 1967 - 1968. Five allegations received; at least two deemed substantiated. Dismissed from the TOR in 1983. Deceased 1985.

## III. Allegations Which Occurred Outside the Diocese of Owensboro

This section contains the names of priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro, as well as priests from another diocese who at one time served within the Diocese of Owensboro, and against whom was made at least one substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor occurring outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

- **Paul Haas.** Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Nashville in 1959. Served in the Diocese of Owensboro 1966-1977. Multiple allegations in Tennessee were deemed substantiated.

ed. No allegations received in the Diocese of Owensboro. Deceased 1979.

- **\*Adelbert "Del" Holmes.** Ordained a priest of the Glenmary Home Missioners in 1963. Served in the Diocese of Owensboro 1977-1988. One allegation in the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia. No allegations received in the Diocese of Owensboro. Deceased 2013.
- **William Odom-Green.** Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Owensboro in 1991. One allegation in the Diocese of Oakland, California in 1999. Convicted and sentenced to prison. No allegations received in the Diocese of Owensboro. Removed from public ministry 1999.

More information about the priests listed here is available on the Diocese of Owensboro website at <https://owensborodiocese.org/accountability>. In a spirit of ongoing transparency, as new information is received in the future, it will also be added to the website at that address. ■

*\*Name added to this list on April 26, 2019.*

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# Necessary accountability

## *Diocese releases list of priests with substantiated allegations*

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On April 12, 2019, the Friday before Holy Week began in the Catholic Church, the Diocese of Owensboro released a list of priests who had served in the diocese against whom one or more allegations of the sexual abuse of a minor have been substantiated.

In a press conference that afternoon, Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro read a nearly 1,000-word letter he had released that day accompanying the list of 15 priests' names.

Bishop Medley apologized to “all who have suffered at the hands of a priest... when Church leaders failed to live out Christ’s call to holiness and did not do what was needed to keep you and all children safe.”

Bishop Medley said that the development of the list “has been a thorough and painstaking process” over the course of several months “with access to all diocesan files.”

However, “the publication of this list does not indicate a closure of the matter of sexual abuse in the Church,” he said. “To any who have not come forward, have not been heard, we invite you to do that which is best for you. If that includes coming to the Church, we stand ready to listen and heal, to learn and act.”

In corresponding with the WKC after the press conference, Mary Beth Hurley, the chair of the Diocesan Review Board – which assists the bishop in reviewing and handling cases of alleged sexual abuse

by persons acting in the name of the Church – said the list’s release was necessary to provide “transparency and accountability in our diocese.”

“By releasing the names we hope and pray that any others who have been victimized by the individuals named, or by any other person, would come forward so that we can help them to receive help and healing,” said Hurley.

Dr. Mike Farina is a current member and former chair of the Diocesan Review Board.

He told the WKC he hopes the Church can move forward “to further the healing of those who have suffered,” and that all Catholics share in the responsibility to protect youth “and anyone vulnerable to disadvantage.”

Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, the diocese’s vicar general and the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro, said that though he had anticipated the publication of the list, “I admit that it gave me a sickening feeling when I saw it in print.”

“For too long the Church attempted to hide the ‘family secret,’ putting stress on the public reputation of the Church,” said Fr. Reynolds. “... They did not realize that the cleric was not ‘healed’ of such behavior by attending a retreat or by going to confession. In addition, leaders had little understanding of the long-term trauma among victims of sexual abuse.”

On the other hand, Fr. Reynolds said it is painful that some of the names on the list were those “with whom I had attended school and worked with

over the years, or at least I knew as fellow diocesan priests” – men who had also “brought goodness, joy and sacramental grace into the lives of thousands of Catholics.”

Jennifer Francis-Gehring, a clinical therapist at New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services in Owensboro, said transparency is “necessary during these times and I am pleased to see our diocese being forward thinking in this endeavor.”

“New Beginnings will continue to be here within our community to serve any and all survivors of sexual abuse,” she added.

“Tom,” who asked that his last name be withheld for privacy, had been abused by a priest during his childhood.

He told the WKC that he believes the release of the list “took way too long,” having been asking the diocese for to do so for several years. Tom said he knows people who were also victims of clergy sexual abuse, but who had passed away before having the chance to see the names published.

Tom said different people handle the topic of clergy sexual abuse in different ways: “I know people who don’t want to talk about it.”

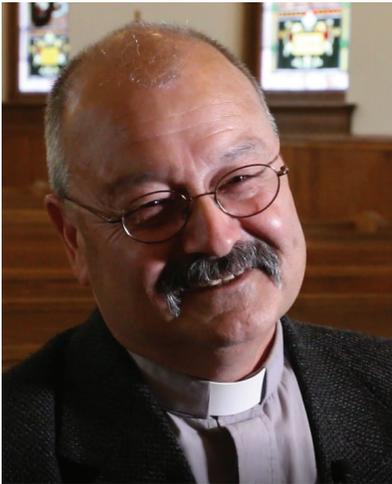
But, the publication of the list will “do a lot more good than harm, in my opinion,” he said, calling this “a step in the right direction,” though he believes the Church “should have done more earlier.”

“My whole concern was not for myself, but for other people who are victims out there,” he said. ■

*Editor’s note: On April 26, 2019, the press date for this issue, the diocese received notice from the Glenmary Home Missioners regarding one of their priests with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse who had served in this diocese. This brings the total number of priests with substantiated allegations and who have served in the Diocese of Owensboro to 16. See page 4 for full list to date.*

# Representing the ‘mercy of the Church’

## *Parishes’ annulment advocates provide unique ministry*



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COURTESY OF ST. THOMAS MORE

(Left to right) Deacon Michael Wiedemer, an advocate, serves at St. Mary of the Woods in McQuady and at St. Anthony the Abbot in Axtel; Helen Bennett, an advocate, is the business manager of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro; Pat Cairney is an advocate and directs RCIA at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In his ministry as an annulment advocate, Deacon Michael Wiedemer works to meet people “where they’re at.”

“Because many times, they’re hurting. Many times, they’re searching,” said Deacon Wiedemer in an April 15 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic. “They’re looking for something; they want to find the Church again.”

And as an advocate, he tries to help them find it.

Helen Bennett, whose full-time ministry is as the business manager of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, also serves as an advocate.

“To be an advocate is to step into a very important role of support, for anyone who is interested in pursuing a declaration of invalidity, (also known as)

an annulment,” she said.

Speaking from her own experience, Bennett explained that “no one expects to end up in a divorce situation. And it’s very painful. Some people say it’s even worse than death.”

Bennett said that receiving her declaration of nullity many years ago paved the way for her to both remarry and to be a “practicing, active Catholic.”

She said there are many reasons why someone would want to pursue this process; it is not just for someone who wishes to remarry one day.

“Some people do it because they see it as the last hurdle,” said Bennett. “They see it as part of the total process and part of the healing process... They may be 70 years old and never intend to remarry.”

Deacon Wiedemer said he has worked with individuals who “may not be in full communion with

the Church,” perhaps if they have been divorced and then remarried outside of the Catholic Church.

He said that as an advocate, he is a representative of the Church in a special way: “We represent the mercy of the Church – the mercy of Jesus Christ.”

“We all make mistakes... and this is part of the understanding of the Church, to help them through that (annulment process),” he said. “To get their life back on track. And to have that authentic joy again.”

Pat Cairney, the director of RCIA at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah and an annulment advocate, said the advocate ministry serves a practical – not just spiritual – purpose.

In addition to this being “a listening ministry,” he assists people in gathering documents and other paperwork required by the Church’s tribunal for pursuing a declaration of nullity.

“Just as in the secular world when you’re working with a pile of paperwork, it helps to have someone else to help you go through it,” said Cairney.

Bennett said the Church’s tribunal has put together a thorough list of questions to begin the annulment process – and this list can be intimidating. As an advocate, she likes to schedule a series of meetings with the individual pursuing the annulment, and they work through the questions together.

After that, the packet of answered questions is delivered to the tribunal, which takes it from there.

Bennett said some of the questions can be “painful, or open up old wounds.”

“But going through it with someone, I think, is so helpful,” she said, expressing gratitude for the

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person who served as her advocate when she was pursuing her own declaration of nullity. “You can talk through things... it’s very conversational, and it’s very confidential.”

Deacon Wiedemer debunked a few misconceptions about annulments. He explained that in the Diocese of Owensboro there is no fee to pursue an annulment.

Also, the children of an individual who receives an annulment will not become illegitimate: “It’s just that the marriage was not sacramental,” he said.

Bennett said the whole process can take a while – sometimes 12 to 24 months. After they deliver the packet to the tribunal, she keeps in contact with the people with whom she has worked, to help ease any

worries or fears.

Cairney said people come to him from different paths.

Sometimes the parish connects him with them, or an individual may approach him of their own accord. Other times, individuals going through RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; in which people enter the Catholic Church – may ask him for assistance in this area.

“What I try to do is educate people about what is going on,” he said, acknowledging that the process can be tedious. He said his role is “a matter of keeping them informed and helping them be patient.”

Bennett agreed.

“It’s about soul-searching,” she said. “It’s about

looking at yourself as much as you possibly can, and to be as open and honest with yourself and with the tribunal about what has gone on in your life and in the life of your former spouse.”

“To tell your story can be very healing,” she said. ■

*Laura Rigsby contributed to this story.*

**Watch interviews with these advocates in a video soon to be released on the Diocese of Owensboro's social media.**

**To contact the tribunal, call (270) 683-1545.**

## Seminarian’s diaconate ordination celebrates ‘Church’s diversity and unity’



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Newly-ordained Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than incenses the faithful during his diaconate ordination Mass on April 13, 2019.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

His transitional diaconate ordination on April 13 was “one of the biggest moments of my life,” but Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than also emphasized that this is “not the end, just the beginning” of his vocation to the priesthood.

“I’m just so happy,” Deacon Than told The Western Kentucky Catholic after his ordination Mass at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green.

Deacon Than is originally from the Southeast Asian country of Myanmar, also known as Burma. Holy Spirit became his “home parish” after he came to the United States in 2017 to study for the priesthood in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Deacon Than, as well as fellow Burmese seminarian Martin Ma Na Ling, came to the diocese in order to assist with the needs of the growing Burmese population in western Kentucky.

Deacon Than is the first Burmese seminarian to be ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Owensboro, which is the next step on a seminarian’s journey toward the priesthood.

Sr. Suzanne Sims, OSU, the director of religious education at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro, helps coordinate her parish’s Burmese ministry. Sr. Sims had brought a number of her fellow Burmese parishioners to attend the ordination.

“This is a celebration of the Church’s diversity and unity,” she told the WKC. “(Deacon Stephen’s)

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Bishop William F. Medley ordains seminarian Stephen Van Lal Than to the transitional diaconate through the laying on of hands on April 13, 2019 at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green.

witness as a leader in the Church will enrich all of us – our Church, our diocese and our world.”

Fr. Brandon Williams, pastor of St. Leo Parish in Murray and co-coordinator of the diocese’s worship office, called Deacon Than “a humble servant of the Lord.”

“He is a great man; he will be a wonderful asset and a gift for our diocese,” said Fr. Williams, who served as Bishop William F. Medley’s master of ceremonies during the ordination.

Deacon Than said he “is so blessed and so grateful” for his friends and family who traveled from far away to attend the ordination Mass, including people from Michigan, Texas and Myanmar.

“God bless them all,” he said. ■

## ‘Prayer is the best thing you can do’

*Couple credits community’s power of prayer for kidney transplant success*

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Successfully donating one of her kidneys to her husband has been described to her as “rare” or “crazy,” but Amanda Van Bussum says something like this doesn’t happen by chance.

“It happens because we have so many people praying for us,” said Amanda, a teacher at Owensboro Catholic Middle School (OCMS), who with her family belongs to Precious Blood in Owensboro.

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019 she and her husband, Travis Van Bussum, underwent two surgeries to remove one of Amanda’s kidneys in order to give it to Travis, whose one remaining kidney had been failing.

“My surgery only lasted about an hour. Travis’ lasted nearly four. We were so excited to get to see one another near the end of the day on Tuesday,” wrote Amanda on the public Facebook page she had created for people to follow their journey, aptly

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Amanda and Travis Van Bussum at their home parish, Precious Blood, on Feb. 25, 2019, prior to their March surgeries.

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named “Travis’ Trek to a New Kidney.”

On the other side of their surgeries and recovering at an excellent speed, Amanda and Travis told the WKC on April 10 that their Catholic faith “is really the primary thing that kept us going.”

