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Holy Thursday in the Domestic Church

Brandon Swaggart of St. Leo Parish in Murray washes his daughter Stella's feet, assisted by daughter Myra, while daughter Isla looks on. The Swaggarts, like many in the diocese, found meaningful ways to celebrate Holy Week 2020 while public Masses and other gatherings are suspended due to the ongoing fight against COVID-19. [Page 4](#)

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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear sisters and brothers,
 One of the challenges of communicating during times of crisis or strife is that it seems before we complete a thought, circumstances and information changes. I have written before about such a challenge with *The Western Kentucky Catholic* in that its articles are often completed at least a week before publication. Please bear that in mind when reading my following letter, as the situation may have changed after this went to press.

With the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic it seems clear enough that we will all be struggling our way through this for weeks and even months to come. Now what that means about business closures; stay-at-home orders; quarantining; and so close to our hearts, the suspension of public Masses – can change quickly. Of course we are all hoping and praying that many of these restrictions change much sooner rather than later.

I am hearing, and all of our pastors are hearing, of the great loss people are experiencing being unable to come to Mass and receive the sacraments. Holy Week and Easter were especially hard. Phenomenal numbers are accessing local Masses through live-streaming. But no one feels this is the same.

Many are hoping that this tremendous hunger that we are seeing will indicate that when the restrictions are lifted, there might be a reawakening of religious fervor and commitment to join in common worship. Perhaps we will come to see how important so many things are that we have taken for granted.

In the Diocese of Owensboro, and in most of the United States, Catholics enjoy easy access to their churches and convenient schedules of Masses. It is not that way everywhere in the world.

The hunger and thirst we are experiencing is most common in many places. As Americans we did

not take much note last year of the Special Synod on the Catholic Church of the Amazon, a vast area of South America crossing the borders of several countries. Of great concern was the reality that hundreds of thousands of the people of this region only have Mass a few times a year because of the shortage of priests. Baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and funerals are delayed by months.

In our diocese today, few people are more than a few miles from the next closest Catholic church. And in our diocese today, one in every three parishes has a pastor who was not born in the United States. Many of these priests are immigrants who will remain a part of our diocese. Others will serve a time and then return to their home countries.

So perhaps among the many things we might offer thanks for during these difficult times, we might thank these and all of our priests. We might appreciate and better support the nations and cultures from which they come.

We are all one body. The Body of Christ. ■



Most Reverend William F. Medley
 Diocese of Owensboro

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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR MAY 2020

Please note: The following dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the COVID-19 situation.

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| MAY 18 | 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting
– McRaith Catholic Center (MCC),
Owensboro |
| MAY 20 | 8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
5:30 p.m. Confirmation – Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam |
| MAY 23 | 10 a.m. Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro |
| MAY 26 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Paducah Office |

Priest assignments for 2020

Okeoma, Rev. Jude: Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville & St. John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville, effective June 9, 2020*.

Mang, Rev. John Paul: Parochial Vicar, St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro, effective June 9, 2020*.

Vadakumkara, Rev. Shijo: Parochial Vicar, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, effective June 9, 2020.

Van Lal Than, Dcn. Stephen: Parochial Vicar, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, effective June 9, 2020*.

**Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be necessary to postpone these effective dates.*

While unable to gather in person, western Kentuckians shine the light of Easter from their homes



COURTESY OF DIANE WILLIS

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it,” John 1:5. Alleluia! He is risen!” writes Diane Willis, director of faith formation at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, who shared this photo of her “Easter lights” at her house.



COURTESY OF TERRY MURPHY

Terry Murphy, who belongs to St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley, shared this picture of her Easter lights outside her home on Holy Saturday 2020.



COURTESY OF DEANNA SWAGGART

A light-covered cross is displayed outside the home of the Swaggart family in the evening of Holy Saturday, participating in the diocese’s “Easter lights” initiative to light up the world.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Ordinarily, The Western Kentucky Catholic’s post-Easter issue features an array of photos from that year’s Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Some memorable pictures have included the searing “Via Crucis” portrayal of Jesus’ walk to Calvary, as depicted by Sts. Joseph and Paul

parishioners in the streets of downtown Owensboro, and the smiles shared as a newly-baptized person rises from the waters during St. Stephen Cathedral’s Easter Vigil liturgy.

But this year, as with most (if not all) dioceses around the United States, our sacred celebrations were limited to private liturgies (often live-streamed online) and quiet prayer in our

homes as our communities socially isolated and continued the fight the spread of COVID-19.

Staff members of the Diocese of Owensboro decided that while it was not possible for Catholics of western Kentucky to gather in their churches this year, they could still be united in prayer. So on April 3, inspired by others across the state and across the nation doing similar

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COURTESY OF EMILY LYONS

Lindsey DeArmond, whose family belongs to Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, writes: "This photo was taken of me on Easter Sunday April 12, 2020. We watched our church's Easter Mass from YouTube, and I was kneeling on the ground during the Eucharist and I felt compelled to put my head down and heavily pray."

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initiatives, an announcement was posted on the diocese's social media accounts, inviting all to display "Easter lights" as a sign of solidarity during this time.

"Beginning at 8:00 PM on April 11, Holy Saturday, and through May 31, Pentecost Sunday, use the symbol of light as an outward sign in some way on your property as a witness to all of the prayers burning in our hearts and as a reminder that the light has come into our world and has conquered even death," read the announcement.



COURTESY OF SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER

Susan Montalvo-Gesser, whose family belongs to Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, shared a picture of her children outside their home decorated with Easter lights on Holy Saturday night. At the center, on the ground, her children's baptismal candles are displayed in the family's Advent wreath. The green porch light is lit in solidarity with Kentuckians who had died from COVID-19.

The announcement encouraged participants to use the hashtag #EasterLightsKY to share their pictures on social media.

"Each night, as you 'turn on the lights,' you might also light a candle and say a prayer to the one 'who sheds his peaceful light on all humanity' (the Exsultet from the Easter Vigil) for an end to the pandemic," the announcement added. "Let's unite with one another in prayer this Easter season and remind one another and our neighbors that we are never beyond the reach of God. Let's light up the world!" ■



COURTESY OF JACKIE FREELS

"Christ, be our light" – Jackie Freels, a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph, shared this picture of a light-adorned cross outside her house the evening of Holy Saturday 2020.



COURTESY OF TERRY MURPHY

Terry Murphy of St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley created this makeshift prayer space in her home to watch and pray with Bishop Medley's live-streamed Easter Vigil liturgy on April 11, 2020.

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COURTESY OF LAUREN COOTS

Veda and Lou Mattingly (in window) of St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville receive a socially-distant, but nonetheless sweet, Easter visit from Cooper, Millie, Kapri and Braylon Coots of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF DEANNA SWAGGART

Myra, Isla and Stella Swaggart of St. Leo Parish in Murray stand outside their house with palm branches while their family celebrates Palm Sunday at home on April 5, 2020. Their mother, Deanna Swaggart, writes, "We hope to continue many of these traditions in the coming years. COVID-19 and the need to social distance have highlighted the importance of the domestic church. Liturgical living is possible with simplicity and intention."



COURTESY OF NICOLE GRAY

Daniel Gray, son of Matt and Nicole Gray from Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, shows off his and his fathers "cross of lights" they built. "We wanted to use the image of a cross to represent Jesus's unconditional love for us and that He is The Light of the world!" writes Nicole Gray.

Pray and watch Mass online

For live-streamed Mass and prayer opportunities, visit owensborodiocese.org/covid-2019. To add your parish to the list, please email communications@pastoral.org.

Compassion and compliance during COVID-19

For diocesan staff, supporting parishes means financial and spiritual assistance go hand-in-hand

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused overwhelming distress to communities across western Kentucky, including many families now suffering financially due to layoffs or reduced working hours.

The region's most vulnerable populations, such as the homeless demographic and undocumented persons, have seen their challenges multiply, and according to Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Catholic Charities, "We have a whole lot of people that are 'new' to asking for assistance."

As with many businesses in Kentucky, the diocese's central offices at the McRaith Catholic Center (MCC) in Owensboro have reduced to a minimal daily crew in the building with most employees now working from home. But staff members have made it a priority to assist parishes and other institutions reeling from this global health and economic crisis.

At the same time, MCC employees have sought to assess the spiritual needs of western Kentucky's faithful, keenly aware of the suffering from the lack of the Mass, Eucharist and normal parish community life.

"Being relatively new to the diocese, I have been very impressed on how the diocesan staff works together and during the pandemic," said Dr. Jeff Andrini, director of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, who assumed that role in January

2020. "The care and collaboration for one another and the diocese as a whole has been awesome to witness."

Front lines

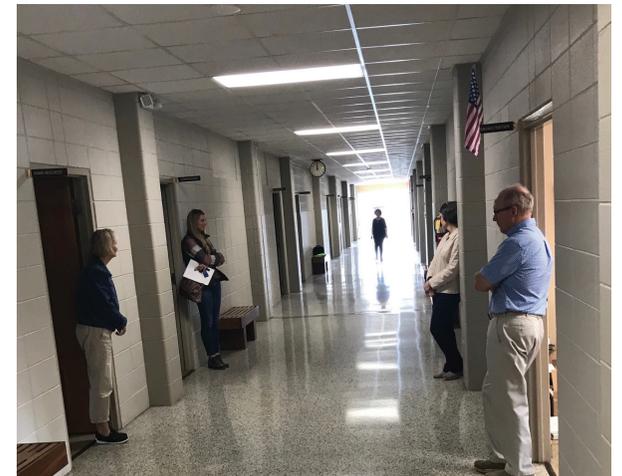
Even as they work remotely, Catholic Charities staff have found themselves perhaps busier than ever.

"We are on the temporal front lines of those most vulnerable to the economic pain experienced during the COVID-19 outbreak," wrote Montalvo-Gesser in an April 13 memo to her Catholic Charities workgroup team members. "Along with St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus, parish social justice committees and affiliated non-profits, we are the field hospital of the Church caring for the immediate spiritual and temporal needs of those in the Diocese of Owensboro."

She admitted that their Catholic Charities is "an extremely small organization," but said they continue running immigration legal services and participating in a mental health congregational assistance program for the 32-county area within western Kentucky.

Montalvo-Gesser said Catholic Charities has been working with various aging services agencies to attend to seniors, and homeless organizations to coordinate services for those without shelter.

"Facing this crisis, we tried to quantify the numbers of the people who will be impacted in our area... most acutely, the undocumented population



COURTESY OF TOM LILLY

On Friday, March 27, the limited crew of McRaith Catholic Center employees in Owensboro "gather" six feet apart to pray with Pope Francis, who on that day gave an extraordinary Urbi et Orbi blessing, praying for the world during the COVID-19 pandemic.

who will not be able to take advantage of the government benefits available to citizens and long-term legal permanent residents," she wrote in her memo.

Montalvo-Gesser told the WKC that her team tries to be there for the "whole person" - "their crisis, their stress, their spirit" - when responding to those in need.

She said that generally speaking, the region's close-knit immigrant communities like Latino, Burmese and Congolese are unused to asking for help with food, rent and utilities from charitable organizations - "and there is often a language barrier to getting help from these organizations, which can be daunting."

Montalvo-Gesser praised the trusted members of

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these communities who reach out “to reassure that receiving help is acceptable and the language barriers can be overcome.”

