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My dear people of God,

Last month Hurricane Matthew skirted the east coast of the United States from Florida to North Carolina. Though it seems the hurricane never officially made landfall in the U.S., it was nonetheless the most damaging storm to affect the continental U.S. in more than a decade. Tens of billions of dollars of damage is being assessed, and more tragically more than 20 people have died in North Carolina alone from storm related incidents.

In the days just prior to Hurricane Matthew beginning its trek along the U.S. Atlantic coast the storm struck the tiny island nation of Haiti with full force. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. I have been blessed to visit Haiti a couple of times when the parish where I was a pastor had a twin parish in that country. The poverty is staggering. A typical home in the villages where I visited was likely a structure of a few poles with loosely fastened scrapped sheet metal walls and roof. Usually there would be a dirt floor and almost never running water.

There was a constant stream of mostly women and girls carrying five gallon buckets filled with water from the nearest stream, which could be several hundred yards or even miles away. The stream sides were always crowded with women washing clothes, an everyday activity as few would have had more than a single change of clothing. Cooking was conducted over a wood fire outside.

Life is hard. There is little opportunity for employment. The once mahogany rich forests have decades ago been stripped clear. Inexplicably much of the land is owned by the government and lies barren; no one is permitted to farm it.

After the hurricane I read of one village where only 17 structures out of 300 were still standing. Those who had so very little lost what they had. Though estimates of the death toll across the island have arisen to 800, the precise number will never really be known. Villagers will not know whether people died or just moved away. Often bodies were swept away in streams and carried to the ocean, never to be recovered or identified.

On the Sunday after Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti I read that churches across the island were packed. And where churches had been destroyed the people gathered for open-air Masses. The Gospel read that Sunday (Luke 17:

## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● NOVEMBER 2016

NOV 2	11:00 a.m. ● Anointing at the Villa – Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
NOV 5	9:00 a.m. ● Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC) 4:00 p.m. ● Mass and Dinner Celebration, 145th Anniversary – Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
NOV 6	10:00 a.m. ● Jubilee of Mercy Mass - Celebration – Fathers of Mercy, Auburn, KY
NOV 9	12:00 p.m. ● Criminal Justice Policy Assessment Council – Frankfort
NOV 10	1:45 p.m. ● School Mass – Owensboro Catholic Middle School
NOV 11-17	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting – Baltimore, MD
NOV 19	6:00 p.m. ● Closing Mass at ODYC – Knicely Center, Bowling Green
NOV 21	10:00 a.m. ● Priest Personnel Board Meeting – MCC 1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
NOV 22	10:00 a.m. ● School Mass – Owensboro Catholic High School
NOV 22	10:30 p.m. ● Paducah Office Hours
NOV 23	9:00 a.m. ● Mass and Visit with the Passionist Nuns – Passionist Monastery, Whitesville
NOV 24	8:00 a.m. ● Thanksgiving Day Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
NOV 27	1:30 p.m. ● Mass – St. Mary Parish, Franklin
NOV 28-30	Province Bishops' and Priests' Councils Provincial Meeting – Owensboro, KY

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11-19) is the same Gospel most of us will hear if we go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, the story of Jesus healing ten lepers where only one returned to give thanks.

May this be our Thanksgiving Day meditation. We would look to Haiti on its best day and wonder what the people could be grateful for. But the stark truth is that the churches of Haiti were filled on its worst day with people giving thanks for the blessings of God.

"How happy are you who are poor: yours is the Kingdom of God." Luke 6:20



Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Diocese of Owensboro

P.S. Many of our parishes have conducted special collections for Haiti. If you have not had a chance to make a gift toward Haitian relief work, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international charitable agency of the Catholic Church of the United States, was at work in Haiti before the hurricane had fully passed. If you can make a gift, please make a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro CRS and send it to my office at 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 and we will forward your gift immediately to help God's people there.

## An Advent Evening

Presented by  
Bishop William Medley

Tuesday,  
December 13

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\$20 (includes dinner)



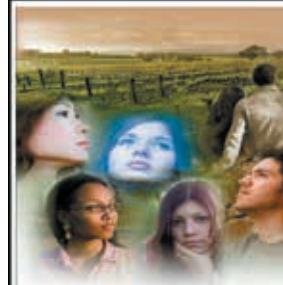
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# Sharing the love

## Local family describes journey, blessings from open adoption

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Roger and Kathy Martin have heard stories of people learning at age 18 that “by the way, I’m not your biological parent; I’m your adoptive parent.”