That, in addition to their community’s ongoing support – to the point where their family “can’t really go anywhere without people (telling them) ‘Oh, we’re praying for you!’” said Amanda.

“I really don’t think people are just saying that,” said Amanda. “I really thing they are. And it makes such a difference.”

**‘Five to 10 years’**

When Travis was a baby, doctors had discovered a tumor on one of his kidneys, requiring the kidney to be removed. And after undergoing chemotherapy, it seemed that he could return to a “normal” life – for the time being.

Travis and Amanda met in 2012 and started dating not long after. Within the first few months that they were together, Travis had an appointment with his kidney doctor.

“After the appointment he was pretty frank with me about, ‘Well, this is what I have going on, and this is kind of the timeline I’ve been given, and so I’ll need a transplant most likely,’” said Amanda. “The doctor said ‘in five to 10 years.’”

At that time, Amanda was 24 and Travis was 28, and “that seemed like forever” to the newly-dating couple.

Travis, who is a chemistry and biology teacher at Apollo High School in Owensboro, would joke that when that day came along, science would have advanced enough to “grow him a new kidney.”

And Amanda had figured she would give him one of her kidneys when the time came: “It just seemed



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On March 1, 2019, during an all-school adoration service, members of the Owensboro Catholic Middle School community gathering at Immaculate Parish surround Travis and Amanda Van Bussum to pray for their upcoming surgeries in which Amanda will give Travis one of her kidneys.

like something romantic,” she said with a smile.

They were married a year later, and within that same year they started fostering and eventually adopted three young children.

Life started going “super, super fast,” said Amanda.

Before they knew it, they were six years out – and it was time for a transplant.

**‘I have a feeling’**

With three small children, the Van Bussums re-evaluated the idea of Amanda being tested to see if

she could be a match for Travis. Even if Amanda was compatible, they reflected that it might not be prudent for both of them to be in surgery – and then recovering – at the same time.

“At first I was adamant that someone else would be the donor,” said Travis.

Normally, he’s a person who keeps a lot to himself. But this time, he wrote a letter to his friends, family and coworkers explaining that his remaining kidney was failing, and that he needed a transplant.

Travis said he was blown away by “the generosity of people willing to help out.”

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Approximately 30 people reached out to them with an interest in donating a kidney. But it wasn't that simple. Testing to become a living organ donor is expensive, and because of that, only one person at a time can be tested for compatibility.

One morning, Amanda woke up and "had this feeling" and told Travis that she was going to be tested.

"I thought we talked about this?" Travis had replied.

She said, "Yes, but, I just have a feeling."

On Dec. 21, 2018 she called the living donor coordinator and asked that her name be put on the list for Travis. They waited, and prayed. Amanda did a regime of bloodwork, followed by several days of extensive testing.

As his kidney's functionality decreased, Travis felt like he was "walking around in a fog."

He told himself, "There's going to be an answer. You just don't know when, but you have to keep going."

And Travis remembers the day Amanda called him: "It was February 6. And she said, 'I'm it.'"

## **Strength and grace**

On March 3, the Friday before their surgeries, Amanda walked into Immaculate Parish in Owensboro - next door to her school - expecting to participate in the scheduled all-school holy hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was certainly a holy hour, but it was also much more than that: the school community had come together to pray for Amanda and Travis.

Amanda was surprised to see her parents there, as well as Travis, who'd gotten a substitute teacher for his classes at Apollo so that he could come to the holy hour.

"It was pretty neat to see that many people who just had us at the forefront of what was going on," said Travis. "I mean, there's a lot of things in this world to think about. But that day, they were all just praying for us."

At one point Travis and Amanda were invited up to the front of the church for the school community to surround them in prayer.

"It was pretty powerful stuff," said Travis.

Amanda had posted on their "Travis' Trek" Facebook page only a few days earlier that their schools, their children's schools, and their parish community were "phenomenal."

"One bright side of going through trials like this is that you get a unique opportunity to see the absolute best in people," she wrote, crediting the "strength" of her community.

## **The best thing**

Sitting in Amanda's cheery seventh-grade classroom on April 10, Travis and Amanda reiterated the power of their friends', families' and communities' prayers.

"That's what we have to owe for how we were able to maintain such strength and grace through it all, and how things were able to go as smoothly as they were," said Amanda, who had returned to school two days prior.

Travis, whose new kidney took to him quickly and was continuously improving as the days went by, was set to return to school after spring break.

More recently, the Van Bussums have announced that they're discerning the idea of fostering more children, now that Travis has been given a second chance at life.

Amanda said she once read that prayer isn't the thing to do when all other options have failed.

"Praying is the best thing you can do," she said. "It is the most powerful thing." ■



COURTESY OF AMANDA VAN BUSSUM

"My mom and sister surprised us with a congratulatory ice cream cake this afternoon!" Amanda Van Bussum posted on their "Travis' Trek to a New Kidney" Facebook page on Feb. 9, 2019, three days after they learned Amanda would be able to donate her kidney to her husband, Travis Van Bussum. The cake reads "Shared last name, children, now kidneys."



## **Watch the Video**

Watch Travis and Amanda tell their story in a video soon to be released on the Diocese of Owensboro's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

## MAY 2019 BULLETIN BOARD

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

### **Twilight Retreat May 8: Exploring the Psalms**

Fr. Ray Clark and Deacon Ken Bennett will present, "Exploring the Psalms: An Introduction to the Psalms as the Bread and Butter of Christian Prayer in the Liturgy of Hours" on Wednesday, May 8. The event takes place from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$20 fee includes dinner. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month. To register: 270-229-0206, email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org), or online at [ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs](http://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs). Mark your calendar for June 10 when Father Richard Powers will present: "June Apples: There was Creation...from the Seed eventually comes the Gift of Eucharist."

### **The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting Free Education Classes**

Registration required for all classes; please call 1.800.272.3900 or go to [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf) to register. The Memory Café is a monthly social group providing a safe, comfortable environment where people with memory loss and their care partners can enjoy time together and remain socially engaged with others traveling the same journey. Designed for people with memory loss and their caregivers, please no professionals. May 8, 2-3:30 p.m., Evansville, IN

### **Contemplative Photography Retreat May 11**

Join us on Saturday, May 11 as we enrich our awareness of the depth and beauty of life through photography. "Contemplative Photography: Seeing with the Eye of the Heart" takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The facilitator is Michele Gates, owner of MLGates Photography in Evansville, Ind. She will demonstrate how to utilize the camera to engage the eye, mind and heart to connect with the beauty and wisdom all around us. The \$25 fee includes lunch. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). All skill levels welcome. Bring a digital camera or smartphone. To register: 270-229-0206, email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs>.

### **Kindness Campaign: Sign up by May 15**

You may know a person who is homebound, struggling or needs encouragement. We invite you to be part of a unique Kindness Campaign on behalf of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Joseph. The Kindness Campaign will provide 12 personalized inspirational cards to be sent to the person of the donor's choice to let him or her know someone cares. Along with a contribution of \$50, the donor will just need to provide a little information about the recipient. The campaign begins in June 2019, so please sign up by May 15. You are both spreading kindness and helping the Ursuline Sisters continue their ministry. The Kindness Campaign is also an opportunity for groups to volunteer to prepare the mailings. For more information, go to [ursulinemsj.org](http://ursulinemsj.org) or contact [carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org](mailto:carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org).

### **Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia**

Registration required for all classes; please call 1.800.272.3900 or go to [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf) to register. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources. Registration required. May 15, 10-11 a.m., Owensboro Health Park

### **Yarn Spinners Retreat Weekend May 31-June 2**

If you enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting, you are welcome to attend the May 31-June 2 spinners weekend at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). All skill levels are welcome. Experience the fun and fellowship of working on your projects with other yarn enthusiasts. The fee is \$164 for two nights; \$82 for one night, or \$25 for commuters. Meals are included during your stay. To register: 270-229-0206, email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or online at [ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs](http://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs). Future weekends are planned for Aug. 30-Sept. 2 and Nov. 15-17.

### **Catholic Charities now accepting nominations for 2019 award**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro established the John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award in 2013 to recognize individuals or groups in the diocese who show the virtue of charity in their work and deeds aligned with the mission of Catholic Charities, beyond typical Parish involvement. Groups and persons who reside within the diocese are eligible, regardless of their religious preference or where their charitable assistance occurred. The award is named after Bishop John J. McRaith who died in 2017. The

mission of Catholic Charities is: integrating and coordinating social and charitable works; providing spiritual, educational, financial, and emotional support to those in need; and engaging in works of charity. To nominate a group or individual, please visit <https://900.gl/KJhREi>. All nominations should be submitted by June 15, 2019.

### **St. Pius X Owensboro 2019 VBS**

St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro, KY is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 17-21, 2019. The sessions begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided at noon before dismissal. This year's theme is Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. The week includes Bible stories, crafts, outdoor games, skits, music, and Egyptian Cultural experiences. VBS is FREE for everyone age 4 and up. Middle school and high school students will be given leadership roles and provided with credit for service hours upon request. Adults 18 and over are safe environment certified according to diocesan procedures. We will conclude the week with a celebration mass on Saturday, June 22, at 5 p.m. Registration will begin in May with forms available in the church vestibule and the parish office. For more information, please contact Jeanie Lewis at (270)264-9818 or at [lewisfamily2008@live.com](mailto:lewisfamily2008@live.com).

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development seeks 2019 applicants**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each November, the Diocese of Owensboro participates in the CCHD collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. Those interested in applying for the grant should contact Deacon Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545, by email at [richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:richard.murphy@pastoral.org) or visit [owensborodiocese.org/cchd](http://owensborodiocese.org/cchd). Grant applications must be received by May 20, 2019 so the grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2019.

### **Nominate a teacher for 2019 Educator of the Year!**

The Catholic Schools Office and the Principals and Administrators of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (PACSS) are again asking for nominations for

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Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. The winner will be announced at the 2019 Celebration of Catholic Schools event. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the diocesan schools. The outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2019. For more information and to nominate someone, visit [owensborodiocese.org/educator-award](http://owensborodiocese.org/educator-award).

### Black Catholic Conference

Save the Date: Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, & Ohio [TIKO] African American Catholic Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 12-14, 2019. The theme of the Conference is "My God Is Awesome!" To learn more, contact [veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org](mailto:veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org).

### Escape to the Mount Weekend/Mount Raffle is Sept. 7-8!

Join us for a weekend of fun-filled activities; Trivia and refreshments on Saturday, and Quilt Bingo and the Mount Raffle drawing on Sunday. Raffle tickets will be available in late May. A \$5 ticket is your chance to win \$10,000, \$3,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or \$100, or a handmade quilt worth \$1,000. See any Ursuline Sister for tickets.

### Spain Pilgrimage

Fr. Gary Clark is hosting a pilgrimage to Spain, with stops including Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona, October 1-11, 2019. The cost is \$3,599 per person, which includes roundtrip land and air expenses from Nashville. Contact Fr. Gary for more information by emailing [fr.gary@stjosephbg.org](mailto:fr.gary@stjosephbg.org) or calling 270-842-2525.

### Pilgrimage to Greece

Faith in Travel, with Fr. John M. Thomas as spiritual leader, invites you to experience Greek culture and learn more about early Christianity as you journey along the missionary footsteps of the Apostle Paul and the New Testament, October 19-29, 2019. Visit Athens, Thessalonika, Ephesus, and Patmos to name a few. Round trip land and air travel from Nashville is \$4,185 per person, based on double occupancy. Contact Faith in Travel at [info@faithintravel.com](mailto:info@faithintravel.com) or call 270-389-1002 to reserve your space.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage to benefit cause of Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Join us on A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE HOLY LAND (Benefiting the Cause for Canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman, Oct. 21-Nov. 1, 2019. Come join us as the Bible

comes alive and the Spirituals and Hymns are sung in the Holy Land! Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey will be our song-leader. She was Sr. Thea's musician as she traveled the country. Before leaving the Holy Land we will have an anticipated Mass for All Saints at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of Jesus' resurrection, during Mass we will call out the names of our ancestors who have passed on. We will have four-five star hotel accommodations, English speaking tour guides with individual headsets for the tours, air-conditioned coach buses, breakfast and dinners for most days, airfare and all gratuities are included in the price of the trip. \$4,795 per person in a double room from New Orleans and St. Louis. Final payment due on July 24, 2019. For more information:

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### Pilgrimage to Ireland

Pentecost Tours, with Fr. Tony Stevenson as chaplain, invite you to join us on pilgrimage to Ireland. We will visit: Belfast, Cliffs of Moher, Cork, Dingle, Dublin, Gateway, Giants Causeway, Knock and much more. Flying United Airlines from Nashville, Tn., we will depart on Oct. 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and return to Nashville on Nov. 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. For more information and a brochure please contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson, St. Anthony Church, 1654 South Highway 79, Hardinsburg, KY, 40143.