Assessing needs

It was on March 16, 2020 that Bishop William F. Medley announced the suspension of public Masses and gatherings in the Diocese of Owensboro, in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

That week, Dr. Andrini was asked to refocus his role largely on “coronavirus ministry.”

He told the WKC the purpose was to coordinate any ministry efforts where the MCC staff could serve the parishes or other local service/ministry organizations.

After praying to the Holy Spirit for guidance – “we really did not know where to begin,” he said – Dr. Andrini and his team decided their first task was to assess the needs of all pastors and parishes.

Following their initial assessment, Dr. Andrini sent an email memo out to the staff of the MCC with “key themes” on March 31.

The primary theme was a “genuine feeling of loss across the diocese from both pastors and (parish staff) that the community is struggling without the opportunity to gather for the celebration of the Mass,” Dr. Andrini wrote in his email.

“Although many parishes have responded by (live-streaming) their Mass, and offering the rosary or other prayers online, there is a hunger to gather again,” he added.

Other themes his team found were good communication among many parishes and parishioners; financial concerns and anxiety about what the future might bring; general appreciation of diocesan response and support; and the wide variety of parish situations based on location.

“In a diocese with 78 parishes where some are in larger cities and others are very rural, differences can be expected,” wrote Dr. Andrini.

He complimented the diocese’s Catholic Charities on their work, including a collaboration opportunity that surfaced through GRADD (Green River Area Development District). He said 10 diocesan staff members have been making more than 350 calls to local seniors to learn if “they are well and have the resources they need during this time.”

Since his March memo, this “coronavirus ministry” initiative has blossomed. They distributed templates and suggestions for Sundays and the celebration of Holy Week/Easter; and printed, stuffed and mailed individual parish mailings from the MCC (following the offer to a free mailing to every parish if they needed information sent to parishioners’ homes).

Kim Haire, controller in the diocese’s Office of Administration, said her office has responded accordingly to the current situation.

As of April 14, Haire said her office had completed and submitted 68 SBA (Small Business Administration) loan applications, covering most parishes and locations in the diocese.

“These loans are to be used to cover payroll costs and a portion of utilities over an eight-week period and are 100% forgivable if used for this,” said Haire.

She said her office has also been tracking parishes’ weekly collections to assess the financial impact of the suspension of public Masses – and the pandemic overall – on the individual parishes.

Additionally, the Office of Administration has been “offering parishes help in prioritizing their payments and offering a cash flow template for them to project their own need for cash in the coming weeks/months,” said Haire.

Switching to crisis mode

Tom Lilly, diocesan chancellor, said the diocese “went into action” the day the bishop announced the suspension of public liturgies and gatherings.

He said the Office of Communications established pages on the diocesan website (owensborodiocese.org/covid-2019 and owensborodiocese.org/resources-for-prayer-at-home) dedicated to prayer resources, Liturgy of the Word guides, live-streamed Mass links, and video updates from Bishop Medley. Regular updates from the communications office and the diocese’s Office of Worship continue to be released via email and the diocese’s social media outlets.

He said the diocese has worked hard “to make every parish compliant with the governor’s executive order, declared under a state of emergency,” keeping in regular communication with the state government and regional area infection control personnel.

Additionally, some MCC employees have changed roles to full-time crisis response funding and research on grant opportunities.

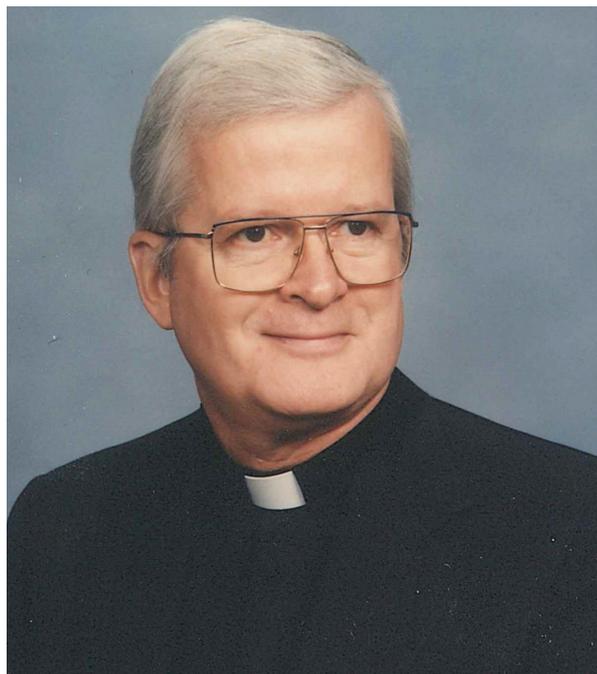
Zoom meetings are regularly utilized as well, said Lilly: “The bishop conducted a Zoom meeting with parishes to update them on diocesan activities and the reimbursement process; diocesan staff and school principals continue to also meet and strategize using Zoom when possible.”

Dr. Andrini said everyone has witnessed a “longing for God in the Eucharist, which will make it all the more special when we return to Mass.”

“At the same time, the core of the Gospel is a living relationship with Jesus that translates into love for God and love of neighbor,” he said. “I think we have all seen wonderful examples of both during this difficult time.” ■

A priests' priest

Catholics of western Kentucky recall the joy-filled life of Fr. Joseph M. Mills



FILE PHOTO

(Left) Fr. Joseph "Joe" Mills died on April 4, 2020. (Center) Bishop John J. McRaith celebrates Mass with Fr. Joe Mills in this 1992 photo. (Right) Fr. Joe Mills decorates the Christmas tree at the Catholic Pastoral Center (now known as the McRaith Catholic Center) in Owensboro in this undated photo.



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BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Everyone knew that Fr. Joe Mills, who passed away on April 4, 2020 at age 92, loved being a priest.

And not only that, but he was also known for loving and supporting his fellow priests, said Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, vicar general for the Diocese of Owensboro, who gave the homily at Fr. Mills' April 8, 2020 funeral Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral.

"The elderly ones respected him, and the young ones knew he was always in their corner," said Fr. Reynolds. "He encouraged our diocesan seminarians through the years, especially in his many years as

chaplain for the Serra Club, which promotes vocations and prays for our seminarians."

Fr. Mills always wanted to have people "gathered around him, in prayer, work, study and recreation," said Fr. Reynolds, commenting on the sad irony that the funeral Mass that morning was a private liturgy, due to public Masses in the diocese being suspended to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Mass was livestreamed on the cathedral's Facebook page, garnering more than 200 live views as the liturgy was celebrated. And as of April 20, the video recording saved to Facebook had reached 5,100 views.

A public memorial Mass will be held at a later date, to be determined.

Fr. Reynolds called Fr. Mills a "mentor and a role model to me, and to many others," and said there was "no greater cheerleader in this diocese for the priesthood than Joe Mills - ever."

"He reminded us that we all struggle for holiness, but that we help each other to attain that in this pilgrimage of life through mutual encouragement and prayer," said Fr. Reynolds, praising Fr. Mills' "understanding and gentleness" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Fr. Joe Mills was not only a good priest; he was,

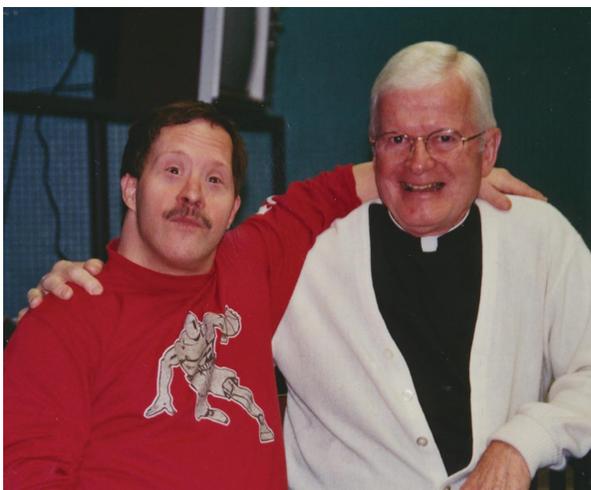
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(Left) Fr. Joe Mills as a young priest in this undated photo. (Right) Fr. Joe Mills shares a lighthearted moment with diocesan employee Mark Vollman, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, in this undated photo.



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indeed, a priests' priest," said Fr. Reynolds.

Joseph M. Mills was born on Sept. 6, 1927. He attended St. Francis Academy for nine years, prior to entering the minor seminary at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana in 1942, where he studied for four years.

The future Fr. Mills continued his studies at the Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., until his ordination by Bishop Francis R. Cotton at St. Stephen Cathedral on May 26, 1953. He served as assistant pastor at St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown, and was then sent to Rome to pursue studies in canon law. Returning to Owensboro in 1961, Bishop Henry J. Soenneker assigned Fr. Mills to Brescia College in Owensboro where he taught theology for 12 years. In 1973 he was transferred to Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, where he served as pastor for nine years.

Following his pastorate at Precious Blood Parish, Bishop John J. McRaith appointed Fr. Mills the judicial vicar of the Diocese of Owensboro's tribunal in 1983 and also assigned him to St. Anthony Parish,

Browns Valley, as pastor. In 1989, he became pastor of St. Martin Parish, Rome.

After 11 years, Fr. Mills became chaplain to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount. Upon his retirement on Jan. 1, 2004, Fr. Mills continued to minister to the sisters at the Mount.

Fr. Mike Clark, pastor of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, served for many years in the ministry of the tribunal with Fr. Mills. Fr. Clark had gotten to know Fr. Mills when he entered the seminary in 1989, and said the older priest profoundly impacted him.

Fr. Clark said Fr. Mills emphasized the importance of fellowship and priestly fraternity – including a memorable trip during which several of the older priests took some of the newest priests to Rough River. (Fr. Mills even took a turn on someone's Jet Ski.)

Fr. Clark commended Fr. Mills' way of mentoring young priests – that "your education doesn't end when you get ordained" – and throughout his priesthood trying to have a "reading day" in addition

to his day off. (On his reading day, Fr. Mills would celebrate Mass as usual, but also created time for scriptural and canonical reading.)

In 1992, Bishop McRaith appointed Fr. Mills vicar general, a post he held for nine years.

Elaine Thomas, the administrative assistant in the diocese's Office of Administration, got to know Fr. Mills from her years as his secretary while he was the vicar general.

In working with him, it was clear that Fr. Mills respected and cared about both the priests and laypeople he encountered.

Thomas said most of her conversations with Fr. Mills were "lighthearted," but one day, she said to him, "when or if I get to Heaven, I am going to have so many questions." Fr. Mills said, "When you get to Heaven you won't have any questions; they will all be answered."

Thomas, who would frequently visit Fr. Mills during the last years of his life while he resided at the Carmel Home in Owensboro, said that not only did Fr. Mills always have an answer, but "he always had the right answer."

That Fr. Mills was deeply devoted to vocations awareness was apparent to all, said Tom Lilly, the diocese's chancellor.

Lilly came to know Fr. Mills from his time in an earlier role, 15 years prior, when Lilly served as the diocese's director of stewardship.

"I don't know anyone I've ever met who was better at living out his love for God and humanity," said Lilly. "Fr. Joe loved talking faith and theology, and loved his vocation."

Lilly added that when he was named president of the Owensboro Catholic School System in summer 2018, Fr. Mills "let me know pretty quickly what he wanted time to talk to students about" – vocations!

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Lilly said Fr. Mills told him “What a great life it is being a priest. It’s a life filled with so many blessings and graces. I don’t think people know how great it is, or we wouldn’t have a shortage.”