Thankfully, this isn’t the story for either their son, Lucas, or their daughter, Avery. But it’s one of the reasons why they’re glad they embraced open adoption.

Kathy said one thing she loves about this adoption style is “there are a million different scenarios of open adoption. There are different levels of openness, and that’s what’s awesome about it.”

While Roger and Kathy met and got to know

the birth moms of both Lucas and Avery, the two adoption journeys were incredibly, and beautifully, different.

### Pursuing adoption

Roger and Kathy had been hoping to start a family for several years when they decided they were meant to pursue adoption.

“I was getting depressed, but (Roger) said, ‘no, there’s something else for us,’” said Kathy.

They had seen some stories in The Western Kentucky Catholic about adoption through Catholic



The Martin family – Avery, Kathy, Roger and Lucas – shared their story with The Western Kentucky Catholic on Oct. 6. WKC photo.



## Adoption Awareness Month

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro partners with three other Catholic Charities adoption agencies in Kentucky to provide statewide pregnancy help and adoption services through A Caring Connection network. To learn more, visit [kycaringconnection.org](http://kycaringconnection.org).

Charities in the Diocese of Owensboro, and signed up for the informational adoption classes.

Catholic Charities encourages open adoption, but at first the idea “was super scary... I’d never heard of that before,” said Kathy.

After the informational classes, however, the Martins decided they’d like to pursue open adoption.

“How could you not want the kids to know things about where they come from?” said Kathy. “Catholic Charities really explained it well.”

### Lucas

The Martins were told that it can take years for a couple to be notified of a potential adoption, but with Lucas, their phone rang after only three months.

And when Roger and Kathy met Lucas’ birth

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mom, "we connected instantly" said Kathy.

"We knew right away, and his birth mother knew right away as well," she added. "We couldn't wait to see each other."

Lucas' birth mom even asked them to attend the delivery and Roger actually caught him and cut the cord.

Kathy remembers what the birth mom said after Lucas was born. She told her to go take care of him: "You're a mama now."

## Avery

When Lucas was two years old, the Martins realized they were being called to pursue the adoption journey for a second time. This time the wait was longer, and they waited another two years before they received a phone call.

"They said there is a young lady who is willing to meet with you guys," said Kathy. "And she's due in March."

Avery's birth mom had to decide between two couples, and Lucas was the reason the Martins were chosen. They had met at a restaurant to have a meal together, "and (Lucas) led the prayer before we ate," said Roger.

At Avery's birth, Kathy was the first one to hold her.

## Sharing the love

Their second experience was more bittersweet, Kathy explained.

"It was hard to see (Avery's birth mom) going through what she was going through," she said. "We literally left the birth mom's hospital room carrying Avery out, and that was the hardest thing."

The Martins said it was hard to celebrate at first, "because we were feeling (the birth mom's) heartbreak."

While the Martins and both kids' birth moms are now happy with their decisions, the experience gave Kathy and Roger an appreciation for the sacrifice made.

"It's easy for people to judge them and say I can't believe that they would do that, give up their child," said Kathy. "But if you're not feeling like you can raise that baby and give them a home, there is someone who can, and there is somebody who's willing to share the love of the child with you."

## Family time

These days, the four Martins enjoy family activities together like fishing, attending drag races, going

to the zoo and going to the beach. They also celebrate Gotcha Days, which commemorate the days that the kids became part of their family.

"We celebrate that probably more than their birthdays," said Roger.

Kathy explained that Gotcha Days usually mark when the families came together. But since the Martins were present for both kids' births, "we made our Gotcha Days the day that the adoption was finalized."

Kathy posts pictures of their family activities on social media, and since she's connected with both kids' birth moms, they are able to see them grow up.

"I post a lot!" said Kathy with a chuckle.

## Meet the Martins

 Listen to the Martin family share their story in a video interview which will be made available in November on the Diocese of Owensboro's social media.



## Considering Adoption?

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

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# For Kentucky-raised Sister of Life, ‘everything becomes a prayer’

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At first glance, the daily list of making beds, cleaning bathrooms and making rooms neat does not seem very spiritual.

But for Sister Elizabeth Grace Rhodes and her fellow Sisters of Life who minister at Villa Maria Guadalupe retreat house in Connecticut, this is a “ministry of hospitality,” and this daily grind is actually “paving the way for Christ.”

“As a consecrated person, all of your work is wor-

ship,” said Sister Rhodes, who professed first vows as a Sister of Life on Aug. 22, 2016. “Everything becomes a prayer.”