### Sisters of Charity of Nazareth memorial being donated to OCHS

To all readers of the WKC, greetings from north of the Ohio river, Mt Vernon, IN. Don't judge me too harshly, as Owensboro is home, and you know we all have fond memories of home. We all get way too many requests for money, and many are good causes. Cancer research, Red Cross, rescue mission, and Heart Association just to name a few. We have another one, but this one is a real winner. A fundraiser is underway to collect money for a monument to be erected on the ground at Owensboro Catholic High School in recognition of the 30+ years the Sisters of Charity taught and managed the school. Those of us fortunate enough to have been taught by these Sisters recognize the great foundation we received and are happy to make a donation toward this monument. Please consider sending a check made out to OCHS. Send to OCHS, 1524 W Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301. Att: Tracy Miller. Only Tracy will know the amount you contribute. Any amount, \$25, \$50, \$100 you are comfortable with will be much appreciated. Thank you. - Gene Moore



## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

8001 Cummings Road  
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 Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

### Upcoming Events Open to All

- May 8 Twilight Retreat: Exploring the Psalms** with Fr. Ray Clark and Deacon Ken Bennett. Dinner at 6.
- May 9 New Focus on Faith: "Reasons to Believe"** book by Scott Hahn
- May 11 Contemplative Photography Retreat** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. includes lunch
- May 18-19 MSJ Academy Alumnae Weekend**
- May 24-26 Gennesaret Retreat Weekend**
- May 31-2 Yarn Spinners Retreat Weekend**
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- June 2-8 Quiet Time with God and Self** can be either a silent or directed retreat
- June 12 Twilight Retreat: Creation from the Seed Comes the Eucharist** with Fr. Richard Powers. Dinner at 6 p.m.
- June 13 Focus on Faith: "Reasons to Believe"**
- June 14-16 Awakening the Soul with Creative Arts Retreat**
- .....
- July 14-19 Retreat for Women Religious: Living the Consecrated Life**
- .....
- Sept. 13-14 Engaged Leadership: Listening and Leading with Purpose, Meaning, Joy**

Mark your calendars for Sept. 7-8 "Escape to the Mount" Weekend! Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: Quilt Bingo, Crafts, Food, Raffle

Only Center-sponsored (not hosted) programs are listed.  
*Please call to register or to schedule an event for your group or organization. 270-229-0206*  
**retreatcenter@maplemount.org**  
**Or register online: [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2019 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

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

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 18	Serving at 11 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 26	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 1	Serving at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 1	Serving from 4-10 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 15	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 15	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
JUNE 29	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 6	Serving from 4-8 p.m. at St. Anthony location	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine, Grayson County
JULY 6	Serving from 3-9 p.m.	St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
JULY 6	Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 5-7:30 p.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
JULY 13	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 13	Serving at 4 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
JULY 20	Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4:30-7:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
JULY 20	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 27	Serving from 4-9 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
JULY 27	Serving from 3-7 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
AUG 3	Drive-thru starting at 11 a.m.; serving from noon-3 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 3	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 6	Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru BBQ	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 10	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
AUG 26	Serving at 3 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
SEPT 7	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 14	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 14	Serving at noon	St. Sebastian, Calhoun
SEPT 15	Serving at 11 a.m., Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic	St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Philpot
SEPT 21	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 21	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Drive-thru, Raffle & BBQ	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 29	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

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## Awakening the Soul with Creative Arts

Weekend of  
June 14-16

Friday evening to Sunday lunch

Presenters:

Maryann Joyce & Heather Berndt



JOIN US for a weekend of play, discovery, joy, and deep connection to God. Gentle creative activities, reflection and nature will help us open new pathways in our hearts to God's presence. No artistic experience necessary.

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## The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross



COURTESY OF MARK GLEASON

Left to right: Kevin Dorth, Paul Mattingly, Melissa Fulkerson, Mary Colburn, Phil Hagan, Nick Russell, Joe Carr, Bryan Colburn, Barbara Cecil, Laura Mattingly, Celeste Lawson and Ken Keller portray the 12th Station of the Cross: Jesus Dies on the Cross, on April 5 at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.

BY PATTY WOERTER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Friday, April 5, Blessed Mother Parish presented “The Living Stations of the Cross.” The 12-member cast portrayed a scene of each step of our Lord’s walk to Calvary. Those who attended were drawn into Christ’s love for us as they witnessed an innocent man who was sentenced to a cruel death he did not deserve. The assembly invited to sing a verse of “Were You There” with lyrics that corresponded to the “Station” that had been presented. The evening ended with Jesus “Laying in the Tomb” and attendees being ushered out in silence to ponder what our Lord has done for us. ■

*Patty Woerte is the music director at Blessed Mother in Owensboro.*

### Diocese to close assisted living facility

On March 28, the Diocese of Owensboro announced the upcoming closure of Bishop Soenneker Home, an assisted living facility located in Knottsville, Kentucky. The facility will be closed by June 30. To read the full press release, visit [owensborodiocese.org/diocese-to-close-assisted-living-facility-by-summer](http://owensborodiocese.org/diocese-to-close-assisted-living-facility-by-summer).

### Seeking nominations for 2019 Sophia Award recipients

Do you know of someone in your parish that lives a life of stewardship (giving of time, talent and treasure)? We would love to honor her/him with a Sophia Award!

#### Who is eligible?

Anyone sixty-five or older who has not previously received a Sophia Award is eligible for nomination (lay person – individual or married couple, member of a religious community or an ordained deacon or priest). A person can be nominated on past outstanding contributions (living or deceased) and can be homebound.

I/We Nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish, City: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We believe this person should receive the Sophia Award because:

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Please submit this form by July 12, 2019 by mail to: Janet Clancy, McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130; or e-mail to: [janet.clancy@pastoral.org](mailto:janet.clancy@pastoral.org); or submit on our website at: [owensborodiocese.org/sophia](http://owensborodiocese.org/sophia).

The person receiving the most nominations from their parish will receive the award from Bishop Medley on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. A reception will follow in the Father Vaughan Community Center (formerly known as the Undercroft).

Thank you for helping us to express our gratitude to those who have served faithfully in our parishes throughout the Diocese of Owensboro.

## Celebrating Holy Week, Triduum 2019



TINA KASEY | WKC

On April 16, Bishop Medley breathes into the Sacred Chrism as he consecrates it during the Diocese of Owensboro's annual Chrism Mass, held at the Owensboro Sportscenter. During the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese recommit themselves to their ordination vows; the bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens; and the bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism. Chrism has various uses throughout the year, including baptisms, confirmations, blessing of new altars and at the ordination of priests.



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC

Bishop Medley carries a ciborium containing the Blessed Sacrament during the April 18 Holy Thursday procession at St. Stephen Cathedral, following the Mass of the Lord's Supper.



TINA KASEY | WKC

(Foreground to background) Fr. Jerry Riney; Bishop Medley; Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN; and Deacon Dirck Curry lie prostrate on the floor of St. Stephen Cathedral on April 19 at the beginning of the Good Friday Liturgy.



TINA KASEY | WKC

Bishop Medley and altar servers stand by the Easter Fire prior to the start of St. Stephen Cathedral's Easter Vigil on April 20.

## Braving the cold and rain for Vía Crucis



COURTESY OF ASHLEY WILKERSON

Many of the Diocese of Owensboro's parishes are home to Latino communities, several of which hold the annual Good Friday tradition of Vía Crucis - "the Way of the Cross" - reenacting Jesus' walk to Calvary where he was crucified. This year, the community of Sts. Joseph and Paul braved the rainy, cold weather to walk their Vía Crucis through the streets of downtown Owensboro.

# Parish hall renovation complete at St. Joseph in Central City



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON  
Parishioners enjoy the renovated space inside St. Joseph Parish's hall on March 19, 2019.

BY WKC STAFF

St. Joseph Parish in Central City held the ribbon cutting for their new parish hall back in August 2018, but it was still lacking the “finishing touches... most significantly the installation of a custom made St. Joseph stained glass window, created by Ric Sims, over the entry door and the placement of new counter-tops in the kitchen,” said pastor, Fr. Josh McCarty.

Renovations to the parish hall became necessary after the basement flooded during a storm in 2017. In cleaning up the mess and repairing the damage, “one problem upon another was discovered,” said Fr. McCarty. He said the challenges included mold, overloaded circuits, walled-over windows, plumbing problems and bare wires.

Fortunately, the stripped-down hall revealed “strong, level and true” structural bones, said Fr. McCarty, adding that “putting it all back together (took) a little over a year.”

The parish family celebrated the completion of the project on March 19, 2019 – the feast of their



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON  
Fr. Josh McCarty works outside on St. Joseph Parish's hall renovation project.

namesake, St. Joseph. The new hall includes a commercial kitchen, a handicap-accessible entry, a large

outside patio, optimized ductwork, balanced electrical loads, an additional heating system to provide emergency heat, a projector screen and speakers, as well as re-exposed windows providing more light.

Fr. McCarty said work was also done to take out the drop ceiling and paneling, returning to the “original character” of the building with plaster walls and a higher ceiling.

Notably, there has been no water in the parish hall since.

“The parish at large has taken ownership of the new parish hall,” said Fr. McCarty. “The additional things that needed to be done were done for the safety of the people (and) for the beauty of the Church and it hit the mark.” ■

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 Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

## Seven youth at St. Agnes confirmed March 31



COURTESY OF ST. AGNES PARISH

Kathy Humphrey, secretary/bookkeeper at St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown, writes: "Congratulations to all the boys and girls who were confirmed at St. Agnes Church in Uniontown on Sunday, March 31 by Bishop William F. Medley. Pictured are Fr. Randy Howard (pastor), Jessie Luttrell, Emma Floyd, Aiden Schneider, Bishop Medley, Madison Morris, Layton Burgess, Elijah Baird and Tristan Moore."

## Priest assignments for 2019

**Ighacho, Rev. John:** Pastor, St. Peter Parish in Stanley and St. Augustine Parish in Reed, effective June 11, 2019.

**Puthenpurackal, Rev. Jegin:** Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish in Calhoun and St. Charles Parish in Livermore, effective June 11, 2019.

**Az Cuc, Rev. Basilio:** Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, effective June 11, 2019.

**Clark, Rev. Gary:** Parochial Vicar, Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, effective June 11, 2019.

**Dennis, Rev. Jamie:** Parochial Vicar, Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, effective June 11, 2019.

**Thompson, Rev. Will:** Parochial Vicar, Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish in Owensboro; and part-time Defender of the Bond in the Marriage Tribunal, effective June 11, 2019.