Corey Bruns, a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro, called Fr. Mills a “champion” for priests and seminarians.

“Two years ago, Bishop Medley celebrated the Jubilarian Mass at the Carmel Home, during which we gave thanks for Fr. Joe’s then-65 years of priestly ministry,” said Bruns. “As I greeted Fr. Joe and helped him vest for Mass, he grasped my hand, smiled and said: ‘Corey, being a priest is the best gift, God could have ever given me. To be his hands and feet... wow. For this long too! I can’t wait until you get to join me!’”

Bruns said Fr. Mills’ love of his vocation “was evident by the way in which he lived it,” adding that Fr. Mills continues to live in his memory and prayers as a priest who “desired nothing more than to bring God to the people and the people back to God.”

Ernie Taliaferro, who retired as Certified Financial Officer for the diocese in 2017, said Fr. Mills served as the “faithful and supportive” chaplain of the Serra Club of Owensboro for 28 years.

“Fr. Mills’ official retirement at age 75 was in 2002 but he remained active as our chaplain until 2010,” said Taliaferro, himself a Serra member.

Taliaferro and his wife, Shirley, both had Fr. Mills as a professor at Brescia College “and he always made us feel as special friends, and all the while we jokingly bragged that his Christian Marriage college class must have been the major reason for our successful marriage,” said Taliaferro.

“He would grin but he was far too humble to ever take any credit and then compliment us on such an achievement,” said Taliaferro, adding that he honest-

ly cannot remember or imagine a “more devout or holier priest in this diocese than Fr. Mills.”

Robert Slack who with his wife, Margie, was a longtime friend of Fr. Mills and a Serra Club member, said he first joined the Serra Club in 1982, the same year that Fr. Mills became the club’s chaplain.

Slack recalled a significant milestone in Fr. Mills’ Serra Club legacy. In 1985, Slack was president of the Owensboro club and the official delegate to the International Serra Convention in Milwaukee. As president, Slack was authorized to vote on measures of import - and that year Serra International was voting whether to admit women to the organization.

Slack said the vote in those days was “controversial,” but he voted to admit women membership, taking inspiration from Fr. Mills who “supported the role of women in the Church.”

“It passed by a small majority and as a result Serra Club has been blessed by its many women members,” said Slack.

Sr. Vivian Bowles, OSU, agreed that Fr. Mills was committed to women’s roles in the Church.

Sr. Bowles met Fr. Mills in the early 1960s when the two were serving at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro, and Sr. Bowles was preparing to make her final vows as an Ursuline.

As she taught full-time and also took his evening theology class at Brescia College, “Fr. Joe was so helpful and understanding and followed my vocation experience thereafter.”

Sr. Bowles said when Bishop Mcraith was appointed to the diocese in 1982, one of his first actions was establishing a tribunal, appointing Fr. Mills as the judicial vicar and telling him to select a staff.

“Fr. Joe came to see me asking if I would serve with him using my expertise as a marriage and family



FILE PHOTO

Fr. Joe Mills shakes hands with Fr. Carl Glahn during an April 27, 2013 Jubilarian Mass at the Carmel Home in Owensboro. Pictured beside Fr. Glahn is Fr. Al Bremer, and pictured in the background is Fr. Pike Powell.

therapist,” said Sr. Bowles. “I didn’t know women could even be on the tribunal but we decided he would submit my name and see what the bishop thought. Within a week, Fr. Joe had a small but great team and was determined we would all be trained in tribunal work.”

Sr. Bowles said that beyond their training, Fr. Mills wanted his tribunal to be a “collegial team happily working together,” and that through his efforts the tribunal became “efficient and joyful.”

Mary Ann Kurz, who retired from her role as a notary in the tribunal in 2019, described Fr. Mills as “very dedicated” to his priesthood.

“He had a deep faith and prayer life,” she said. “He was a joy to work with - always upbeat with a smile on his face and ready to help anyone, whatever their needs... It was an honor and a privilege to be a part of his staff.”

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Sandy Morris, an instructor/notary in the tribunal, said she always looked forward to the days that Fr. Mills was working in the office.

“Working with us was something he continued to do long past his retirement, sharing his wisdom and years of experience,” said Morris. “He was truly sincere in his efforts to help the people of God rectify their past and to be able to return to the sacraments.”

Louanne Payne, director of the diocese’s tribunal, said that as she reflected on the past 20 years of ministering with Fr. Mills, three words came to mind: “love, positivity, and encouragement.”

“He was so proud of and in love with his priesthood and modeled Jesus’ love to everyone with whom he came into contact,” said Payne. “Anytime I

saw Fr. Joe, I always walked away feeling loved – and there is no greater gift.”

Payne said her life has been “truly blessed by Fr. Joe sharing his gifts with me, and for that I will always be thankful.”

Besides his multiple years as a pastor, Fr. Mills served on the priests’ council, the priest personnel committee, and the diocesan review board. He worked with Cursillo, the charismatic renewal, RENEW, Marriage Encounter, and Jesus Caritas. He was a member of the Board of Overseers at St. Meinrad, as well as a board member of the Alumni Association at St. Meinrad. He was a member of the Brescia University Board of Trustees, an Ursuline Associate, and a Passionist Oblate (one of his sisters was a Passionist nun).

Fr. Mills was a member of the Canon Law Society of America since he assumed the role of judicial vicar. Besides his seminary training, and his studies in Rome, Fr. Mills attended Loyola University, and did a sabbatical at Notre Dame University.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Randall; Kay; Sr. Miriam Ann, CP; and Mollie. He is survived by his brothers Jack and Bill, as well as several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Fr. Mills was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery, Owensboro. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Fr. Mills may be made to the Retired Priests Fund, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY, 42301. ■

‘Conformed to Jesus in a unique way’

Editor’s note: The following are excerpts from Fr. Joe Mills’ homily for the 65th anniversary Mass for Fr. Aloysius Powers, Fr. Pike Powell and Fr. Phil Riney on April 27, 2013 at the Carmel Home in Owensboro.

BY FR. JOE MILLS

The priest is conformed to Jesus Christ the High Priest in a unique way. This is especially true when the priest takes the host in his hands at Mass and says, with Jesus “This is my body.” It’s the body of Jesus, to be sure. It’s the most sacred moment in the life of the priest – to be identified with Jesus; the two are one. The bread is changed into Jesus. The pronoun “I” of the priest is now one with the pronoun “I” of Jesus. When the priest at Mass pronounces the words of Jesus over the bread – this is no less a show of God’s power than we read about in Genesis when God said “Let there be light.”

In his role as confessor in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest says “I absolve you,” it’s an awesome power. We must never take this for granted. What a joy to be an instrument of peace and reconciliation with God’s special people. Our people, full of faith, will

share with the priest things they will never share with anyone else. Somehow their faith is in the person of the priest, and in the person of Christ who joins in the act of absolution. We must fight against routine in so sacred a moment.

Years ago, I presided at a wedding of a very fine young couple. Two years later, I ran into her at the grocery store. She greeted me, then said, “Father, why didn’t you tell me marriage is so hard?” I think I said “I tried to.” Of course in everyone’s vocation, there are challenges every day to give oneself, to deny oneself, for the sake of the other, be that Christ, or one in whom Christ has disguised himself. ■

Read the full text of Fr. Joe Mills’ homily on pages 6-7 of the August 2013 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic, available at owensborodiocese.org/wkc-archives.

The cross is our hope: Pope gives extraordinary Urbi et Orbi blessing during coronavirus

BY HANNAH BROCKHAUS, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Vatican City (CNA) - On March 27, 2020, before an empty and rain-covered St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis held Eucharistic adoration and gave an extraordinary Urbi et Orbi blessing, praying for the world during the coronavirus pandemic which by March 27 had killed more than 25,000 people.

The holy hour included a reading from the Gospel and a meditation by Pope Francis, who spoke about faith and trust in God during a time when people fear for their lives, as did the disciples when their boat was caught in a violent storm.

"We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love," Francis said.

Embracing Christ's cross, he said, "means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time."

"Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope," the pope stated.

Pope Francis held Eucharistic adoration on an altar set up under the portico in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Also present nearby was a miraculous crucifix which the pope visited March 15 to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

The crucifix, which usually hangs in San Marcello al Corso, was venerated as miraculous by Ro-

mans after it was the only religious image to survive unscathed from a fire that completely gutted the church on May 23, 1519.

An image of the Byzantine icon of Mary as Salus Populi Romani, was also brought to the square for veneration during the prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayer, Pope Francis gave an extraordinary Urbi et Orbi blessing, and gave benediction with the Blessed Sacrament while the bells of the basilica rang.

In his meditation, Pope Francis entrusted everyone to the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "from this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world."

"Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts," he prayed. "You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm."

"Tell us again: 'Do not be afraid' (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, 'cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us.'"

God's call to be converted resounds in our hearts this Lent, he said. This is a time, he said, "to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

In this moment, "how many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons," Francis said.

He noted that in the Gospel, the disciples are

afraid of the storm, but Christ sleeps in the boat. The disciples lacked faith not because they stopped believing in Christ, but because they think he does not care about what happens to them.

"Do you not care about me?" It is a phrase that wounds and unleashes storms in our hearts. It would have shaken Jesus too. Because he, more than anyone, cares about us. Indeed, once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement," Francis said.

The storm, he said, "exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties around which we have constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities."

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, your word this evening strikes us and regards us, all of us."

The extraordinary Urbi et Orbi also included the opportunity for Catholics to receive a plenary indulgence by joining via the media, praying for the intentions of the pope, and having perfect contrition, as well as the will to receive sacramental confession and the Eucharist as soon as possible.

Pope Francis said during the hour of prayer that part of faith is realizing we are in need of salvation, that we are not self-sufficient.

"We need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars," he said. "Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck." ■

Do the Diocese of Owensboro's Archives have something that belongs in the Vatican Archives?