Sister Rhodes is no stranger to seeing work as prayer. She grew up on a farm in Whitesville, where her parents raised their nine children as faith-filled parishioners of St. Lawrence in Philpot. Prior to entering the Sisters of Life, she taught chemistry at Owensboro Catholic High School.

Sister Rhodes explained that as a contemplative/active sister, her first priority is prayer. In fact, she spends four-and-a-half hours a day in prayer, with prayer time broken up among her other duties.

The 28-year-old said she was first drawn to the New York-based Sisters of Life through their service toward women with crisis pregnancies. Many of her fellow sisters minister directly to those in crisis pregnancies, and also to women and men who seek healing from past abortions.

She said the post-abortive healing retreats have expanded more than any of their other missions during the Year of Mercy.



Sister Elizabeth Grace Rhodes beams after receiving her symbols of first profession: the medal of the Madonna of the Streets worn around her neck, and the blue band around her veil. Photo courtesy of Larena Lawson.

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**JUBILEE YEAR 2015-2016**  
**Living the Year of Mercy**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was established by Pope Francis to last from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016. The Western Kentucky Catholic is celebrating this holy year by featuring a series highlighting individuals who live the Works of Mercy around the Diocese of Owensboro. Our final story comes at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, and introduces us to Sister Elizabeth Grace Rhodes, who grew up in Whitesville and now with her Sisters of Life community works to serve and “pray for the living and the dead.”

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Even serving at the Connecticut retreat house, which is not strictly for those grieving an abortion, Sister Rhodes has seen that “people come in various states, and have all been affected by the culture of death in some way.”

It helps that the sisters’ charism is the Charism of Life, which she said affirms the fact that each human life has dignity and worth – despite a modern culture that tends to degrade life.

Sister Rhodes said it is “so foundational” to always see peoples’ value “in the perspective that God sees them,” and the sisters strive to live this in every interaction.

“It’s a beautiful work of mercy and redemption,” she said.



Sister Elizabeth Grace Rhodes professes her first vows into the hands of Mother Agnes Mary on Aug. 22, 2016.  
Photo courtesy of the Sisters of Life.



## Learn More

To learn more about the Sisters of Life religious community and their ministries for laypeople, visit [sistersoflife.org](http://sistersoflife.org).

## Places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro

The Year of Mercy concludes on Nov. 20, so don't wait to visit the six pilgrimage sites in our diocese! They are:

### St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

610 Locust Street, Owensboro  
Contact: Michael Bogdan, (270) 852-8327

### Chapel of Mercy, St. Thomas

More Parish, Paducah  
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah  
Contact: Lois Bell, (270) 534-9000

### Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn

806 Shaker Museum Road, Auburn  
Contact: Fr. Joel Rogers, (270) 361-9613

### Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

434 Church Avenue, Bowling Green  
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### St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady

4711 Highway 105 S, Hardinsburg  
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### Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount

8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount  
Contact: Sister Mary Matthias Ward, (270) 229-2011

Out of consideration for the places of pilgrimage, pilgrims are asked that if more than 8-10 pilgrims are visiting, contact the site first to ensure that they can accommodate your group.

# Bowling Green puppy-raiser preps dogs to accompany owners with disabilities

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Holy Spirit parishioner Teresa Hart doesn't bring a dog to church, people ask where he is.

It's an honest question, since Hart raises puppies for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a non-profit that partners highly-trained service dogs with individuals who have disabilities.

Hart frequently has a puppy-in-training by her side, and these days it's Nye II, her ninth CCI dog.

"When I take my dog to church with me, it not only educates the congregation about service dogs, it is a great training for my dog to learn how to behave in church," said Hart.

Hart and Nye do more than sit in the pew: Hart is an acolyte (adult altar server), so when she goes up the aisle, so does Nye.

She has no trouble with the 14-month-old yellow



Teresa Hart received yellow Labrador puppy Lambeau – her 10th CCI dog – on Oct. 19. Photo courtesy of Teresa Hart.

Labrador, and for his part, Nye doesn't seem perturbed by any stares as he remains quietly at her side or under a chair during the liturgy.

"Peoples' faces light up when they see the dogs," said Hart.

Hart said CCI has very high standards for the dogs: "Only about 45 percent get placed with someone with disabilities."

Six of Hart's dogs have graduated, one left the program for medical reasons and one did not want to be a service dog. Hart said dogs that do not meet the requirements may remain with the raiser, or CCI refers to a list of people willing to pay a \$500 adoption fee to receive the "released" dog.