## Donors accidentally excluded from diocesan annual report

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# May, June & July Wedding Anniversaries

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

### MAY

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

Ray & Judy Taylor, 50  
William & Martha Marsh, 40  
Robert & Sharon McPherson, 40  
Paul & Gail Thompson, 40

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

Michael S. & Carol Knight, 10  
Ralph & Jeanne Hines, 53

#### **Christ the King, Scottsville**

Jack & Diane Beeckler, 54  
Bill & Catherine Grapes, 50  
Andrew & Kerry Wilton, 25  
Bill & Nancy Wooldridge, 54

#### **Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington**

Robert & Margaret Smith, 53

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

Jeremy & Allyson Bean, 5  
Richard & Sally Clements, 50  
Jerry & Carolyn Crowder, 55  
Darrel & Darlene Cummings, 51  
William & Phyllis Durham, 54  
Marcus & Michelle Eakins, 25  
Sam & Sherry Hagan, 40  
Claud & Jan Hays, 40

Don & Joyce Hutchinson, 51

Matthew & Whitney Jenkins, 10

Stephen & Judy Lynn, 54

Daniel & Whitney Sagez, 10

Nicholas & Joanna Stallings, 10

Michael & Laura Theiing, 5

Gerald & Cathy Wischer, 50

Jeffery & Paula Wooldridge, 5

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

Richard & Cynthia Gensler, 63

James & Anna Highland, 59

Jack & Georgie MacEachern, 57

William & Carolyn Siebold, 56

Donald & Valerie Salomoni, 53

Donald & Mary Kay Korte, 54

James & Carol Blackburn, 51

Glenn & Edith Lohr, 51

Jim & Beth Schaeffer, 25

Michael & Shelley Mattingly, 25

Nick & Wendy Noble, 25

Stephanie & Rick Riehn, 25

Scott & Natalia Bradley, 10

Todd & Jennifer Shuemaker, 10

Gary & Christy Browning, 5

Heidi & Troy Fellers, 5

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

Daniel & Janet Hartline, 59

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

Greg & Rhonda James, 25

Larry & Margaret Harris, 40

Ross & Brittany Adkins, 5

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

Chad & Jaime Mongold, 10

William & Sheila Kyle, 50

William M. & Carolyn Cecil, 53

#### **Allen & Margaret Henderson, 51**

Samuel & Jean Payne, 51

William & Lillian Haynes, 64

James & Lenna Elder, 55

David & Catherine King, 55

Joseph & Joan Wathen, 55

Charlotte Ann & Jerry Moore, 51

Cecil & Janice L. Thomson, 57

Bob & JoAnn Vessels, 66

Ronnie & Judy Peach, 53

Lee & Patty Wilson, 53

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

Ian & Elizabeth Barnstead, 5

Maurice & Margaret Louise Payne, 5

Bradley & Nicole Mills, 5

Brad & Carley Bean, 10

Brent & Krystyna Crawford, 25

Christopher & Janet Reid, 40

Fred J. & Helen Meister, 50

Robert J. & Sylvia Lovett, 53

Tony & Celia Roach, 54

Michael & Patsy Snyder, 51

Thomas & Joann Scales, 57

James E. & Annette R. Rubsam, 68

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

George & Anna Carol Murphy, 58

Tony & Mary Edna Payne, 55

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

J. T. & Mary Piercefield, 71

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Morris & Karen Critchlow, 40

Marion & Diana Simmons, 52

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

Tommy & Rose Danhauer, 70

Donald & Marietta Hagedorn, 53

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

Roger & Linda Ruark, 52

Michael & Jackie Pierce, 50

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

Dallas & Patricia Carnes, 25

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

Larry & Linda Terrell, 40

James Arnold & Rita June Wolfe, 55

Robert & Sarah Wilson, 56

Robert A. & Sue Beaven, 55

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

Travis & Hanna Bailey, 5

Steve & Linda Lamble, 40

Curtis & Donna Whistle, 40

#### **St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel**

John & Mary Nell Bouvier, 10

Hubert & Mary Ferguson, 57

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

Bob & Kathleen Lehky, 57

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

Herman & Martha Miller, 63

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

Clyde & Georgene Poole, 62

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

Troy & Brenda Ellegood, 51

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

Richard & Maria Hartz, 59

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

William & Karen Carlson, 50

Joe & Carolyn Saffer, 55

Anthony & Donna Lazzaro, 54

Joseph E. & Mary Pat Blandford, 61

Lawrence E. & Mary Hayden, 64

Allyn & Theresa Johnson, 10

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

Joseph & Dorothy Sienkiewicz, 61

John & Marie Stepanek, 59

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

Mark & Melissa Hobbs, 25

Patrick & Lisa Walsh, 40

Greg & Carol Higdon, 50

Gerald & Mary Ann Carrico, 53

#### **St. John the Baptist, Fordsville**

Frank & Margaret Montgomery, 53

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

Larry & Lou Courtney, 51

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

Christopher & Morgan Baer, 5

Oscar Rivas & Gladys Orellana, 5

Angel Ruiz Medina & Marcelina

Hernandez Cruz, 25

Patrick & Bonnie Petty, 40

Gerald & Dolores Frey, 51

Robert & Peggy Jameson, 58

James & Rose Maxwell, 51

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

Thomas & Kim Dennison, 10

Jimmy & Sandra Hill, 25

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

Steve & Linda Jenkins, 50

#### **St. Jude, Clinton**

Henry Cole & Susan Renee Cole, 25

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

Kirby & Vanessa Rhodes, 10

Chad & LeAnn Bertke, 25

James Russell & Rose Mary Payne, 54

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

Michael & Janice Basile, 51

Gerald & Julia Monahan, 51

Ronald & Carolyn Reimer, 59

#### **St. Mark, Eddyville**

William & Jean Hardesty, 57

Florian & Karen, Murdzek, 55

#### **St. Mary, LaCenter**

Chad & Alysia Myatt, 10

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

David & Rose Cecil, 52

David & Karen Rose, 10

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

John & Mary Nell Bouvier, 10

Hubert & Mary Ferguson, 57

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

Clint & Brandi Merritt, 10

Larry & Lowan Mattingly, 40

Tony & Bernadine Dean, 63

James & Mary Higdon, 58

Robert & Doris Howard, 67

Phillip & Sherry Johnson, 53

Aloysius & Doris Knott, 65

Eddie & Donna McKinley, 53

Roy & Catherine Payne, 55

Joseph & Jean Ann Rearden, 69

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

Shanovonn Sr. & Tashiana Guerrero, 5

Andreas & Meagan Papangellin, 10

Thomas & Michelle Goeway, 25

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

Dale & Sue Milliner, 51

Joseph & Agnes Kipper, 54

#### **St. Paul, Princeton**

Ronald & Sue Karst, 50

Charles & Helen Pratt, 51

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

Phil & Judy Keller, 51

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

Bernie & Pat Fendler, 61

John & Marilyn Brooks, 64

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

Chris & Brandi Payne, 10

John & Kimberly Boarman, 25

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Don & Agnes Powers, 65

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

Bob & Linda Rhodes, 62

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Earl & Rita O'Reilly, 56

B.J. & Betty Payne, 25

#### **St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Wally & Rosemary Harris, 55

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Kenny & Donna Popham, 40

#### **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Daniel & Maria Bruzewski, 53

John & Kathleen Swinkowski, 50

Jack & Joyce Kotarek, 56

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David & Sara Hemingway, 25

Ed & Betty Wedding, 50

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Ronald & Jackie Jones, 55

David & Rebecca Millay, 59

Leon & Peggy Clark, 62

Daniel & Sally Halbig, 56

Robert D. & Joyce Ballard, 59

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Ed & Linda Sanders, 25

Bill & Rose Ann Walker, 59

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Bob & Hazel Karp, 40

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Douglas & Suzanne Smith, 25

Charles & Norma Bivins, 63

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Robert & Sara Gough, 50  
Ken & Kathy Herndon, 40  
Raymond & Catherine Misiewicz, 40  
William & Melissa Monroe, 40  
Mark & Amy Spader, 25  
Matthew & Bonnie Durbin, 25  
Pat & Vicky McGrath, 25  
Bryan & Rachael Carrico, 10  
Gregory & Sarah McCord, 10  
Aaron & Jennifer Smith, 10  
Say Reh & Ko Meh, 10  
Akisha Townsend & Dennis Eaton, 5  
Daniel & Erin Birkenhauer, 5  
Holy Trinity, Morgantown  
Roger & Anita Gossett, 40

### **Immaculate Conception, Earlington**

Harry & Lisa Barber, 40

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Norman & Nancy Wheatley, 56

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

Wesley J. & Jamie Hamilton, 10  
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Clyde & Mary Fogle, 56  
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 62  
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William L. & Sally Buford, 50  
Leander Jr. & Janet Goff, 62  
Gerald G. & Kathleen Gray, 51  
Charles & Lucy Adams, 62  
John & Frances McNulty, 54  
Robert & Kaye Wethington, 61

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John & Mary Phillips, 57  
Clyde & Margie Robinson, 53  
Roger & Barbara Bucklin, 50  
Paul & Helen O'Bryan, 55  
Steve & Carol Crisp, 50  
Mike & Kim Head, 25  
James & Linda Bowlds, 50  
Larry & Sheila Abel, 51  
Merlin & Barbara Mingus, 58

### **Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Norman & Millie Thomas, 61

### **Sacred Heart, Russellville**

Thomas & Judith Hoover, 58

### **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Eddie & Judy Espy, 51

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

Charles & Carolyn Buckman, 52

Drew & Elizabeth White, 5  
Jeremy & Ashley Millikan, 5

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

Billy & Lisa Brown, 40  
Joseph R. & Renita Greenwell, 40  
Mike & Jan Stone, 40  
Blake & Elizabeth Lott, 50  
James & Margie Smith, 60  
Terry & Linda Wedding, 51  
Thomas R. & Margaret Clements, 64  
Jerry & Kathleen Thompson, 55

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

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Larry & Ann Genetta Payne, 51

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

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

Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw, 58

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

James & Betty Davis, 66

### **St. Benedict, Wax**

Jeremy & Christy Willis, 25

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

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Leo & Carol Repovich, 53  
Milt & Mabel Keifer, 68

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

Kalimb & Lindsey Wilson, 5  
Bryan & Courtney Atkins, 10  
Wayne & Jodie Hansen, 10  
Kenneth & Linda Willett, 25  
Keith & Lisa Thomas, 40  
Freddy & Janet Wilson, 50  
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 65  
Robert & Sara Elliott, 63  
Leo & Willene Thomas, 58  
Donnie & Eva Toon, 50

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

Donald & Marie Mombleau, 25  
Lawrence & Judy Seitz, 53  
William T. & Rose Marie Wurth, 40

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

Jack & Joyce Duvall, 10

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

Randy & Erin Elliott, 5  
John Paul & Monique Garrity, 5  
William & Rebecca Parkey, 5  
Andrew & Kristylee Beard, 10  
James & Kristen Clements, 10  
Stephen & Heather Fisher, 10  
Lonnie & Amber Herman, 25  
Roy & Mary Anne Beard, 40  
James & Judith Allen, 52  
Lloyd & Susan Crabbe, 51  
Alan & Adrienne Dieball, 61  
Allen & Dolores Dodd, 68

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

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Ken & Sharon Smart, 56  
Chad & Christy Butler, 10  
Dick & Carol Gatto, 56  
Joseph & Nadyne Lee, 51  
Lamont & Betty Miller, 56  
David & Joyce Langley, 52

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

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William & Teresa Hamilton, 55  
Timothy & Melissa Armstrong, 25  
Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 60

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

Joseph & Faye Hughes, 61

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

Roger & Mary Elizabeth Haney, 51  
Bob & Julie Leach, 40  
Robert & Mary Beth Lyons, 25  
James & Janice McAllister, 58  
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John & Karen Paul, 51  
Norman & Jo Rae Peiffer, 60  
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Brandon & Deanna Swaggart, 5

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Larry & Dottie Elder, 55  
Joe & Jean Blandford, 69  
Danny & Sharon Ebelhar, 69  
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Zach & Julia King, 5  
Scott & Samantha Payne, 25  
Dave & Joan Elder, 59

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

Scott & Kathy Stiff, 40  
Clint & Sheena Jones, 10  
Patrick & Allie McDaniel, 5  
Mark & Ashlyn Wathen, 5  
Michael & Ailena Ray, 10  
Gary & Teresa Smith, 25  
Bruce & Dana Burch, 25

Doug & Rebecca Howe, 40  
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J. C. & Margaret Boarman, 57  
Bob & Sharrie Cinnamon, 58  
Roger & Barbara Coomes, 57  
Fred & Alice Howard, 54  
Charles & Linda Onstott, 51  
William & Charlotte Payne, 56

### **St. Michael, Sebree**

Charles & Linda Shelton, 40  
Jim & LaVonna Cheatham, 54

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

Jose & Antonia Quinteros, 10  
Steven J. & Therese A. Walczak, 10  
John T. & Mae Raymond, 51

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

James C. & Debbie Edelen III, 50  
Charles Jr. & Millie Mulligan, 51

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

David & Nancy Wolfe, 54  
Dustin & Brittany Clevidence, 10  
Eddie & Rose French, 62  
Tim & Louise Tennyson, 51  
Paul & Brenda Fredrick, 53  
Paul & Angie Marshall, 10  
Fred & Debbie French, 40

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

Bob & Martina Darst, 51  
Jerry & Anita Pidcock, 53  
Merle & Marilyn Wysock, 63  
Earl & Shirley Henderson, 63

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

Larry & Debbie Murphy, 40  
Kenny & Debbie Lanham, 40  
Larry & Suzanne Lee, 51  
James & Annette Wimsatt, 61  
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### **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

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Jack & Mary Rita Neff, 57  
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Wayne & Martha Cashen, 53  
Doug & Sherrie Taul, 25  
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### **St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Neil & Laurie Scott, 25