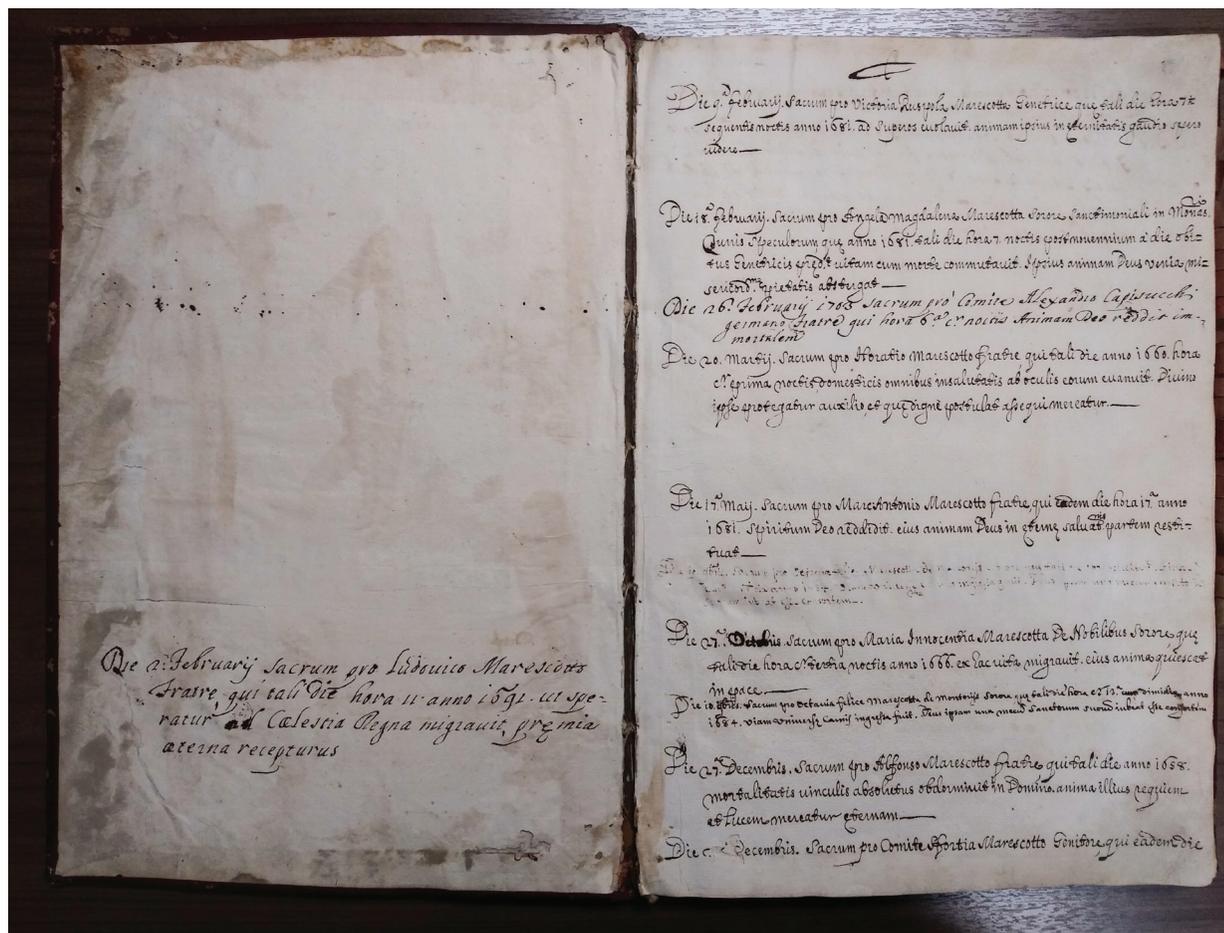
BY EDWARD WILSON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The large tome is 16 inches long and 11 inches wide. Resembling something out of a C.S. Lewis novel, it is bound in red leather and adorned in elaborate gold filigree. The center of the book's cover bears the seal of its owner; a lion dancing beneath an eagle, and above them, a cross and a galero with twelve tassels. This is the personal seal of a bishop.

The book caught my eye as I was sorting the late Bishop John J. McRaith's belongings. This, however, was not Bishop McRaith's personal book. I pulled it from its nook and opened it. Beautifully written in Latin on the inside cover was what I believed to be a record of administered sacraments. I scanned the writing for additional information. A date caught my eye: 1681. I got excited, and then laughed. It had to say 1881; I was just misreading it. 1681, 1660, 1658... the dates were all over the page. It truly was from the 1600s.

I knew that there was enough information in my hands to track the book. I could not read Latin but I could read some of the names - Marc Antonio Marescotto, Maria Innocentia Marescotta, Alexandria Capisucchi... the book had to have come from Italy. After doing some genealogical work, I knew that this book was even more incredible than I had presumed.

The Marescotti were Italian nobility. The names must be gendered: male Marescotti are Marescotto and female are Marescotta. I needed someone who could read Latin. Being that my office is at the



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES

The interior of the book belonging to Cardinal Galeazzo Marescotti, which was in the possession of the late Bishop John J. McRaith of the Diocese of Owensboro and recently rediscovered by diocesan archivist, Edward Wilson.

McRaith Catholic Center, the central office of the Diocese of Owensboro, I was in the right place. I found my way to Fr. Will Thompson in the diocesan tribunal.

"This is a bishop's book for Pontifical High Mass," he exclaimed.

"Look at the date," I told him. I informed him of what I had learned about the Marescotti and he told me he would like to translate the text.

I could not get the book off my mind and continued researching. The Marescotti dated back to one of Charlemagne's military advisers, Mario Scoto.

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The family resided in castles and were devout patrons of the Church. After receiving the translation from Fr. Will, I began to put the clues together. We had discussed the possibility of a bishop personally serving the noble family, administering sacraments out of respect for their prominence.

But the result was much more exciting.

Combining all the information and tying up

some loose ends, the book's owner was revealed. The book belonged to Cardinal Galeazzo Marescotti. Dying in 1726 at age 98, he administered the last rites to his family and recorded them in this book. The papers of the entire Marescotti family are in the Vatican Archives. Though we cannot know how the book got to Owensboro, we can assume that it was gifted to Bishop McRaith by an Italian clergyman.

The book contains date information previously unknown by Marescotti historians.

It has had a long journey, but the little treasure is now a resident of our archives. ■

Edward Wilson is the archivist for Diocese of Owensboro and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. To learn more, contact Edward at edward.wilson@pastoral.org.

Fun fact: Cardinal Galeazzo Marescotti also has a canonized saint in his family. His aunt, St. Hyacintha Mariscotti, was beatified the year of his death in 1726, and canonized in 1807.

Pastoral Parish, co-founded by local priest, seeks to assist parishes during COVID-19

BY WKC STAFF

It's hard enough for pastors to identify and address all of the needs – both spiritual and physical – of their parishioners under normal circumstances, but under the current burden of COVID-19 complications, the task can be even more difficult.

That's where Pastoral Parish comes in, designed and co-founded by Fr. Josh McCarty, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Calvert City.

Launched in 2015 among five pilot parishes in four dioceses, Pastoral Parish is a cloud-based tool created for clergy, pastoral teams and parishioners to collaborate in pastoral care, sacramental formation and ministry groups.

According to a March 16, 2020 press release, Pastoral Parish can also help equip parishes to “track, engage with, and better serve the most vulnerable during the global COVID-19 pandemic.”

The press release stated that parishes using Pastoral Parish can identify who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes in need of extra care. They have then been able to expand their pastoral volunteers to identify new individuals in need of pastoral care during COVID-19.

“We knew this new platform would revolutionize the way parishes accompany those in their pastoral care,” said Paul Sterett, co-founder and president of Pastoral Parish. “But we had no idea how it would aid an unprecedented crisis like COVID-19.”

“But God knew and we are grateful we have this tool available to parishes at this critical time,” he added.

Pastoral Parish also works to help parishes stay afloat in tackling sacramental formation. Those preparing for sacraments like weddings and baptisms can continue their preparation while observing the recommended social distancing guidelines.

Sterett said three new parishes have signed up during the current COVID-19 pandemic, and that Pastoral Parish has actually built an add-on tool called Pastoral Phone, “which allows faster communication between a priest and his parishioners.”

To learn more, visit PastoralParish.com.

or contact Paul Sterett at (706) 495-4724 or paul.sterett@pastoralparish.com. ■



FILE PHOTO
Fr. Josh McCarty, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Calvert City, is the designer and co-founder of Pastoral Parish.

Diocese of Owensboro launches iGiveCatholicTogether website

BY WKC STAFF

In the midst of the current pandemic, known as COVID-19, the Diocese of Owensboro is excited to offer an opportunity to support your favorite parish, school or ministry in this time of need. The diocese has partnered with iGiveCatholic, an online giving platform. This campaign is branded as #iGiveCatholicTogether. With Mass in our parishes currently suspended and schools closed, the normal means of an offertory are unavailable. The diocese hopes this easy, online giving platform will assist those who may otherwise not be receiving as much in way of financial support.

The steps to give through the online giving website are easy:

1. Visit <https://together.igivecatholic.org/info/owensboro> to go to the online donation page for the Diocese of Owensboro giving page.
2. To donate, scroll down to the donation form and select one of the 78 parishes, 17 schools, Catholic Charities or the general COVID-19 emergency fund.
3. Enter your donation amount and payment method.

There are multiple ways to continue supporting your parish, school and nonprofit. You can continue using the online giving method your parish or school has set-up; mail your donation to the parish office, school, or Catholic Charities; set-up an online bill pay through your bank (for Sunday collection); or

use the new #iGiveCatholicTogether online giving platform mentioned above.

The minimum online donation is \$10 and donors have the option to cover transaction fees. All donations will be mailed to the respective organization.

If you have any questions please, feel free to call the diocesan stewardship office and speak to Valeria Vessels at (270) 852-8348.

Your gift makes a difference helping to build the body of Christ in our community. We whole-heartedly thank you. ■

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Saturday, Sept. 12

Quilt



Sunday, Sept. 13

Food and Prizes! \$10,000 raffle on Sunday!

For more information, contact Carol: 270-229-2008
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Women Shaped by Faith: Shaping Bodies & Hearts for God's Purposes

Join us for an inspiring day of whole-person wellness to develop and nurture our spirit, mind and body.

Theresa Rowe will teach on the health benefits of combining our faith, mindset and fitness, using biblical principles for daily application.

Also included is a Pilates for the Soul Mat Workout, specifically designed for every level of fitness.

Fee: \$30 which includes lunch

Note: The fee is \$40 at the door.

Saturday, June 20

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Workshop led by Theresa Rowe



Theresa Rowe is an author, radio and TV host, fitness expert, and motivational health and wellness speaker. She is a nationally certified fitness professional and founder of Shaped by Faith. She has taught thousands of people how to use their faith to inspire fitness, and their fitness to strengthen their faith. She has produced three faith-based fitness DVDs.



Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

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Or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs>



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MAY 2020 BULLETIN BOARD

Please note: The following program dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development local grant information

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the U. S. 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 national Catholic Campaign for Human Development 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 or visit owensborodiocese.org/cchd. Grant applications must be received by May 20, 2020 so the grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2020.

12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality at St. Stephen postponed to June 3

"The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality: Powerful Lessons in Living Agelessly" will now begin on June 3 in the St. Stephen Cathedral Community Room, 610 Locust St., Owensboro. This is a six-session course with classes on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. beginning June 3 and ending on July 8. Attendees will learn the 12 "keys" that transform aging from a potentially dismal time into an ageless soul-adventure. This program is based on the writing and research of Dr. Richard Johnson, founder of Senior Adult Ministry and nationally recognized for his pioneering work in Spiritual Gerontology and maturing adult faith formation. The presenter is Maryann Joyce, the new director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, who has studied under Richard Johnson. Each attendee will take an "Educational Faith Assessment Profile" and will receive a profile report. The fee is just \$25 per person since part of the cost is being funded by the Disciples Response Fund. To request a flyer or to register, call Mount Saint Joseph 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Please note: Dates subject to change due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Focus on Faith book study will begin "Jesus A Pilgrimage" June 11

The Focus on Faith program, which meets monthly to study the Catholic faith, will begin discussing a new book,

"Jesus A Pilgrimage" by Father James Martin, at its June session (this was delayed from the May date). This will take place on Thursday, June 11 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The program is led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU. The \$20 fee per session includes lunch. The group meets at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Future book discussions are scheduled for Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Please note: Dates subject to change due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Register now for St. Pius X VBS

St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 22-26, 2020. The sessions begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided at noon before dismissal. This year's theme is Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word. The week includes Bible stories, crafts, outdoor games, skits, music, and cultural experiences. VBS is FREE for everyone ages 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 must be safe environment certified according to diocesan procedures. Registration will begin in May with forms available in the church vestibule and the parish office. It will be a stampede of excitement! Yahoo! For more information, please contact Jeanie Lewis at (270) 264-9818 or at jontheroad44@gmail.com.