CCI dogs are "always free to people who qualify," she said.

Hart said Nye will leave her in February 2017 for six months of professional training "and hopefully find his forever person and become a service dog."

On Oct. 19 Hart's 10th CCI puppy, Lambeau, arrived from the CCI dog breeding location in northern California.

Hart's favorite part of raising the dogs ties into the question people ask most frequently: "How can you give them up?"

The best part for her truly is "seeing them graduate and help people with disabilities."

Quoting a fellow puppy raiser, Hart explained, "don't pity us or admire us as puppy raisers for be-



Teresa Hart and Nye lead the procession down the aisle at the end of Aug. 28 Sunday Mass. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

ing strong enough to give them up. Envy us for being lucky enough to give them up in precisely this way."

Every time she and Nye are out "doing normal things" like grocery shopping, going to a movie, eating at a restaurant, or attending a sporting event, "people learn about service dogs."

Hart said that raising the dogs has taken her out of her comfort zone to "appreciate more the talents God has given me to raise and teach these dogs, and to understand and walk in the shoes of people with disabilities."

"Many people explain to me that either their child has a disability or a friend has a disability, and they want to know how to apply for a dog," said Hart.

Hart said these dogs give people their independence back: "People don't see their disability; they only see the beautiful dog."

## St. Sebastian burns the mortgage

Cathy Burden of St. Sebastian Parish in Calhoun writes: "Father John Igacho, pastor of St. Sebastian in Calhoun, burned the mortgage on our building loan at a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Aug. 14, 2016. Celebrations continued after the Mass with a potluck meal and special music. A tornado destroyed the former church and other parish buildings in January 2001, just a few hours after Bishop McRaith held Confirmation in the church. The small parish immediately began plans to rebuild. The new church was dedicated in May 2005. After insurance, grants, two pledge drives, memorial contributions, and many, many fundraisers, the building loan was retired in May 2016. We at St. Sebastian would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors who helped us realize this accomplishment!"

## VOCARE 2016 draws more than 400 people

Friday, Sept. 23 was the Diocese of Owensboro's third annual VOCARE event, which celebrates, promotes and fundraises for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This year drew approximately 464 people from all around the diocese.

VOCARE 2016 began with a social hour featuring the Owensboro Convention Center's bourbon bar, and the opportunity to have participants' photos professionally taken. The event included dinner and a keynote from Andy Day, an Owensboro native who today serves as southeast regional director of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

Emceed by Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, vicar general in the diocese, the evening also included prayers led by Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith, Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, and Fr. David Wilton, CPM.

New this year was the honoring of all priests, religious and married laypeople, and giving a small gift – a rosary blessed by Pope Francis – to those who had been ordained, vowed and married the longest.

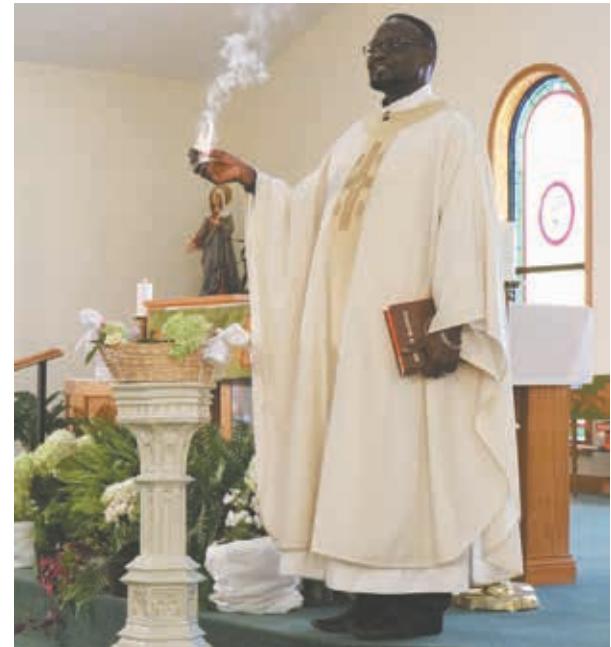
That night, through pledges and donations, \$21,543 was raised to support seminarian education. As of this paper's printing, a total of \$102,526 had been raised through additional donations received. Next year's VOCARE will be held on Sept. 22, 2017.



Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith and Bishop William F. Medley meet VOCARE 2016's keynote speaker, Andy Day. WKC photo.