### **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Charles Jr. & Judy Garnett, 51  
Mike & Eileen Kehrwald, 53  
Terry & Dean Duncan, 50

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

Randy & Heather Clemens, 25  
Larry & Gene Lyon, 50  
James & Connie Demarest, 50  
John "Frankie" & Theresa Jones, Jr., 52  
Robert & Roberta Berry, 54  
George & Pam Collignon, 51  
George & Margaret Frey, 53  
**St.**

### **Thomas More, Paducah**

William & Kelley Johnson, 5  
Michael & Maghan Knox, 5  
Don & Belinda Page, 10  
Casey & Samantha Crane, 10  
Bryan & Amber Willett, 10  
Dan & Lynn Brown, 50  
Pat & Linda Carroll, 52  
Gary & Margaret Grueninger, 65

### **St. William, Knottsville**

Dylan & Chelsea Lanham, 5  
Nicholas & Terri Knott, 5  
John & Brenda Haynes, 50  
Patrick & Patricia Cecil, 58  
Mike & Patricia Mattingly, 51  
Dennis & Joyce Payne, 51

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

Thomas & Mary Beth Goetz, 5  
Marlin & Deborah Hayse, 5  
Daniel & Stephanie Blanford, 10  
Jonathan & Mary Clark, 10  
Rick & Jody Williams, 40  
Donald & Frances Bartley, 52  
Joseph & Monica Blandford, 55  
Tom & Mary Anne Gardner, 55  
Lyn & Rita Hardesty, 56  
Tom & Joyce Hayden, 56  
Doug & Dorothy Hood, 58  
Joe & Karen McBride, 51  
Maurice & Ursula Thompson, 58  
Kenneth & Margaret Willett, 52

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

Bruce & Dawn Wilcox, 5  
Joseph & Heather Rodgers, 10  
Stephen & Amy Stites, 25  
Thomas & Sheila O'Hagan, 40  
Wilson & Frieda Augsburg, 52

## JULY

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Donald & Barbara Mattingly, 58  
Michael & Karen, Payne, 25  
Charles & Joan Collins, 60  
Joseph & Carolyn Church, 54  
James & Pal Fitzhugh, 66  
Joseph & Patricia Hoskins, 51  
Omer, Jr. & Lucy Harpe, 59  
Bill & Myra Carrico, 51  
Bobby & Peggy Hicks, 53  
Paul & Jane Coomes, 58  
Phil & Jennifer Riney, 25  
Glenn & Mary Ann Snyder, 50  
Bruce & Sally Martin, 40  
Richard & Judy Greenwell, 54

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

John & Peggy Lamure, 62

### **Christ the King, Scottsville**

Ted & Kathleen Gramm, 51  
Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington  
Eugene & Veronica Compton, 57

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

Greg & Dana Billings, 5  
Russell & Dorothy Dorries, 52  
Lewis & Karessa Chaney, 25  
Troy & Ruth Christian, 10  
Paul & Iris Drury, 62  
Derrick & Kerry Floyd, 25  
Robert & Alice Friedls, 50  
Alan & Beth Herdegen, 25

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Bobby & Sue Liles, 65  
 Mark & Eleanor Martin, 61  
 Joe & Lynn Morton, 25  
 Clarence & Kathy Osborne, 58  
 Mark & Diane Parrish, 40  
 Paul & Laura Rideout, 5  
 Christopher & Raegina Schreiner, 25  
 Matthew & Tiffany Smith, 10  
 Carl Andy & Brenda Thomas, 52

**Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Gene & Peg Walschon, 66  
 Jack & Michele Thomas, 56  
 Samuel & Gloria Peach, 54  
 Randall & Jeanne Lamastus, 53  
 Mary & Dallas Decker, 52  
 Gary & Bonnie Broenneke, 51  
 John & Mary Jane Garrett, 50  
 J. Christopher & G. Deborah Thorn, 40  
 John Hun Lian & Cilia Kam Niang, 25

David & Sarah Jarboe, 10

Michael & Kathryn Gossum, 5

**Holy Trinity, Morgantown**

Gerald & Carolyn Coomes, 54

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

Lawrence & Sandra Kirchevel, 10  
 Barry & Karen Plain, 40  
 Patrick & Barbara Zoglmann, 50  
 James G. & Beverly Calhoun, 58  
 Eugene Jr. & Jennie Clemens, 60  
 James & Karen Billman, 52  
 Joseph E., Sr. & Rita Ballard, 55  
 James & Joyce Dant, 58  
 Donald & Jane Gerbitz, 54  
 Frank & Martha Hardesty, 58

**Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Bruce & Theresa Elliot, 40  
 Gerald & Rita Jo Holtzman, 56  
 Wm. Terry & Mavis Blandford, 53  
 Joseph M. & Barbara Payne, 61  
 Donald E. & Mary Teresa Hayden, 62  
 Anthony J. & Margaret Cox, 73  
 William J. & Laura Goins, 61  
 Anthony L. & Angela Kaelin, 54

**Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

David & Beri Zapanick, 55

**Sacred Heart, Hickman**

Jim & Agnes Williams, 40

**Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Joe & Kathy Welden, 51

Marion & Sue Berry, 57

**St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Doug & Mary Girten, 64  
 Andy & Becky Brewer, 10  
 Ray & Diane Conley, 51

**St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

Gene & Elaine Glenn, 52  
 Paul & Martha Dant, 25

**St. Ann, Morganfield**

Donald & Barbara Smith, 50  
 Gary & Lou Lovell, 50  
 Gary & Brenda Stenger, 52  
 Robert & Alice Griggs, 53  
 Gerald & Ruth Gibson, 55  
 Martin Y. & Mary Rose Thomas, 54

**St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

William & Rosemary Thompson, 52  
 Edward Eugene & Pauline Wink, 60  
 Earl & Patricia Allen, 52

**St. Anthony, Peonia**

James & Bonnie Grant, 10  
 Eddie & Linda Portman, 52

**St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel**

John & Wanda Lanham, 65

**St. Augustine, Reed**

Dr. David & Janet Medley, 55  
 Robert & Doris Purgeason, 54

**St. Benedict, Wax**

David & Robin Berry, 5  
 Joseph & Sandra Grant, 50

**St. Columba, Lewisport**

Jim & Sharon Fallin, 51  
 Jim & Lillie Lanham, 62  
 Chad & Kathleen Herrmann, 10

**St. Edward, Fulton**

Harry & Rose White, 57

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson**

Martin & Roslyn Hill, 54

Mike & Rose Pharris, 40

**St. Francis of Assisi, Elkton**

Wayne & Mary Jo Hall, 56

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Tommy & Patsy Hayden, 50  
 Mathew & Shirley Valerius, 55  
 Santo & Vincenza Tripoli, 67  
 Wayne & Peggy Miller, 51

Richard & Janice Yasko, 55

**St. Henry, Aurora**

Jim & Agnes Williams, 40

**St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Layne & Ashley Smith, 10  
 Joey & Lisa Adams, 10  
 Brad & LeeAnn Rodgers, 25  
 Nathan & Rachel Rollins, 10  
 Dylan & Jordan Wiggins, 10  
 Brad & LeeAnn Rodgers, 25  
 Charlie & Stacey Harris, 25  
 Larry & Sharon Elder, 40  
 Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 67  
 William J. & Donna Thomas, 63  
 David & Carol Speed, 50

**St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Barry & Deanna Burnett, 25  
 John & Cindy Crivello, 52

**St. John the Evangelist, Sunfish**

Jack & Joyce Duvall, 10

**St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Jose Godoy & Maria Serrano, 5  
 Albert & Marie-Louise Mbanfu, 10  
 Rafael & Mirna Casa, 25  
 David & Susie Galvan, 25  
 Brian & Tanya Runner, 25  
 Tom & Yvonne Hermann, 40  
 Benny & Cissy Clark, 54

**St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

David & Amelia Thompson, 54  
 Danny & Phyllis Payne, 50  
 Rick & Frankie Smith, 50  
 Raymond & Nellie Stevenson, 58  
 Dean & Ruth Basham, 50

**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Steven & Melissa Jones, 25  
 Marvin & Ollie Lee, 61  
 Gerald & Janet Midyett, 51

**St. Lawrence, Philpot**

John V. & Wanda Lanham, 65

**St. Leo, Murray**

John & Marilyn Mikulcik, 58  
 Ronald & Joyce Sallin, 57  
 William & Cheryl Whitaker, 53  
 Samuel & Patricia Willett, 54

**St. Mark, Eddyville**

James & Margie Hibbard, 61  
 Douglas & Reene McCartney, 54

**St. Martin, Rome**

Sylvester & Barbara Fischer, 54

Jerry & Liz Hamilton, 59

**St. Mary, Franklin**

Major & Joann Bradford, 62

**St. Mary, LaCenter**

Luke & Megan Evans, 10  
 Danny & Judy Poole, 52  
 Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 59  
 Bud & Gayle Waltmon, 54  
**St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady**  
 Shelby & Loretta Newton, 68  
 John & Wanda Lanham, 65

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

Nicholas & Ashton Bickett, 5  
 Seth & Bethany Stiff, 5  
 David & Kimberly Howard, 25  
 Scott & Beth Russelburg, 25  
 Fred & Phyllis Barr, 53  
 Ellis & Sharon Edge, 58  
 Floyd & Christine Edge, 56  
 Herman & Dorothy Higdon, 60  
 B. B. & Shirley Howard, 52  
 Hugh & Mary Jo Johnson, 54  
 Joseph & Patricia Wright, 56

**St. Michael, Sebree**

Mike & Kimberly Bullock, 40

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

Omar & Rose Aguilar, 5  
 Afasene & Starr Siaumau, 5  
 Daniel C. & Tempy A. Pulis, 10  
 John & April Vicars, 10  
 Robert & Eva Smith, 56

**St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Bruce & Phyllis Schrecker, 10  
 Mike & Heather Mullican, 25

**St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly**

Chris & Ashley Bryant, 5

**St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Benjamin & Stephanie Millay, 5  
 Bob & Grace May, 5  
 Ryan & Megan Fulkerson, 10

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Bill & Sally Hinton, 56  
 Bernie & Ginny Flood, 54  
 Matthew & Kim Oelze, 10  
 Buck & Dorothy Jarboe, 51

**St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

David & Lynne Scott, 50

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Dan & Candy Sutton, 50

**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

David & Babylyn Peters, 5  
 Patrick & Suzanne Padgett, 25  
 Roger & Mary Jane Rafferty, 50  
 Danny & Rose Ann Payne, 53  
 Jim & Karen Keoughan, 55  
 Harry & Peggy Bellew, 54  
 Mills & Monika Logan, 61  
 Robert G. & Joyce Nalley, 59

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Gustavo & Kristen Amaya, 10  
 Bill & Nancy Sturgis, 57  
 Mike & Betty Polashock, 59  
 John & Lena O'Nan, 59  
 Frank & Carole Shields, 61

**St. William, Knottsville**

Brandon & Sarah Winkler, 5  
 Joey & Vanessa Fulkerson, 5  
 Joseph & Marianne McPherson, 54  
 Tony & Diana Elliott, 58  
 Walter & Mary Isbill, 60  
 Robert & Anna Turner, 68  
 Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, 58  
 Hubert & Joyce Hurm, 52  
 Jackie & Dorothy Kirk, 54

**SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Michael & Connie Beth Fillman, 5  
 Randy & Carolyn Porter, 5  
 Patrick & Anna Thompson, 5  
 Eric & Maria Clark, 10  
 Jarrod & Brooke Hagan, 10  
 Adam & Terri Zborowski, 10  
 Barry & Laura Strehl, 25  
 Steve & Catherine Newby, 40  
 Larry Ray & Arlene Dunn, 52  
 David & Anna Faye Montgomery, 55  
 William & Carla Payne, 59  
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**SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

Jonathon & Victoria Lynn, 5  
 Steve & Linda Kuhlenbeck, 40  
 Frank & Mary Jo Selph, 50  
 Jerry & Bernie Thomas, 50  
 Michael & Mary Kay Green, 53  
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# ‘...Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil’

**Editor's note:** This article is the final in a six-part series on the topic of the Our Father prayer and its connection to the work of evangelization.

BY JOE BLAND, OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

There is a scene in the movie “Titanic” where a passenger named Molly Brown is in a lifeboat after the Titanic has sunk and is hearing the rescue whistles of the drowning passengers from a distance.