Nominate a teacher for Educator of the Year

The Catholic Schools Office and the Principals and Administrators of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (PACCESS) are again asking for nominations for Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. The winner will be announced at the 2020 Celebration of Catholic Schools event. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination. 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, 2020. For more information and to nominate someone, visit owensborodiocese.org/educator-award.

Visit Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota

The Kentucky Travelers of Owensboro has scheduled a bus trip to Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota, on Sept. 12-20, 2020, cost is \$890, (double occupancy) and includes motor coach transportation from Owensboro, 8 nights, 9 days lodging, 14 meals, 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners. Visit the Mount Rushmore National Memorial; Tour of Wildlife Loop Road at Custer State Park; visit the amazing Crazy Horse Memorial; visit the spectacular Badlands National Park, with a guided tour of Deadwood and admission tour of the Unique Journey Museum and much more. \$75 due upon signing and final payment due on July 7, 2020. Contact Martha Hardesty 270-683-2157 or 270-925-6920, for more information and to make your reservation.

Bunkobabes Trip to Garden of The Gods, the Royal Gorge & Colorado Springs

September 19-27, 2020. \$950 per person (double occupancy) with \$75 due upon signing and final payment due July 12. Enjoy your chartered comfortable bus ride departing from the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fancy Farm, KY; 8 nights lodging; 14 meals; tour of the Garden of the Gods, visit to the United States Air Force Academy, visit the Royal Gorge, including Bridge & Aerial Tram, visit Historic Manitou Springs at the foot of famous Pikes Peak, guided tour of Colorado Springs, visit the U.S. Olympic Training Center, and much more. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Sue Wilson at 270-623-6990 or Judy Thomas at 270-623-8462.

Retreat Center Offering Spiritual Direction by Phone or Online

As fears for our health and economy take their toll on our emotional and spiritual well-being, the trained staff at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (Maple Mount, Ky.) wants you to know we are here for you! While we may have to practice some social distance, we are learning new ways to connect and support our Ursuline friends and our community. Our services for spiritual direction are being made available to you through webcam, phone or Facetime. If you would like a spiritual companion to share your fears, hopes, and reflect on how God is revealing new things to you during this time, we invite you to reach out and call 270-229-0200 or email maryann.joyce@maplemount.org to set an appointment. If you already have a spiritual direction relationship with an Ursuline Sister, please contact her first to see if you can schedule an appointment by phone or internet. We have arranged for payment to be made online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>. The fee is a reduced rate of \$30 for a 50-minute session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 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.

The following dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Please contact the parish directly for updated information (owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish).

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 24	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
MAY 30	Serving at 5 p.m.	Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
JUNE 6	Booths open at 3 p.m., serving at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 6	Serving from 4 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 20	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 20	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
JUNE 27	Games at 3 p.m., serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JUNE 27	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly
JULY 4	Serving from 4-8 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall across from St. Anthony, Clarkson	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine's Tri-Parish Picnic
JULY 4	Serving from 3-9:30 p.m.	St. Anthony, Hardinsburg
JULY 4	Serving 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
JULY 11	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 18	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 18	Serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4:30-7:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
JULY 25	Serving at 3-7 p.m.	St. Paul, Grayson County
JULY 25	Serving from 4-9:30 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
AUG 1	Events noon- 3 p.m., carry-outs at 11 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 1	Serving from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 4	Drive-thru pickup at 4 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 8	Serving from 5 - 8 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
SEPT 12	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 19	Serving from 4 - 8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 19	Booths open 3 p.m., serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 20	Serving at 11 a.m., Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic	St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Philpot
SEPT 26	Drive-thru pickup from 1 - 3 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 26	10:30 a.m. - 3: 30 p.m. Honeyfest chicken & pork dinner with raffle & silent auction ending 4 p.m.	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 27	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
SEPT 27	Serving from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
AUGUST 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro



Praying Your Dreams: Finding God Within

This program will allow you to recognize your dreams as an invitation from God to be more fully and profoundly a spiritual seeker. It will help those who seek a deeper understanding of God and themselves. Participants will be given dreamwork tools and techniques to find meaning in their dreams and will learn to work with the Holy Spirit and the language of symbols.

Saturday, June 13
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fee: \$40 which includes lunch

Note: The fee is \$45 at the door.

RETREAT PRESENTER



Theresa O'Bryan graduated from the Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Maple Mount, Ky., and from Saint Mary-of-the Woods College in Indiana with a degree in pastoral theology. She is a spiritual

director and dream counselor who also works as a hospital chaplain.



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Ten emotional and spiritual survival tips during this ongoing pandemic

BY MARYANN JOYCE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Maryann Joyce, director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount, offers some suggestions below for our hearts and minds to stay grounded in God one moment at a time, as we bear through the suffering of this pandemic.

1. Stay in the moment – Our minds spend much of their time in the future or the past: thinking of what we want to happen, or don't want to happen; or regretting, blaming or hurting over something in the past. Come into the moment by moving your awareness to your breath – in and out, one moment at a time.
2. Limit your intake of news programs – Watch or scroll only as much news as you need to be aware of issues and increase your compassion for people who are suffering. If it starts making you anxious and overwhelmed, cut back or stop watching for a few days.
3. Set regular routines – Especially if you are home. Set regular times to get up, eat, work on projects, exercise and sleep.
4. Pray – Set a regular time to just be with God and open your heart with all you are feeling and thinking. Find a Psalm to help express feelings, sit in quiet, and pray for others. All this opens our hearts to love others and be loved by God.
5. Touch the earth – Nature is very healing. Getting outside and walking in the sunshine

can do wonders for our sense of well-being. Feel your connection to the earth and thank God for all that sustains and supports your life.

6. Gratitude – Remember to give thanks daily for the blessings and graces that God gives you. This helps you focus on the positives in your life and has a powerful effect on our psyche and nervous system to promote feelings of well-being and happiness.
7. Reach out – Call a good friend and have an old-fashioned phone conversation – especially if you live alone. Reach out to someone you haven't connected with in some time, and/or someone you know who lives alone.
8. Bodywork – Become aware of where your anxious feelings are manifesting in your tissues. Once you are aware, you can bring your breath to this area and release some of the tension.
9. Self-acceptance and self-care – We are all hurting and need to practice a deep sense of acceptance and compassion for whatever we are feeling and experiencing. When you are hurting inside or out, ask yourself, "What do I need?"
10. Consider speaking to a trained spiritual companion to share deeply about what this time of unraveling and uncertainty is doing to your spirit. ■

Maryann Joyce is the director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. To learn more, visit ursulinesmsj.org/retreat-center.

Ten Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrate jubilees in 2020

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

Ten Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph of Maple Mount, Ky., are celebrating jubilees of religious life this year. (Sr. Mary Angela Matthews, OSU, a native of Hardinsburg who was celebrating 70 years as an Ursuline Sister, passed away on April 5.) To read more about the jubilarians and their ministries, please visit the Ursuline Sisters' webpage: www.ursulinesmsj.org. You can also follow the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Facebook where we will feature each jubilarian.

Sr. Marcella Schrant, OSU, a native of Walker, Kan., is celebrating 75 years.

Sr. Marie Goretti Browning, OSU, a native of Calvary in Marion County, is celebrating 70 years.

Sr. Elaine Burke, OSU, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 70 years.

Sr. Marie Carol Cecil, OSU, a native of Howardstown in Nelson County, is celebrating 70 years.

Sr. Amanda Rose Mahoney, OSU, a native of Louisville, is celebrating 70 years.

Sr. Alfreda Malone, OSU, a native of St. Joseph in Marion County, is celebrating 70 years.

Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd, OSU, a native of Peonia in Grayson County, is celebrating 60 years.

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, a native of Wax in Grayson County, is celebrating 50 years.

Sr. Pam Mueller, OSU, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating 50 years.

Sr. Michele Ann Intravia, OSU, a native of St. Louis, is celebrating 40 years. ■

Change for the better!

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

Bishop Medley took definitive action when he started the Office of Evangelization in 2017 and then in January 2020 he expanded the title to the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship. The Holy Spirit is clearly moving in our diocese and across the world to refocus Catholics on the core mission of our Church. What would you say is the “core mission” of the Catholic Church?

In Pope Francis’ document, “The Joy of the Gospel,” he calls all members of the Church to live as Missionary Disciples, meaning to live Jesus’ mission, while living as his disciples. According to our diocesan mission statement our “core mission” is to “Carry on the mission of Jesus... and to announce the Good News of the reign (love) of God.” Pretty straightforward and clear, don’t you think?

Over the past three years, our priests and lay ecclesial ministers have been learning about the U.S. Bishops’ document, “Living as Missionary Disciples.” The outcome has been a growing awareness that the Church must change for the better. Business as usual has led to 20 years of decline and now is the time to ask the right questions, turn back to Jesus and his core mission, and draw a line in the sand. Whatever it takes, are you ready to change for the better?

In “The Art of Change” by John Reid and Maureen Gallagher they write, “People are shareholders of their destiny.” All 44,000 of us Catholics in western Kentucky are shareholders of our future. Are you proud of how the people of your parish support each other? I hope so and we should be proud of this, but that is not the core of our mis-

sion. Our mission is to carry on Jesus’ mission by allowing Jesus to live in and through us and to make present the reign of God for as many as possible!

Here are 10 common values that are shared by healthy and growing parishes. Are you proud of these 10 things in your parish or is there something you could do to start improving these areas to better make present God’s reign in your midst?

1. Priority of the Weekend - Is there a WOW factor in our celebrations that people experience?
2. Hospitality
3. Uplifting Music
4. Homilies
5. Meaningful Community
6. Clear Expectations

7. Strength-Based Ministry
8. Formation of Small Communities
9. Experience of the Holy Spirit
10. Becoming an Inviting Church.

(These are from the book, “Divine Renovation” by Fr. James Mallon.)

If we will begin to “Change for the better” and foster a living encounter with a God that loves people unconditionally and be more intentional about creating gatherings that make present the values of God’s reign in our midst – instead of steady decline – we will put a line in the sand and say, “Enough!”

We are stakeholders of our destiny and Jesus is inviting us to meaningful renewal in our parish and diocese! ■

Dr. Jeff Andrini is the director of the office of Evangelization and Discipleship. To learn more, visit owensborodocese.org/evangelization.