Molly wants the lifeboats to turn around and go after those who are drowning and potentially dying; she wants to deliver them from the icy waters of the north Atlantic. In the movie the other passengers are afraid that the drowning passengers will swamp

the boat, the lifeboat will capsize, and they will all die. She says to the objections of fearful passengers, “What’s the matter with you, those are your men out there... there’s plenty of room for more.”

I want to speak to the phrase in the Lord’s Prayer,

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“Deliver us from evil.” What does it mean to deliver us from evil or the Evil One? The Catechism states in paragraph 2850, “Our interdependence in the drama of sin and death is turned into solidarity in the Body of Christ, the ‘communion of saints.’” We pray this prayer in community and we must live it as a community. We pray, “deliver US from evil.” By saying this we are committing to helping our brothers and sisters to stay away from the tempter and to not be involved with evil.

One of the ways in which we can do this is to frequent the Sacraments, especially the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. The devil hates nothing more than to see us humbly turn back to the Lord and seek forgiveness for our actions that have separated us from God. But our mission is not just to deliver ourselves from evil and temptation. Our mission is to go out and do what Jesus did; to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to deliver freedom to the oppressed. (See Luke 4.)

But before we can go and make disciples of all nations, we have to tend to the walking wounded of our parishes: those who need to be delivered from evil and

set free from their bondage. To not do this would be like a doctor prescribing cholesterol medication to a person with a bleeding artery on their leg. Sometimes before we preach the Gospel we have to heal the wound. And the wound may have been caused by someone in the Church. But we must do this.

How do we do this? It is as simple as a conversation over coffee with someone. It is walking with someone through a trauma in their life such as a divorce, miscarriage, or death of a loved one. It is listening with empathy but without judgement to the story of pain. It is walking with them on their journey whether or not they return to the Church. It is practicing love.

Like Molly Brown in the lifeboat, we can’t ignore the rescue whistles that are all around us. Those are our men and women out there; there is plenty of room in the boat. ■

*Joe Bland is the director of the Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/evangelization](http://owensborodiocese.org/evangelization).*

## Were you there?

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Were you there? Throughout life we have heard this question many, many times, at the ball games, at the movies, at that wedding, at that event. As Christians we’ve heard this saying in respect to when they nailed Jesus to the cross. With our celebration of Easter just passed, I am sure you have pondered this question recently. I have to ask, Were you there? We celebrated two beautiful Cursillo weekends in late February and early March and having 15 Cursillistas not attending one weekend but 15 attending each. So I ask, you were you there? The Secretariat and the Cursillo community would like to thank those of you who said Yes to Christ’s call to join Him on your weekends. DeColores! ■

*Kelley Wheatley is a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport. Learn more about Cursillo at [cursillo-owensboro.org](http://cursillo-owensboro.org).*



COURTESY OF KELLEY WHEATLEY  
The participants of the Feb. 28-March 3, 2019 Men’s 73rd Catholic Cursillo, held at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.



COURTESY OF KELLEY WHEATLEY  
The participants of the March 7-10, 2019 Women’s 74th Catholic Cursillo, held at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

## 2019 Graduating Seniors – Diocesan Schools

*Over the past few months, The Western Kentucky Catholic has requested and received from the high schools and parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro the names of graduating high school seniors. Inquiries about these names may be directed to the corresponding schools or parishes.*

### **Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro**

Brandon Michael Atherton  
Dalton Joseph Baisden-Wade  
Sarah Elizabeth Bemboom  
Aliyah Rose Berry  
Trendon Heath Byrne  
Morgan Taylor Cecil  
Zachary Alan Cecil  
Olivia Hope Church  
Nolan Christopher Clark  
Sarah Beth Clemens  
Samuel Richard Clements  
Lydea Abigayle Dickens  
Mary Katharine Dixon  
Henry David Dotsey  
Taylor Renee Dukate  
Keaton Edward Durham  
Sarah Marie Englert  
Lucy Hayden Evans  
Lauren Eyre  
Jade Jin Ying Flaherty  
Elizabeth Marion Ford  
Ashley Fulkerson  
Amelia Grace Fusco  
Josafina Gregoria Garcia  
Alyssa Nicole Gatten  
Bailey Elizabeth Gibbs  
William Jacob Gibson  
Caitlin Elizabeth Gillihan  
Grace Elizabeth Goedde  
Mason Layne Grant  
Matthew Clark Graviss  
Quanya Myreon Gray  
Abby Lynn Hagan  
Bristen Nichole Hagan  
Emily Haynes Haleman  
Abigail Marie Haley  
Jayden Duke Hall  
Christian James Hamilton  
Katherine Ann Hampel

Aubrey Noel Hancock  
Zachary Lewis Hardesty  
Samuel Michael Harrington  
Jonathan Daniel Hauke  
Joseph Michael Hayden  
Isabel Marie Hayden  
Margaret Ann Hayden  
Caroline Elizabeth Head  
Madelyn Grace Hempen  
Isabel Catherine Higgins  
Lyndsey M Hobelmann  
Faith Alexis Hogg  
Beau Michael Ingram  
Mayme Grace Jacob  
Matthew Roy Johnson  
Cambron Faith Johnson  
Luke Conn Johnson  
Genarose Galloway Jones  
Mackenzie LeeAnn Keelin  
Sydney Claire Kemper  
Jace Alan Kessler  
Chandler Reisz Krampe  
Rachel Ann Kyle  
Hannah Marie Latham  
Robert Joseph Leesman  
Anna Li Lovekamp  
Madelyn Rose Lyon  
Michael Joseph McCarthy  
Madeline Anne McFadden  
Dakota Austin McKay  
William Andrew Meyer  
Grace Erin Millay  
Michael Joseph Miller  
Mary Clare Mills  
Nicholas Andrew Mills  
Hannah Aliene Padgett  
John Parker  
Alex Edward Payne  
Hannah Beth Payne  
Amber Lynn Payne  
Paul Andrew Pfeifer

Kevin Piedrahita  
Samuel Ward Polio  
Jordan Ray Puckett  
Kevin Michael Ralph  
Madalynn Gail Rice  
Abbie Jonell Rock  
Laryssa Rogers  
Griffin Lee Rudy  
Mary Catherine Scales  
Samuel Joseph Self  
Timothy Alexander Settles  
Bailey Miller Simone  
Sydney Faith Smith  
Jacob Ezekiel Smith  
Austin Thomas Stallings  
Isabelle Grace Stanfield  
Cody Todd Stelmach  
Meredith Marie Stiff  
Caitlin Elizabeth Sullivan  
Peyton Ellis Survant  
Noah Christian Todd  
Grant Foster Toler  
Hannah Marie Trogden  
Karley Rae Tucker  
Ashlee Gwen Velazques Gonzalez  
Payton Tyler Vincent  
Madison Kylie Warren  
Rachel Michele Weaver  
Lucas Xavier Welborn  
Sean Michael Whitehouse  
Javaughan Elijah Williams  
Cory Wilson  
Samuel Check Wilson  
Andrew Colvin Wiman  
Caleb Joseph Wimsatt  
Hannah Elizabeth Wood  
Neal Patrick Zoglmann  
**St. Mary High School,  
Paducah**  
Andre Lee Bellamy

Audrey Ryan Bondurant  
Kimberly Lynn Bosh  
Hope Marie Brownfield Claire Marie  
Carrico Reid Thomas Courtney  
Brianna Nicole Doran  
Caleb Michael Dunn  
Adisyn Kate Fleming  
Madeline Rose Lorch  
Cash Kristopher Mayo  
Anthony Joseph Milliano  
Dorian Lee Record  
Victoria Brooke Sherron  
Abbigayle Eileen Vannatter  
Charles Walker West  
John Douglas Wilson  
**Trinity High School,  
Whitesville**  
Savannah Mael Aull  
Brittney Faith Booker  
Joseph Paul Brown  
Tyler Joseph Cecil  
Mary Margaret Hardesty  
James Lucas Howard  
Lydia Ann Lambert  
Chloe Rae Mattingly  
Haley Skye Mills  
Matthew Nicholas Mills  
Gavin Arthur Moore  
Blaise Francis Morris  
Trenton Bryan Morris  
Allison Dale Payne  
Luke Michael Payne  
Jeri Rachel Reynolds  
Devin Martin Rhinerson  
Briar Allen Roberts  
Samuel Ryan Russelburg  
Colsi Hope Stauffer  
Christina Faith Wathen  
Trey Benjamin Williams  
Cameron Michael Wright

# 2019 Graduating Seniors – Non-Diocesan Schools

*Editor's note: These include students from public schools, homeschool, private non-Catholic schools and Catholic schools outside the Diocese of Owensboro.*

**Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Aliyah Berry  
Tommy Clark  
Joe Gerald  
Dalton Gillihan  
Justin Goetz  
Amber Goode  
Lindsey Hargitt  
Logan Husk  
Paul Iracane  
Danielle Keller  
Mason Payne  
Bobbi Sandifer  
Dalton Shaw

**Christ the King, Scottsville**

Aurora Cruz  
Mark Gonzalez  
Anthony Lopez Jr.  
Ian James Wilton

**Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

John Abbott  
Lucas Adkins  
Collin Alvey  
Edgar Arroyo  
Corey Benson  
Italia Blasser  
Hannah Book  
Carlos Caron  
Deborah Caron  
Logan Cherry  
Carlee Crafton  
John Daily  
Charles Delano  
Sierra Duncan  
Marco Frausto  
Cameron Greenwell  
Jackson Holstein  
Katherine Ivie  
Catrena Kovaloski  
Hayden Krampe  
Wendy Miranda  
William Nichols  
Marcos Nicolas

Corye Parrish  
Breanna Phillips  
Edith Rodriguez  
Cade Russell  
Mario Sanchez, Jr.  
Hayden Sauer  
Nicholas Schneider  
Chase Schreiber  
Hannah Sheffer  
Jordan Sizemore  
Elijah Surret  
Nicholas Thatcher  
Bryce Willett  
Christopher Zamora  
Eduardo Zeron

**Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington**

Evan Aulbach

**Immaculate, Owensboro**

Gabriella Clark  
Britt Michael Gray  
Kate Isbell  
Tyler Nichols  
Trevor Payne  
Shelby Taylor  
Will Warren  
Carlee Widmer

**Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Gavan Ebelhar  
Molly Ward

**St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

Alexis Schartung  
Tristan Schartung

**St. Ann, Morganfield**

Davis McClain Corbett  
Kent Alan Davis  
Payton Bradley Ervin  
Emily Alane Greenwell  
Jordan Delaney Stewart

**St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel**

Rodney Marcqulas

Bumphis  
Justin Neal French  
Jayme Lee Galloway  
Hunter Michael Payne  
Emma Claire Thomas  
Lindsey Faye Whitfill

**St. Benedict, Wax**

Spencer Sharp

**St. Charles, Livermore**

Jacob Miller  
Hailey Neal

**St. Denis, Fancy Farm**

Sara Murphy

**St. Charles, Bardwell**

Mollie Henderson

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Katy Adreon  
Dustin Bilski  
Lupita De La Paz  
Sydney Ellegood  
Ryan Gillituk  
Abbie Hannan  
Nick Hatton  
Lindy King  
Jessie Moore  
Julianna Moore  
Nadia Pacheco  
Drake Walsh

**St. Henry, Aurora**

Caleb Federspiel  
Joza Mikulcik

**St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Sophia Baumgarten  
Erin Bell  
Claire Coleman  
Madison Feria  
Matthew Himmelbrand  
Tenzapa Wakombe

**St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Gabriel Mudd  
Maddie Pierce  
Hannah Young  
Taylor Butler

**SS. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro**

Ellis Birkhead  
Matt Boehman  
Chase Boling  
Royce Castlen  
Steve Digiorgio  
Ivory Houle  
James Colton Keelin  
Katie Kingkade  
Elizabeth Ladnier  
Mya Martin  
Kaleb Murphy  
Alex Nalley  
Bianca Reyes  
Emma Smith  
Andrew Van Meter  
Hannah Wells  
Bryanna Wilkerson  
Breian Zapata

**St. Jude, Clinton**

Hanan Marshall Jones

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Justin Dunn  
Wesley Knott  
Emma O'Bryan  
Faith Payne  
Natalie Smith  
Louis Clifton Szemethy

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

Blake Siddons  
Sydney Higdon  
Abigail Isbill  
Makayla Johnson  
Adam Payne  
Cameron Duvall  
Kimberly Millay  
Jamie O'Bryan  
Abbey Pike  
Clayton Terry  
Blake Coomes  
McKenzi Clark  
Halley Stewart  
Allison Boarman

Ashley Johnson

**St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Haley Risinger  
Laura Hiogdon  
Judith Darst  
Alison Burkhead

**St. Pius X, Calvert City**

Nico Galvan  
Katelyn Hurst  
Andrew Riter  
Brooke Riter

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

James Evan Barr  
Nicholas Patrick Brown  
Chrissa Michelle Carwile

Katherine Marie Chaney  
Jada Nicole Critchelow  
Alexander Lamar Flood  
Daniel Blake Flood  
Samuel Houston Flood  
Michael Thomas Hardesty  
Cameron James Howard  
Kallie Lynn Jarboe  
Hannah Leigh Kennedy  
Haley Brooke Masterson

**St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Julia Susan Mattingly  
Katelyn Elizabeth Mattingly  
Adam Griffin Moore  
Makayla Paige Pollock  
Casey Jo Raymer  
Paul Daniel Shalosky  
Logan Ames Waddell  
Rebecca Gail Walz

**St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Ashby Weatherholt  
Carson Wheatley  
Wesley Wheatley

**St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Jalyn Ferguson

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Jacob Klueppel  
**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**  
Nicholas Bosley  
William Savage Clark  
Noah Lucas Constant  
Lucas Georges  
Manon Georges  
Aubry Michele Hendricks  
Mary Kelly Hyland  
William Christian Leigh  
Georgia Anne McCrady  
Foster Roach  
Liza Vinson

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Nolan Averill  
Anthony Burrows  
Lexi Carter  
Julia Childers  
Kylee Cole  
Nalu Concepcion  
Abigail Cope  
Hannah Dawson  
Jordan DePriest  
Jacob Eckstein  
Mike Fossett  
Caroline Gruber  
Joshua Lang  
Luis Lopez  
Grace Loyd-Webster  
Ashleigh Mast  
Haley Morris  
Teresa Oblea  
Meredith Petter  
Kyle Rea  
Eric Riffe  
Allie Swift  
Brandon Trevathan  
Kiael Waldon  
Faith Williams

# Why would anyone want to be a priest today?



BY FR. JASON  
MCCLURE, OFFICE  
OF VOCATIONS

“How can we encourage vocations to the priesthood when some priests have behaved so badly?” “Why would anyone want to be a priest today?”

The answer to these questions is that bad shepherds highlight the need for good, holy shepherds. There is no denying that the sins of a few have harmed many. This however, is the time when the Church, including all the faithful, should challenge young men to become good, holy priests for the Church.

On May 12, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church observes the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Sunday, as we reflect upon Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are reminded of the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I’m supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I’m praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.”

The entire Church is charged with the work of fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. On this day, the Church calls all of us to pray

that all people, especially those whom God is calling to the priesthood and religious life, will be open to God’s will. In addition to praying that God call men and women to serve in these vocations, we need to pray also that more people answer that call.

Over the past several months, The Western Kentucky Catholic has included testimonies of men who have answered the call to the priesthood. Some of them were born and grew up here in Western Kentucky. Others have come to us from other parts of the world. They bring a variety of gifts and unique personalities. They serve in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, and the military. They are presiding at Mass, forgiving sins in the confessional, anointing the sick, baptizing, and witnessing two become one in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The message consistent among each of them is their love for the Church and for the priesthood. This is true for every priest that I know in this diocese.

The Church needs good shepherds, men striving for holiness as they live their vocation to priesthood. Our prayers and encouragement are important as we all participate in God’s plan to call forth men to serve in the vineyard. In a particular way, families and parishes are places where the cultivation of vocations takes place. Following are ideas for doing so in both:

Families:

- Include a prayer for vocations as part of your meal prayer. Institute some special observance as a family for vocations.
- Pray as a family for your priests.
- Make prayer a normal part of family deci-

sion-making.

- Take part in parish activities as a family.
- Teach your children to share their time, talent, and treasure.
- Talk positively about the activities of priests, sisters, and brothers. Be careful of the way criticism of the Church is handled.
- Parishes:
- Challenge people to say one Hail Mary every day for new vocations to priesthood and religious life from your parish.
- Include prayers for vocations in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.
- Hold a Holy Hour for Vocations at least once a year (the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a great time to do so).

So why would anyone want to be a priest today? Why would we want to encourage vocations to the priesthood? Because the Church needs good, holy priests imitating the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We need good priests today so that the humble flock may reach where the Shepherd, Jesus Christ has prepared a place for us in heaven. ■

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## Seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrate jubilees

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Seven Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph (Maple Mount, Ky.) are celebrating jubilees of religious life this year. To read more about them and their ministries, please visit the Ursuline Sisters' webpage: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/ministries/2019-jubilarians>.

**Sr. Marie Montgomery, OSU**, who was born in St. Lawrence in Daviess County, is celebrating 75 years.

**Sr. Cecelia Joseph Olinger, OSU**, originally from Glennonville, Mo., is

celebrating 60 years.

**Sr. Clara Reid, OSU**, who grew up in Holy Cross, is celebrating 60 years.

**Sr. Alicia Coomes, OSU**, originally from Henderson, is celebrating 40 years.

**Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU**, originally from St. Petersburg, Fla., is celebrating 40 years.

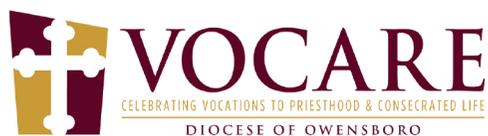
**Sr. Mary McDermott, OSU**, who grew

up in St. Louis, is celebrating 40 years.

**Sr. Rebecca White, OSU**, originally from Glennonville, Mo., is celebrating 40 years.

Jubilarian congratulations may be sent to Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

*Mount Saint Joseph is based in Maple Mount, Ky.*



### What is Vocare?

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501 W 2nd St, Owensboro, KY 42301

### How do I register?

Registration is \$75/person, \$150/couple, \$600/table. Reserve your spot by emailing [vocare@pastoral.org](mailto:vocare@pastoral.org) or by calling (270) 683-1545.



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# Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

**Nota de la editora:** El 12 de abril de 2019, la Diócesis de Owensboro publicó una lista de sacerdotes quienes han prestado servicio en la diócesis contra quienes se ha fundamentado uno o más alegatos de abuso sexual de un menor de edad. El Obispo Medley pidió que, para esta edición en lugar de su artículo habitual en el WKC, se publique su carta que acompaña esta lista.

12 de abril del 2019

*Viernes de la 5ta Semana de Cuaresma*

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

En la Misa Católica por la reconciliación oramos, *“Cuando nos habíamos apartado de ti por nuestros pecados, Señor, nos reconciliaste contigo.”*

En el espíritu de esta oración, la Diócesis de Owensboro el día de hoy publica una lista de sacerdotes quienes han prestado servicio a nuestra diócesis y contra quienes se ha fundamentado uno o más alegatos de abuso sexual de un menor de edad.

Hoy, como Iglesia, buscamos reconocer de nuevo los pecados del abuso sexual de menores de edad por parte de personas en las que deberían haber podido confiar sin reservas. Ofrezco una disculpa a todos los que han sufrido a manos de un sacerdote. Por todas las veces en que los líderes de la Iglesia fallamos en vivir el llamado de Cristo a la santidad y no hicimos lo necesario por mantenerlos seguros a ustedes y a todos los niños, lo siento.

Ofrezco también una disculpa a todos ustedes en la Diócesis de Owensboro. El abuso sexual de un niño es abominable, y el hecho de que los sacerdotes hayan perpetrado este tipo de maldad estremece a nuestra Iglesia en lo más profundo. Por la ira, la tristeza, la vergüenza y las dudas que esto puede haberles causado, les pido disculpas y comparto su dolor y frustración.

Ofrezco una disculpa a los sacerdotes dedicados y santos de nuestra Iglesia y que nunca han hecho

daño a ningún niño. Ustedes han sufrido debido a la mancha que se ha dejado sobre el sacerdocio por la mala conducta de otros.

Afortunadamente desde el 2002, ha habido una reforma significativa en la manera en que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos trata los alegatos de abuso sexual. Operamos bajo una política de cero-tolerancia. Cuando se ha fundamentado un alegato de abuso sexual de un menor de edad por parte de un sacerdote en la Diócesis de Owensboro, ese sacerdote es removido permanentemente del ministerio. Además, se han implementado medidas robustas para prevenir el abuso, que incluyen la verificación de antecedentes de quienes trabajan con menores de edad y entrenamiento en ambiente seguro de niños y adultos. Ha habido una disminución dramática en el número de casos de abuso en las últimas décadas. Sin embargo, reconozco que incluso solo una persona perjudicada es demasiado, y debemos de seguir comprometidos en nuestros esfuerzos por mantener seguros a todos los menores de edad.

El desarrollo de esta lista ha sido un proceso exhaustivo y meticuloso. Tres ex presidentes de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana trabajaron durante varios meses con acceso a todos los archivos diocesanos para recomendarme los nombres que aquí se presentan. William Craig es abogado, el Dr. Mike Farina es psicólogo y Mary Beth Hurley es enfermera jubilada. Han servido generosamente porque aman a la Iglesia y desean que la Iglesia sea lo mejor que pueda ser, y especialmente que sea un lugar seguro

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MAYO 2019:

<b>MAYO 1</b>	8 a.m.   Misa y Coronación de María - Escuela del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson 6 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Santa María Magdalena, Sorgho
<b>MAYO 2</b>	9 a.m.   Misa - Escuela Católica de Owensboro Campus K-3
<b>MAYO 4</b>	10 a.m.   Graduación de la Universidad de Brescia - Owensboro 5 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Santa María, Franklin
<b>MAYO 5</b>	9 a.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah 3 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San José, Bowling Green
<b>MAYO 8</b>	6 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquias San Sebastián y San Carlos, Condado de McLean
<b>MAYO 9</b>	6:30 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San Guillermo, Knottsville
<b>MAYO 10</b>	6 p.m.   Cena de Agradecimiento de Líderes Catequéticos Parroquiales
<b>MAYO 11</b>	5:30 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Cristo Rey, Madisonville
<b>MAYO 12</b>	8 a.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San Dionisio, Fancy Farm 2 p.m.   Graduación de la Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro - Owensboro
<b>MAYO 14-15</b>	Reunión de la Conferencia Católica de KY y Reunión de Obispos de la Provincia - Louisville
<b>MAYO 16</b>	Visita a la Penitenciaría Estatal de Kentucky y Fredonia
<b>MAYO 17</b>	7 p.m. Graduación de la Escuela Preparatoria Trinidad - Whitesville
<b>MAYO 18</b>	7 p.m. Graduación de la Escuela Preparatoria Santa María - Paducah
<b>MAYO 19</b>	10:30 a.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Preciosa Sangre, Owensboro 4 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San Pedro & San Pablo, Hopkinsville
<b>MAYO 22</b>	8:30 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas 5:30 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
<b>MAYO 26</b>	8:30 a.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San Pablo, Leitchfield 10:30 a.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia Santa Isabel, Clarkson
<b>MAYO 28</b>	Horas de Oficina en Paducah
<b>MAYO 29</b>	Retiro de Liderazgo de las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro

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para los niños.

La inclusión en esta lista no indica necesariamente que un sacerdote acusado haya sido declarado culpable de un delito o responsable de cualquier denuncia civil. Aunque todos los alegatos de abuso recibidos hoy en día por la diócesis se informan a las autoridades, esto no significa que las autoridades presentarán cargos. A menudo, los alegatos no se reciben hasta años e incluso décadas después de un incidente. En algunos casos, los sacerdotes acusados han fallecido antes de que se haya hecho un alegato.

Nosotros esperamos mucho más de cualquier persona que trabaje para la Iglesia comparado con lo que puedan exigir los tribunales civiles o penales. Por lo tanto, aunque la inclusión en esta lista no necesariamente indica culpabilidad, sí indica una conclusión por parte de la Diócesis de Owensboro de que existe una razón adecuada para creer que ocurrió el abuso alegado.

A lo largo de los años, la Diócesis de Owensboro ha investigado algunos alegatos contra sacerdotes que tenían cierta apariencia de credibilidad, pero que no podían ser fundamentados. La definición de un alegato fundamentado que guió el trabajo del comité de revisión es:

Un alegato de abuso sexual de un menor de edad

por un sacerdote se fundamenta cuando existe una causa probable para creer que la afirmación sea cierta. Lo siguiente puede ser considerado como evidencia de causa probable: 1) una admisión de culpabilidad por parte del acusado; 2) el acusado no se opone al alegato; 3) una sentencia de culpabilidad dictada por un tribunal; 4) la conclusión de un proceso de investigación muestra una razón para creer que el alegato es cierto sobre una base objetiva.