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Bill & Catherine Grapes, 51
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 Courtenay & Barbara Olney, 40
 Ronnie & Belle Rush, 40
 Charles & Kimberly Wolfram, 25

Scott & Brittany Blackerby, 10
 Charles & Kenda Bryant, 10
 Alexander & Nicolette Olson, 10
 Jon & Karen Roby, 10
 Jonathan & Allison Wysong, 10
 Mariano & Rosemary Soe, 5

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Gerald & Carolyn Coomes, 55

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Donald & Jane Gerbitz, 55
 Joseph E., Sr. & Rita Ballard, 56
 James & Joyce Dant, 59
 Frank & Martha Hardesty, 59
 Alan & Dee Hamilton, 40
 James & Karen Billman, 53
 Ken & Patty Pernisek, 40
 Joseph & Glenda McBride, 40
 Prick & Barbara Zoglmann, 51
 Eugene, Jr. & Jennie Clemens, 61

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Ron & Kimberly Knott, 5
 Blake & Camille Lambert, 5
 Sean & Britney O'Bryan, 10
 J. Wayne & Sue Hall, 25
 Donald & Jennifer Patton, 25
 David & Julie Renshaw, 40
 Tom & Ann Meyer, 40
 Gerald & Rita Jo Holtzman, 57
 Terry & Mavis Blandford, 54
 Donald & Mary Teresa Hayden, 63
 Anthony & Margaret Cox, 74
 William & Laura Goins, 62
 Anthony & Angela Kaelin, 55

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

David & Beri Zaparanick, 56

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Justin & Christiana Ibeawuchi, 10

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Joe & Kathy Welden, 52
 Landon & Ashley Brown, 10
 Mike & Cindy French, 40
 Marion & Sue Berry, 58

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Doug & Mary Girten, 65
 Ray & Diane Conley, 52

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Gene & Elaine Glenn, 54
 Samuel & Krista Hendrickson, 5

St. Ann, Morgantown

Jonathan & Erica Wedding, 5
 Jason & Stephanie Brown, 5

Matt & Gail Ciecorka, 40
 Alan & Lee Greenwell, 40
 Gary & Lou Lovell, 51
 Donald & Barbara Smith, 51
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 Robert & Alice Griggs, 54
 Gerald & Ruth Gibson, 56
 Martin & Mary Rose Thomas, 55
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St. Anthony, Browns Valley

William & Rosemary Thompson, 53
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Martin & Roslyn Hill, 55
 Adam & Lindsey Smith, 10

St. Francis of Assisi, Elkton

Carl & Pat Naylor, 55

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Tom & Mary Holt, 40

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Tommy & Patsy Hayden, 51
 Wayne & Jodie Hansen, 10
 Mathew & Shirley Valerius, 56
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 Wayne & Peggy Miller, 52
 Andrew & Marcia Fox, 5
 Richard & Janice Yasko, 56

St. Henry, Aurora

Robert & Margaret Norman, 54
 Bob & Kathy Nord, 50

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

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 Craig & Donna Cope, 25
 Brent & Lori Ballard, 25
 Leonard & Terry Foss, 25
 Eugene & Vickie Willett, 50
 Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 69

Wm. J. & Donna Thomas, 65
 David & Carol Speed, 52

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Michael & Regina Wurth, 50
 John & Cindy Crivello, 53

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

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 Robert II & Susan Skaggs, 10
 Ryan & Jennifer Murphy, 10
 Benny & Cissy Clark, 55
 Douglas & Roxanne Nordike, 55
 Gerald & Jessie Starkey, 52

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

David & Amelia Thompson, 55
 Danny & Phyllis Payne, 51
 Rick & Frankie Smith, 51
 Ray & Nellie Stevenson, 59
 Dean & Ruth Basham, 51

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Marvin & Ollie Lee, 62
 Gerald & Janet Midyett, 52

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Hubert & Joyce Hurm, 53
 Walter & Mary Isbill, 61
 Jackie & Dorothy Kirk, 55
 Joseph & Marianne McPherson, 55
 Robert & Anna Turner, 69

St. Leo, Murray

John & Marilyn Mikulcik, 59
 Ronald & Joyce Sallin, 58
 Richard & Yvonne Vogt, 25
 William & Cheryl Whitaker, 54
 Samuel & Patricia Willett, 55

St. Mark, Eddyville

James & Margie Hibbard, 62
 Douglas & Reene McCartney, 55

St. Martin, Rome

Bill & Debra James, 25
 Joe Paul & Kim Bickett, 25
 Sylvester & Barbara Fischer, 55
 Jerry & Liz Hamilton, 60

St. Mary, Franklin

Major & Joann Bradford, 63

St. Mary, LaCenter

Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 60
 Danny & Judy Poole, 53
 Bud & Gayle Waltmon, 55

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Shelby & Loretta Newton, 59

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Jarrett & Jenna Allen, 5
 Ethan & Chelsey Brown, 5

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 Larry & Connie O'Bryan, 50
 Fred & Phyllis Barr, 54
 Ellis & Sharon Edge, 59
 Floyd & Christine Edge, 57
 Herman & Dorothy Higdon, 61
 B. B. & Shirley Howard, 53
 Hugh & Mary Jo Johnson, 55
 Joseph & Patricia Wright, 57

St. Michael, Sebree

Ray & Lori Fulkerson, 25
 David & Cheryl Crisp, 40

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Gulius Enriquez & Claire Vianney, 10
 Mike & Nicole Demeo, 5

St. Paul, Princeton

John & Theresa Falder, 50

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Matthew & Leah Settles, 10

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly

Justin & Taylor Hines, 5
 John & Chisti Royster, 25
 Kirk & Leigh Ann Greenwell, 10

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Hsaw Reh & Angelina Me Meh, 5
 Steve & Heather Haynes, 25
 Larry & Shirley Millay, 50

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Bill & Sally Hinton, 57
 Bernie & Ginny Flood, 55
 A. J. & Emily Critchelow, 10
 Steve & Sherry McGary, 40
 Buck & Dorothy Jarboe, 52
 Matthew & Emily Whitfill, 10

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

David & Lynne Scott, 51

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Dan & Candy Sutton, 51
 Steve & Judy Todt, 10

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Kevin & Kristin Dorth, 5
 Ben & Kelsey Rhodes, 5
 Colby & Michelle Grayson, 5
 Taylor & Katelyn West, 5
 John & Chrissy Kurtz, 25
 Jeff & Susan Bartlett, 40
 Danny & Rose Ann Payne, 54
 Jim & Karen Keoughan, 56

Roger & Mary Jane Rafferty, 51
 Harry & Peggy Bellew, 55
 Mills & Monika Logan, 62
 Robert G. & Joyce Nalley, 60

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Thomas W. & Heather Largent, 25
 Frank & Carole Shields, 62
 Mike & Betty Polashock, 60
 John & Lena O'Nan, 60

St. William, Knottsville

Kevin & Stephanie Jonson, 5
 James, Jr. & Paula Hazel, 25
 Terry & Carrie Lanham, 25
 David & Charlotte Payne, 50

Harold & Patricia Bennett, 60
 Tony & Diana Elliott, 59
 Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, 59

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

William & Sherry Frazer, 54

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Jordan & Tiffany Harrington, 5
 Charles & Brea Miller, 25
 David & Anna Faye Montgomery, 56
 William & Carla Payne, 60
 Terry & Brenda Royal, 52
 Larry & Arlene Dunn, 53

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Donald & Mary Ann Moore, 63
 Michael & Mary Kay Green, 54
 Frank & Mary Jo Selph, 51
 Jerry & Bernadette Thomas, 51
 Michael & Michelle Langhi, 25
 Christopher & Marcy Stevens, 25
 Adam & Amber Roeder, 10
 Cory & Jennifer Bastin, 5

Catholic schools continue ‘Gospel in action’ after COVID-19 adjustment to virtual learning

BY JO ANN MATHIESON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It seemed sudden. Next thing I know there was an emergency meeting with local community leaders. Life was about to change, and I figured we needed to spend the next week organizing for it. Within an hour after that meeting, the governor made the announcement. We had one day.

Someone recently said that if you want to organize a country in a crisis, just get a teacher.

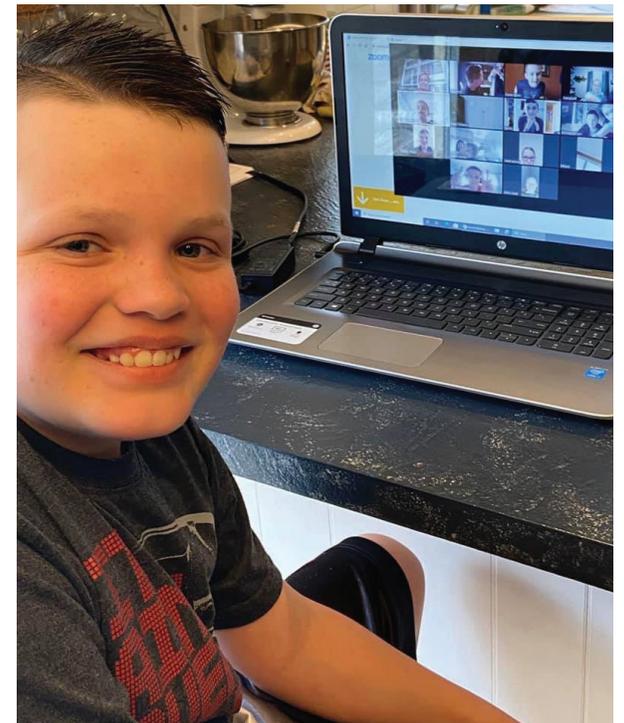
I don't know if it was before or after the years of singing “Kumbaya,” but around that time there was a song: “And you'll know they are Christians by their love...” It is that phrase (without the burlap and felt banners) that comes to mind when asked how Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro are doing

in light of the pandemic.

All 17 Catholic schools' leaders have been meeting (virtually) weekly. Usually “principal meetings” deal with data, standards, checklists, etc. But during the pandemic, the first weeks were solely devoted to concern for families. The “other stuff” was not the priority nor on the table.

Catholic schools exist to provide an integration of the faith into all aspects of the day and it is standard that students have religion classes where the content of the faith is learned. But at this time, I believe the witness of the schools' “actions” is teaching more. The focus is on communication and responsiveness to needs which is, after all, the heart of the Gospel in action. Longtime administrator Rodney Schwartz at St. Joseph Catholic School in Bowling Green, said

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COURTESY OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL
 Fifth grader Hanley Floyd from Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson is excited to see his teacher, Mrs. Hayden, and his classmates on a recent Zoom meeting.

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COURTESY OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



COURTESY OF OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

(Left) Participating in Cindy Mills' virtual teaching about being an apostle are siblings (left to right) Sawyer Grace, Harper, Mason and Raegan Finney, all dressed as apostles. (Right) Mary Grace Thomas, a second-grader at Owensboro Catholic School's K-3 Campus, participates in a recent Zoom meeting with her teacher, Chantae Hulsey, and her classmates.

he's had more meaningful conversations with families during this time than he has ever had.

When the reality hit, schools quickly assembled plans for a week or two. It was then discovered how hard that "plan" was on the students' families. Schools had to go back to the drawing board and readjust ways of thinking with families in mind; for

instance, "How would this affect family X with three kids, parents at home and one computer?"

How things were scheduled, communicated, graded, timed, and office hours were all changed with the goal of supporting families.

"We have not only felt support during NTIs (Non Traditional Instruction), but more important-

ly... we have still been able to join in prayer with our school family, which has been uplifting during this time of quarantine!" said Amanda Reffitt, parent of five children in our Catholic schools. Care for the person is faith in action and a better teaching opportunity than the fanciest religion textbook.

Are Catholic schools worried about the future? To be honest, yes. All are concerned about the many economic ramifications. What will student needs be, emotionally, when school begins? How will we best differentiate instruction because of the various gaps in learning?

This summer will be a time of schools trying to answer these questions and the ones we haven't asked yet. But there is one question/answer about which our Catholic school parents, students, teachers and administrators are fully confident: The schools' Gospel reason for existence, its mission and its values, will shape all decision-making and actions as we move forward. ■

Jo Ann Mathieson is the assistant superintendent for the Diocese of Owensboro's Catholic schools. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/catholic-schools.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 – Diocesan Schools

As an annual tradition for our May issue, The Western Kentucky Catholic 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.

Please note: This list is subject to change due to final grades not being reported until May.

Owensboro Catholic High School

Brady Joseph Aud
Clara Jean Bach
John Dailey Bach
Jacob Paul Bailey
Alyssa Diane Beyke
Jayden Elizabeth Bickett
Italia Maria Blasser

Brooke Marie Boarman
Kathleen Grace Brocato
Cassidy Elizabeth Carrico
John Patrick Cason
Brooke Marie Cecil
Cecilia Anne Clemens
Austin Augustine Clements
Caroline Rose Clements
Madison Caroline Clements

William Rudy Clouse
Elisa Faith Clouse
Carson Andrew Connor
Emily Elizabeth Dant
Bradley Austin Davis
Keaton Patrick Davis
Jarred Michael Deno
Robert Dalton Devine
Kaitlyn Marie Durbin

Noah Joseph Edelen
Thomas Hagan Edge
Emma Catherine Eyre
Ashlyn Hagan Farina
Georgia Bernadette Farina
Hunter Jeffrey Garvin
Warren Edward Goetz
Evan Patrick Goetz
Natalie Elise Goodwin

Christopher Grayson
Greenwell
Andrew Owen Hartz
Spencer Grace Harvey
Claire Elizabeth Hauke
Grace Marie Hauke
Sarah Kathryn Hayden
James Robert Haynes
Maxwell Stephen Hein

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Danielle Elizabeth Henning
 Isabella Grace Henning
 John Morgan Alexander
 Higgins
 Jonathan Thomas Isbill
 Kendall Hope Johnson
 Mary Katherine Johnson
 Tierney Randchelle Johnson
 Logan Xavier Jones
 Michael Christopher Keller
 Elise Jeanine Kerr
 Lillian Rose Krampe
 Katherine Elizabeth Logan
 Matthew Thomas Lynn
 Madeline Rose Mattingly
 Bethany Leigh Mayfield
 Hannah Elizabeth McKay
 Anna Lee Meyer
 Riley Elizabeth Miller

Lily Carol Moore
 Kara Beth Morris
 Kaylee Ann Morris
 Jude Wilson Neal
 Spencer Michael Osborne
 Emmalie Kathryn Payne
 Justin Allen Phillips
 Caroline-Grace Allison Reid
 Andrew Phillip Riney
 Madison Kimberly Roberts
 Alexandra Marie Scheithe
 Carsyn Marie Settles
 Evan Daniel Shelton
 Jackson Roy Staples
 Allison Claire Story
 Cassidy Faith Towery
 Jaden Kay Wall
 Addison Clay Waller
 Kennedy Marie Warren
 Kaiser Kate Alo Weafer

Jared Matthew Wink
 Isabella Martine Wright
 Lydia Nicole Wright
 Celia Katherine Wright
 Matthew Raymond Zambrano

**St. Mary High School,
 Paducah**

Ethan Barnett
 Margaret Butts
 John Curtsinger
 Rebecca Dixon
 Chiara Doran
 Colin Doss
 Joseph Eggemeyer
 Keaton Elliott
 Abigail Hatton
 Marshall Johnson
 Billy Johnston

Emma Kerr
 Madeline Kerr
 Isaac LaBarge
 Jaclyn Meredith
 William Muiter
 Vasav Rachan
 Gabriel Russell
 William Seay
 Allison Shockley
 Hannah Speis
 Elizabeth Wells

**Trinity High School,
 Whitesville**

Zachary Wade Aull
 Alexia Faith Barnett
 Avery Grace Barnett
 Amanda Kaye Bickett
 Josie Caroline Booker
 Madison Kay Edge

William Hunter Edge
 Kevin Maurice Foster
 Landon Michael Hall
 Olivia Anne Hamilton
 Meredith Brooke Harley
 Brianne Nicole Howard
 Ethan Matthew Howard
 Isaac James Howard
 Caleb Grant Jones
 Morgan Marie Kinsey
 Cade Lucas Mills
 Colby Gatlin Mills
 Corbin Edwin Mills
 Emma Rose Mills
 Hunter Matthew O'Bryan
 Logan Patrick Rhodes
 Brenden James Wathen

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 – 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**

Cole Alexander
 Melissa Fulkerson
 Jolee Hayden
 Joseph Lucas Head
 Madalyn Hyland
 David Stevens

**Christ the King,
 Madisonville**

Avery Layne Adkins
 Lauren Elizabeth Adkins
 Karis Littlepage
 Madison Elizabeth McCabe
 Kylee Nikole O'Toole
 Samuel Hayden Reynolds
 Emily Grace Shockley
 Kaitlyn Marie Shoulders
 Annie Lis Taylor

**Christ the King,
 Scottsville**

Avilline Noe
 Alexis Jansen

**Holy Name of Jesus,
 Henderson**

Olivia Bien Aime
 Hunter Book
 Lauren Boze
 Brooke Bugg
 Lucas Butler
 Ray Coomes
 Dawn Critser
 Claire Daily
 Amelia Davis
 Katie Duncan
 Nolan Durham
 David Gonzalez
 Hugo Gonzalez

Peyton Gray
 Zachary Hagan
 Brandi Haynes
 Preston Hazelwood
 Sarah Jenkins
 Austin Knittel
 Sophia Krampe
 Matthew Pettis
 Brynna Phillips
 Daniel Phillips
 Rhiannon Potts
 Isaac Powell
 Brain Reyes
 Alyvia Richardson
 Hannah Robards
 David Santillan, Jr.
 Addison Stewart
 Gabrielle Sutton
 Jordan Toribio
 Tanner Trovato

Victoria Vargas

**Immaculate,
 Owensboro**

Todd Bakos
 Nicholas Cox
 Ashley Crawford
 Mary Katherine Edge
 Ellie Hayden
 Trey Howell
 Katie Mattingly
 Shane Riley
 Lacey Wahl
 Stephen Warren
 Sam Winstead
 Lauren Worthington
**Our Lady of Lourdes,
 Owensboro**
 Leonna Abshier
 Brooke Boarman

Patrick Edge
 Andrew Edwards
 Grace Gonzalez
 Jack Hamilton
 Spencer Grace Harvey
 James Haynes
 Maxwell Hein
 Blake Hodges
 Bradley Davis

**St. Alphonsus,
 St. Joseph**

Hayden Dant
 Eric Smith

**St. Anthony the
 Abbot, Axtel**

Dalton Keith Taylor
 Tyler Martin Rudolph
 Alyssa McCubbins

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**St. Augustine,
Clarkson**

Mekenzie Johnston

St. Benedict, Wax

Hannah Willis

**St. Charles,
Bardwell**

Reese Anderson

Clint Draper

Daven McGee

**St. Charles,
Livermore**

Brayden Bishop

St. Edward, Fulton

Montserrat Guerrero

Diego Arriaga

**St. Elizabeth
Clarkson**

Savanna Higdon

Graci Keown

**St. Francis de
Sales, Paducah**

Katie Caruthers

Gabriel Dennee

Ally Fairchild

Joseph Gillituk

Max Hayden

Travis Hayden

Laken Hill

Abigail Kuntz

Mark Moore

Erin Stafford

Zoie Swoope

Conor Washburn

Noah Watson

**St. Jerome,
Fancy Farm**

Julia Barnett

Isaac Carrico

Kennady Dowdy

Haley Feezor

Cody Hobbs

Ethan Jenkins

Garrett Matheny

Emma Purcell

Kori Redden

Travis Rotolo

Karly Sasseen

Abby Seavers

Parker Thompson

Hannah Williams

**St. Joseph,
Leitchfield**

Lyann Dao

Alexis Hart

Jacob Hart

Madyson Hazelwood

Lydia Mudd

Gracie Nelson

Ethan Pierce

Curtis Paul Schmidt

**St. Joseph,
Mayfield**

Alberto Arellano

Jennifer Armstrong

Dulce Cortes

Shelby Gargus

Montserrat Gonzalez

Clair Lamb

Cristian Leon

Madison Lynn

Jennifer Montes

Alejandro Murillo

Bania Rosas

Odalys Rosas

Athzili Sanchez

Mirian Sanchez

Xavier Tomas

**St. Mary
Magdalene,
Sorgho**

Brooklyn Fogle

Valarie Gillim

Benjamin O'Bryan

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

Ashley Rae Hinton

Lillian Mae Hendrick

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

Brooklin Bandy

Allison Boarman

Ethan Boarman

Maddie Boarman

Stella Fischer

Hunter Ford

Rachel Haynes

Gracie Howard

Aolani Jackson

Harlee Keener

Haley Mills

Caleb Mills

Gavin Moore

Derek Park

Brandon Payne

Micah Rice

Emma Winstead

**St. Michael,
Sebree**

Odalys Martinez

Rosi Lopez

**St. Paul,
Grayson County**

Isaac Depoyster

Tristan Crawford

Carlie Jenkins

Joe Sims

**St. Peter of
Alcantara, Stanley**

Jordan Ebelhar

**St. Romuald,
Hardinsburg**

Tessa Jo Grace Allen

Halle Vanetta Barr

Benjamin Riley Dowell

Hunter Kade Elder

Donald Joseph

Gedling III

Kade Leslie Kasey

Caeleb Michael

Masterson

Christine Jordan

Mattingly

Benjamin Davis

Meador

Abigail Jane Morton

Ethan Anthony

O'Donoghue

Aubrey Rose Tabor

Lauren Faith Whitfill

Riley Elizabeth Whitfill

Amber Kay Woods

**St. Sebastian,
Calhoun**

Aaron Durbin

Ashley Vaught

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Isabella Alexander

Michael Duncan

Alex Skinner

**St. Stephen
Cathedral,
Owensboro**

Andrew Ellis

Etienne Forsythe

Marie Fuchs

Mary Grace

Hemingway

Ashlin McCarthy

Emma Mills

Taylor Norton

Kevin Payne

**St. Thomas More,
Paducah**

Matthew Barber

Kaitlyn Brooks

Cody Browning

Ryan Chua

Evey Cooper

Natalie Eastes

Grant Eckstein

Brennen Johnson

Andrew Katz

Adrian Lopez

Andres Lopez

Bailee Patel

Sydney Peters

Lucia Reyes

Sophia Shiben

Elliott Straub

Abigayle Thomas

Alyssa Todino

Abby Tyson

Samuel Whelan

**St. William & St.
Lawrence, Philpot**

Lane Ballard

Thomas Bittel III

Drew Nicholas Brown

Jacey Ann Fulkerson

Kegan Hall

Wesley Allen Hamilton

Ellie Ann Howard

Briley Claire Johnson

Alayna Petri

Tommy Nicholas

Rhodes

Sarah Stone

Andrew Martin Turner

Josiah Robert Turner

Rachel Wright

Andrew Joseph Young

**Sts. Joseph and
Paul, Owensboro**

Brandon Ballard

Andy Birkhead

Abigail Burden

Brandon Ebelhar

Samuel Manqueros

Skyler Osborne

Dutch Strobel

Elizabeth Strobel

Jasmine Sturgeon

Alondra Villalpando

Brianna Zoglmann

**Sts. Peter and
Paul, Hopkinsville**

Edwar Acosta

Georgianna Baker

Alison Bellew

Brenda Bonifacio

Jennifer Bautista

Logan Gibson

Scribbie Goode

Will Groves

Chenoa Hall

Kaleb Hall

Dayana Hernandez

Layne Jorgensen

Anna King

Lauren Langhi

Zach Langhi

Natalie Linares

Yefrey Macario

Manuel Martinez

Joseph Nguyen

Hope Pace

Rayna Pound

Trace Pound

Jessica Roman

Angel Rodriguez

Sofia Sargeant

John Schmitt

Allison Sunderhaus

Maritza Uribe

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Uno de los desafíos de comunicarse durante tiempos de crisis o conflicto es que pareciera que antes incluso de formular un pensamiento completo, las circunstancias y la información cambian. He escrito en el pasado sobre este desafío del periódico El Católico de Kentucky Occidental porque sus artículos a menudo se escriben al menos una semana antes de la publicación. Tengan pues esto en cuenta al leer mi carta a continuación, ya que la situación puede haber cambiado después de que esto se haya imprimido.