La publicación de esta lista no indica un cierre de la cuestión del abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Sabemos que los sobrevivientes de abuso se presentan y comparten sus historias en su propio momento. A menudo esto se complicaba debido a la renuencia de la Iglesia a escuchar y creer a los que se presentaban. A cualquiera de ustedes que no ha dado este paso, o que no haya sido escuchado, lo invitamos a hacer lo que para usted sea lo mejor. Si eso incluye venir a la Iglesia, estamos listos para escuchar y sanar, para aprender y actuar.

Estos son días oscuros en nuestra Iglesia, pero como cristianos nunca estamos sin esperanza, incluso en el Calvario. Jesús es siempre nuestra esperanza y nuestra luz. A lo largo de nuestra historia, en tiempos de oscuridad y confusión, Dios ha elevado a grandes santos para mostrarnos el camino. Nuestro

tiempo no es distinto. Dios ciertamente está dándonos hombres y mujeres santos en nuestros días y que nos están llamando de nuevo al Evangelio y nos recuerdan una vez más el llamado de Cristo a cada uno de nosotros de vivir vidas de santidad. Mantenemos nuestros ojos fijados en Jesús y encontraremos el camino.

A medida que nos acercamos a la semana más santa del año para nosotros como cristianos, termino mi carta con estas palabras del Cardenal Joseph Ratzinger del Viernes Santo del 2005. Apenas unas pocas semanas después, el Cardenal Ratzinger se convertiría en el Papa Benedicto XVI.

*“A través de tu pasión, crucifixión, muerte y resurrección, Jesús, nos has traído el don del perdón de los pecados. Limpia y purifica a la Iglesia que amas de los pecados de abuso y mala conducta que han herido gravemente a la Iglesia. Trae sanación y amor a las víctimas. Ayúdanos a todos a dedicarnos nuevamente a la búsqueda de la verdadera santidad. Amén.” ■*

Atentamente en Cristo,



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

## Sacerdotes quienes han prestado servicio en la Diócesis de Owensboro contra quienes se ha fundamentado un alegato de abuso sexual de un menor de edad

Con respecto a esta lista, un alegato del abuso sexual de un menor de edad por un sacerdote se fundamenta cuando existe una causa probable para creer que la afirmación sea cierta.

Lo siguiente puede ser considerado como evidencia de causa probable: 1) una admisión de culpabilidad por parte del acusado; 2) el acusado no se opone al alegato; 3) una sentencia de culpabilidad

dictada por un tribunal; 4) la conclusión de un proceso de investigación muestra una razón para creer que el alegato es cierto sobre una base objetiva.

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## I. Sacerdotes ordenados para la Diócesis de Owensboro

Esta sección contiene los nombres de los sacerdotes que fueron ordenados para la Diócesis de Owensboro contra quienes se hizo al menos un alegato fundamentado de abuso sexual de un menor de edad que ocurrió dentro de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

- **Gerald Baker.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1983. Tres alegatos considerados fundamentados por la Junta de Revisión Diocesana. Retirado del ministerio público en 2016.

- **Paul Greenwell.** Ordenado en la Diócesis de Louisville en 1928. Se convirtió en sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1937. Múltiples alegatos de las décadas de 1940 y de 1950 se consideraron fundamentados. Salió de la diócesis en 1956. Falleció en 1964.

- **Walter Hancock.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1947. Múltiples alegatos considerados fundamentados. Retirado del ministerio público en 2002. Falleció en 2012.

- **Gilbert Henninger.** Ordenado sacerdote en la Diócesis de Louisville en 1937. Se convirtió en sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1937. Múltiples alegatos fueron recibidos después de su muerte, pero son considerados fundamentados. Falleció en 1990.

- **John Meredith.** Ordenado sacerdote en la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1980. Un alegato considerado fundamentado por la Junta de Revisión Diocesana. Retirado del ministerio público en 2013.

- **Louis Piskula.** Ordenado sacerdote en la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1975. Seis alegatos considerados fundamentados. A partir de 1994, estuvo en el ministerio restringido y se retiró del ministerio público en 2002. En 2014 fue condenado por abuso sexual infantil y condenado a prisión. Falleció en 2018.

- **John Speaks.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1974. Un alegato considerado fundamentado. Retirado del ministerio público en

2002.

- **Carroll Wheatley.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1975. Dos alegatos considerados fundamentados. Retirado del ministerio público en 2011. Falleció en 2013.

- **Henry Wieder.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1989. Un alegato de abuso sexual recibido en 2002 que involucraba un incidente antes de la ordenación se consideró fundamentado. Dejó el ministerio activo en 2003.

## II. Sacerdotes de otra diócesis u orden religiosa

Esta sección contiene los nombres de los sacerdotes de otra diócesis o de una orden religiosa que alguna vez sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro y contra quienes se ha hecho al menos un alegato fundamentado de abuso sexual de un menor de edad que ocurrió dentro de la Diócesis.

- **Joseph Alexander.** Ordenado sacerdote en 1973 en la Orden de San Benito. El alegato es de años antes a la ordenación en el Seminario St. Maur en South Union, Kentucky. Considerado fundamentado y fue retirado del ministerio público en 2002.

- **Joseph Pilger.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Covington en 1955. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro 1963 - 1976. Trece alegatos considerados fundamentados. Condenado por abuso sexual infantil en 1993. Falleció en 2003.

- **Louis Telegdy.** Ordenado como sacerdote de la Orden de la Preciosa Sangre en 1942. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro 1972-1978. Un alegato recibido en la Diócesis de Owensboro después de su muerte. Tres alegatos en la Diócesis de Davenport, Iowa se consideraron fundamentados. Falleció en 1995.

- **Raymond Waldruff.** Ordenado sacerdote de la Tercera Orden de San Francisco (V.O.T.) en 1953. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro 1967 - 1968. Cinco alegatos recibidos; al menos dos considerados fundamentados. Despedido de la V.O.T. en 1983. Falleció en 1985.

## III. Alegatos que ocurrieron fuera de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Esta sección contiene los nombres de los sacerdotes que fueron ordenados para la Diócesis de Owensboro, así como los sacerdotes de otra diócesis que alguna vez sirvieron dentro de la Diócesis de Owensboro, y contra quienes se hizo al menos un alegato fundamentado del abuso sexual de un menor de edad que ocurrió fuera de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

- **Paul Haas.** Ordenado sacerdote en la Diócesis de Nashville en 1959. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro 1966-1977. Múltiples alegatos en Tennessee considerados fundamentados. No hay alegatos recibidos en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Falleció en 1979.

- **\*Adelbert "Del" Holmes.** Ordenado sacerdote de los Misioneros Glenmary en 1963. Sirvió en la Diócesis de Owensboro 1977-1988. Un alegato en la Diócesis de Richmond, Virginia. No hay alegatos recibidos en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Falleció en 2013.

- **William Odom-Green.** Ordenado sacerdote en la Diócesis de Owensboro en 1991. Un alegato en la Diócesis de Oakland, California, en 1999. Declarado culpable y condenado a prisión. No hay alegatos recibidos en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Retirado del ministerio público en 1999.

Para obtener más información sobre los sacerdotes que se nombran aquí, visite el sitio web de la Diócesis de Owensboro en [www.owensborodiocese.org/accountability](http://www.owensborodiocese.org/accountability). En un espíritu de transparencia constante, a medida que se reciba nueva información en el futuro, también se agregará a este sitio web. ■

*\*Nombre agregado a esta lista el 26 de abril de 2019.*

## Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Para denunciar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su Fiscal Local del Commonwealth. Para reportar abuso, actual o pasado, a la diócesis por parte de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre de la Iglesia, llame a Louanne Payne, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (inglés) al 270-852-8380, o Nuria Elizondo, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.

## Picnic Parroquiales del 2019

- 1 Junio** | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San José, Leitchfield
- 8 Junio** | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San Pío X, Owensboro
- 13 Julio** | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San Alfonso, San José
- 3 Agosto** | Sirviendo desde mediodía a 11 a.m.; sirviendo a las 12-3 p.m. - Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro
- 21 Septiembre** | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - Santísima Madre, Owensboro
- 28 Septiembre** | Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m. - Inmaculada, Owensboro

# Parroquias con Misas en Español

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

107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 903-8070 o parroquia (270) 274-3414

### Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green Jueves – 6:30 p.m. Sábados – 7:00 p.m. Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

### Parroquia de San José, Central City Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

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

### Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie Sábados – 6:00 p.m. Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

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

### Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134  
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

### Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420  
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

### Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m. Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
Contacto: Padre Michael Charles Abiero (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

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

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431  
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (270) 821-5494

### Parroquia de San José, Mayfield Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066  
Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

### Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261  
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723 o parroquia (270) 274-3414

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

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

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

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

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

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001  
Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

### Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276  
Contacto: Padre Ken Mikulcik (270) 726-6963

### Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree Miércoles – 12:00 p.m. Jueves – 12:00 p.m. Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455  
Contacto: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

## Un Seminarista da el siguiente paso hacia el sacerdocio



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

El 13 de abril de 2019, el seminarista Stephen Van Lal Than fue ordenado al diaconado transitorio por el Obispo William F. Medley en la Parroquia Santo Espíritu en Bowling Green. Este es el siguiente paso del Diácono Stephen para convertirse en un sacerdote. Dijo que su ordenación fue "uno de los momentos más grandes de mi vida".

## Nombramientos Sacerdotales para 2019

### Párrocos:

- **Ighacho, P. John:** Párroco, Parroquia San Pedro en Stanley y Parroquia San Agustín en Reed, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.
- **Puthenpurackal, P. Jegin:** Párroco, Parroquia San Sebastián en Calhoun y Parroquia San Carlos en Livermore, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.

### Vicarios Parroquiales:

- **Az Cuc, P. Basilio:** Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia San José en Bowling Green, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.
- **Clark, P. Gary:** Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.
- **Dennis, P. Jamie:** Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santísima Madre en Owensboro, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.
- **Thompson, P. Will:** Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro; y Defensor del Vínculo a tiempo parcial en el Tribunal de Matrimonio, efectivo 11 de junio de 2019.

## Afrontando el frío y la lluvia por el Vía Crucis



El Viernes Santo, 19 de abril, la comunidad de la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro afrontaron el clima lluvioso y frío para celebrar su Vía Crucis anual, representando nuevamente el camino de Jesús al Calvario, donde fue crucificado. Fotos por cortesía de Ashley Wikerson.

## Maneras de fomentar las vocaciones

### En la casa:

- Incluyan una oración por las vocaciones como parte de su oración antes de comer. Instituyan alguna observancia especial en familia por las vocaciones.
- Recen en familia por sus sacerdotes.
- Hagan que la oración sea una parte normal de la toma de decisiones familiares.
- Participen en las actividades parroquiales en familia.
- Enseñen a sus hijos a compartir su tiempo, talento y tesoro.
- Hablen positivamente sobre las actividades de los sacerdotes, las

hermanas y los hermanos religiosos. Tengan cuidado con la forma en que se maneja la crítica de la Iglesia.

### En la parroquia:

- Desafíen a la gente a decir un Ave María todos los días por nuevas vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa de su parroquia.
- Incluyan oraciones por las vocaciones en la Oración de los Fieles en la Misa.
- Celebren una Hora Santa para las Vocaciones por lo menos una vez al año (La Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones el 12 de mayo es un buen momento para hacerlo).

- P. Jason McClure

# La Semana Santa 2019 con el Obispo Medley



TINA KASEY | WKC

El 16 de abril, el Obispo Medley sopla al Santo Crisma mientras lo consagra durante la Misa Crismal anual de la Diócesis de Owensboro, que se lleva a cabo en el Centro Deportivo de Owensboro.



LAURA RIGSBY | WKC

El Obispo Medley lleva un copón que contiene el Santísimo Sacramento durante la procesión del Jueves Santo del 18 de abril en la Catedral San Esteban, después de la Misa de la Cena del Señor.



TINA KASEY | WKC

(De primer plano a segundo plano) P. Jerry Riney; Obispo Medley; P. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN; y el Diácono Dirck Curry se postran en el piso de la Catedral San Esteban el 19 de abril, al comienzo de la liturgia del Viernes Santo.



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El Obispo Medley y los acólitos reunidos a un lado del fuego de Pascua antes del inicio de la Vigilia Pascual de la Catedral San Esteban el 20 de abril.