Con la pandemia mundial del COVID-19 parece bastante claro que todos estaremos luchando por superar esto durante las siguientes semanas e incluso meses. Ahora bien, lo que esto puede significar para el cierre de negocios; órdenes de quedarse en casa; la cuarentena y la suspensión de Misas públicas, tan importantes para nosotros, puede cambiar rápidamente. Por supuesto, todos esperamos y rezamos para que muchas de estas restricciones cambien lo antes posible.

Estoy escuchando, y todos nuestros párrocos están escuchando, de la gran pérdida que las personas están experimentando al no poder llegar a Misa y recibir los sacramentos. La Semana Santa y la Pascua fueron especialmente difíciles. Hay cantidades fenomenales de personas accediendo a Misas locales a través de la transmisión en vivo. Pero nadie siente que esto sea igual que estar en persona.

Muchos esperan que esta tremenda hambre que estamos viendo indique que cuando las restricciones sean canceladas, podría haber un despertar del fervor religioso y el compromiso de unirnos en el culto común. Quizás lleguemos a ver cuán importantes son tantas cosas que hemos dado por hecho.

En la Diócesis de Owensboro, y en la mayoría de

los Estados Unidos, los católicos han contado con acceso fácil a sus iglesias y horarios convenientes de Misas. No es así en todas partes del mundo.

El hambre y la sed que estamos experimentando es más común en muchos lugares. Como estadounidenses, no nos fijamos mucho el año pasado en el Sínodo especial sobre la Iglesia Católica de la Amazonia, una vasta área de Sudamérica que cruza las fronteras de varios países. Fue de gran preocupación la realidad de que cientos de miles de personas de esta región solo tienen Misa unas pocas veces al año debido a la escasez de sacerdotes. Los bautizos, bodas, confirmaciones y funerales se retrasan por meses.

En nuestra diócesis hoy, pocas personas están a más de unas millas de la próxima iglesia católica más cercana. Y en nuestra diócesis hoy, una de cada tres parroquias tiene un párroco que no nació en los Estados Unidos. Muchos de estos sacerdotes son inmigrantes que seguirán siendo parte de nuestra diócesis. Otros servirán un tiempo y luego regresarán a sus países de origen.

Entonces, quizás entre las muchas cosas que podríamos agradecer en estos tiempos difíciles, es que podríamos agradecer a ellos y a todos nuestros sacerdotes. Podríamos apreciar y apoyar mejor a las naciones y culturas de donde provienen.

Todos somos un solo cuerpo. El Cuerpo de Cristo. ■



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MAYO DE 2020:

Tenga en cuenta: Las siguientes fechas están sujetas a cambios o cancelaciones debido a la situación actual de COVID-19.

18 DE MAYO	1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal - Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro
20 DE MAYO	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas - MCC 5:30 p.m. Confirmación - Parroquia Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
23 DE MAYO	10 a.m. Ordenación al Sacerdocio del Diácono Stephen Van Lal Than - Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
26 DE MAYO	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Horas de Oficina en Paducah

Visite <https://owensborodiocese.org/covid-2019/> para ver un mensaje en video del Obispo Medley y su mensaje leído en video por el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez en español. Misa en español transmitida en vivo y oportunidades de oración también se puede acceder en esta página web. Para agregar su parroquia a la lista, envíe un correo electrónico a communications@pastoral.org.

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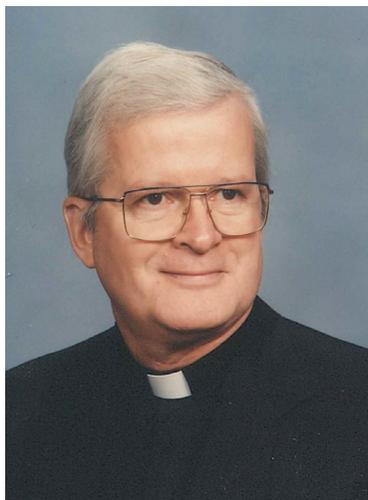
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Mang, P. John Paul Vicario parroquial, Parroquia San Pío X, Owensboro, efectivo el 9 de junio de 2020*.

Vadakumkara, P. Shijo Vicario parroquial, Parroquia Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green, efectivo el 9 de junio de 2020.

Van lal Than, Diác. Stephen Vicario parroquial, Parroquia Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green, efectivo el 9 de junio de 2020*.

* Tengan en cuenta: Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, puede ser necesario posponer estas fechas de efectividad. ■



El P. Joe Mills, 1927-2020

El Padre Joseph M. Mills, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro, falleció el 4 de abril de 2020. Tenía 92 años. Fue ordenado sacerdote el 26 de mayo de 1953, y sus muchas funciones a lo largo de los años incluyeron párroco, profesor de teología, vicario judicial y capellán de varios ministerios. Cumpliendo con las directivas de salud y seguridad pública, se celebró una Misa Exequial privada en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro el 8 de abril de 2020. Una Misa memorial pública se celebrará más adelante. Fue enterrado en el Cementerio de la Resurrección en Owensboro. Expresiones de condolencia en memoria del P. Mills se pueden hacer al Fondo de Sacerdotes Jubilados, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301. ■

El Papa Francisco bendijo al mundo durante la pandemia del coronavirus



CRÉDITO: VATICAN MEDIA

El Papa Francisco da una bendición Urbi et Orbi extraordinaria en la Plaza de San Pedro, el 27 de marzo de 2020.

El 27 de marzo de 2020, ante una Plaza de San Pedro vacía, en medio de la lluvia, el Papa Francisco celebró la adoración eucarística y dio una bendición Urbi et Orbi extraordinaria, rezando

por el mundo durante la pandemia del coronavirus.

La hora santa incluyó una lectura del Evangelio y una meditación del Papa Francisco, quien habló sobre la fe y la confianza en Dios durante un tiempo en que las personas temen por sus vidas, al igual que los discípulos cuando su barco se vio atrapado en una tormenta violenta.

“Tenemos un ancla: en su Cruz hemos sido salvados. Tenemos un timón: en su Cruz hemos sido rescatados. Tenemos una esperanza: en su Cruz hemos sido sanados y abrazados para que nadie ni nada nos separe de su amor redentor”, dijo el Papa Francisco.

Al concluir la oración, el Papa Francisco dio una bendición Urbi et Orbi extraordinaria, y dio la bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento mientras sonaban las campanas de la basílica.

En su meditación, el Papa Francisco confió a todos al Señor por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María, “desde esta columnata que abraza a Roma y al mundo”. ■

- Catholic News Agency

Parroquias con ministerio hispano/latino

Debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, el Obispo Medley ha suspendido la celebración pública de la Misa hasta nuevo aviso. Si tienen preguntas, no duden en comunicarse con los ministros en la lista a continuación. Si necesitan asistencia económica, comuníquense con Caridades Católicas al (270) 852-8328. Para oportunidades de Misas transmitidas en vivo, comuníquense con sus parroquias o visiten owensborodiocese.org/covid-2019. Para ver y/o descargar el Suplemento de Oración de la Diócesis de Owensboro y la Liturgia de la Palabra en casa, visiten owensborodiocese.org/resources-for-prayer-at-home.

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996,
o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925 o
Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 842-2525

Parroquia de San José, Central City

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

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie

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

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

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

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172 o
Padre Gary Clark (270) 826-2096

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Sra. Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

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

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana Maria Luisa Morales Solano
(270) 247-2843

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996,

o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

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

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Padre Will Thompson (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
Contacto: Padre Al Bremer (270) 534-9000

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

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

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

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

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 Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Coordinadoras de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.



Iluminando al mundo para la Pascua

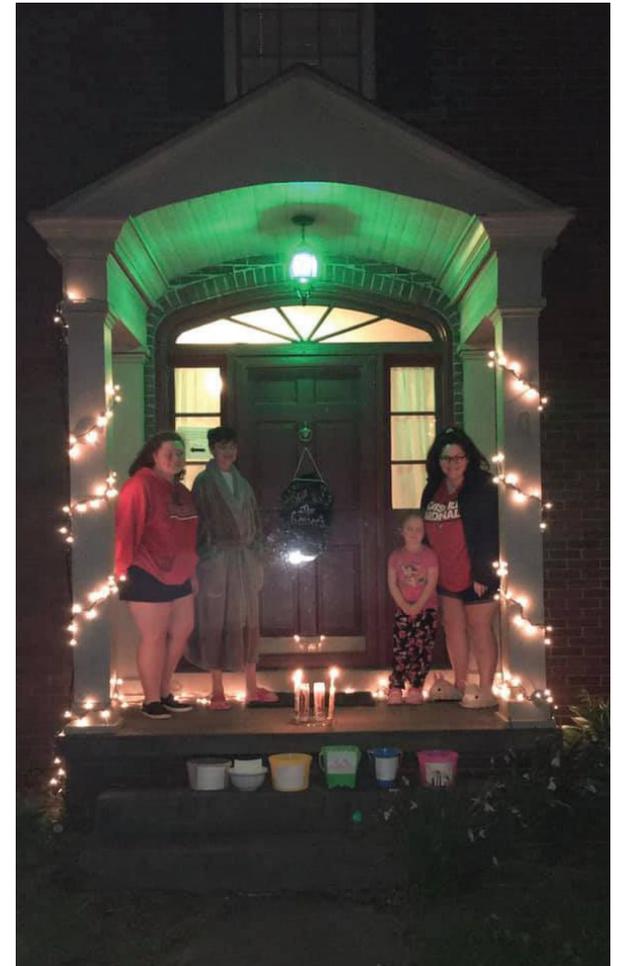
Los miembros del personal de la Diócesis de Owensboro decidieron que, aunque los católicos de Kentucky Occidental no podían reunirse en sus iglesias este año, debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, aún podían unirse en oración. Entonces, el 3 de abril, inspirado por otros en todo el estado y en todo el país que realizan iniciativas similares, se publicó un anuncio en las cuentas diocesanas en las redes sociales, invitando a todos a poner "luces de Pascua" desde el Sábado Santo hasta el Domingo de Pentecostés como un signo de solidaridad durante este tiempo.

Susan Montalvo-Gesser, cuya familia pertenece a la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, compartieron una foto de sus hijos fuera de su casa adornada con luces de Pascua en la noche del Sábado Santo. En el centro, en el suelo, están las velas bautismales de sus hijos en la corona de Adviento de la familia. La luz verde del porche se encendió en solidaridad con las personas en todo el estado de Kentucky que han muerto del COVID-19.

Y Deanna Swaggart, cuya familia pertenece a la Parroquia San Leo en Murray, compartió una foto de su cruz cubierta con luces, que colocaron el Sábado Santo. ■



POR CORTESÍA DE DE DEANNA SWAGGART



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