Attendees applaud and thank diocesan seminarians for discerning the priesthood. WKC photo.



Fr. Igacho burns the mortgage on Aug. 14. Photo courtesy of St. Sebastian Parish.



**Mon, Sept 5, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Mon, Oct 3, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Mon, Nov 7, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Rosary, Mercy Chaplet & other prayers.**

**Sermons by Fr. Louis Caporiccio, CPM**

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**"For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us!"**

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



The Year of Mercy Walk/Run begins in Knottsville.  
Photo courtesy of Larena Lawson.

### Year of Mercy Walk/Run a success

St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes in Knottsville and Philpot held a Year of Mercy Walk/Run on Oct. 1, which drew 89 walkers and runners. A total of the \$3,240.50 will be shared with the following charities: Bishop Soennecker Home, St. Benedict Homeless Shelter, Birthright of Owensboro, Daniel Pitino Shelter, Crossroads Hope for Women and Children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the St. Gerard Life Home. Based on the walk/run's success, the parishes hope to make this an annual opportunity to fundraise for charities.

The committee and participants are especially grateful to Annette Connor, the head of planning the project, who contacted the road department, obtained a road map for the route, organized a police escort, arranged an ambulance on standby, and worked with the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club to guide road entrances. She also helped coordinate the food both during the walk/run and afterward at the parish hall. She also provided a vehicle in case anyone needed help getting up the route's particularly steep hill.

Additionally, the committee thanks Trinity High School for lending the use of their Spirit Bus to bring people back to Knottsville at the end.



Casey and Samantha Howard, with daughter Addy in the stroller, participate in the Year of Mercy Walk/Run on Oct. 1. Photo courtesy of Larena Lawson.



Group picture of those who assisted in loading the container. WKC file photo.

### Container headed to Sister Diocese in Mandeville, Jamaica

On October 19, twelve volunteers assisted the Office of Social Concerns, as they loaded a container for our sister diocese in Mandeville, Jamaica.

Over the summer and fall, donations were received and packed for loading into the container. This included backpacks, notebooks, coloring books, pencils, school desks, shoes, diapers, children's clothing, and healthcare-related items such as exam room chairs, disposable gloves, walkers and canes, and much more. A separate container with three playgrounds was also sent.

There were three areas of greatest need: educa-

tional, healthcare and outreach supplies. This container project takes place every two years. Schools, clinics and outreach centers are the recipients for these supplies.



Yesica Cisneros, diocesan employee, assists in the loading of the container. WKC file photo.

Join our Spinning Retreat Weekends!

**November 4-6**

**Future Date: January 6-8, 2017**

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Every year the Diocese of Owensboro presents the Sophia Awards to individuals 65 years or older who were nominated for their service in their parishes and the diocese community as a whole. On Sept. 25, 2016, Bishop William F. Medley celebrated Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro and presented the awards to this year's recipients. More photos from this year's Mass and awards may be viewed on [owensborodiocese.org/sophia](http://owensborodiocese.org/sophia). Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

## Sophia Award Recipients

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

Charlene & Harry Baumgarten

### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro**

Burnell Hamilton

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

Sherrell & Jeannie Calhoun

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

Ann M. Stuller

### **Holy Cross Parish, Providence**

Roxie Anne Rhea

### **Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington**

Ted & Barbara Brown

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

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### **Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam**

Dee Black

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

Larry & Anita Willoughby

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

Wanda Jean Kelly

### **Immaculate Parish, Owensboro**

Todd & Patricia Stelmach

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

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Norman & Imelda Thomas

### **Rosary Chapel, Paducah**

Paula Hudson

### **Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville**

Mike Slaughter

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

Joe & Kathy Welden

### **Saint Agnes Parish, Uniontown**

Lark & Sharon Buckman

### **Saint Alphonsus Parish, Saint Joseph**

Eugene & Dorothy Fleischmann

### **Saint Ambrose Parish, Henshaw**

Gerald T. Day

### **Saint Ann Parish, Morganfield**

Gina Loxley

### **Saint Anthony Parish, Axtel**

Homer & Jo Ann Mattingly

### **Saint Anthony Parish, Browns Valley**

Bob & Barb Carper

### **Saint Anthony Parish, Peonia**

Judy K. Clemons

### **Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers**

Gary R. May

### **Saint Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs**

Joe & Jody Ziegler

### **Saint Augustine Parish, Reed**

Floyd & Linda Evans

### **Saint Benedict Parish, Wax**

Glenn Otis

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Saint Charles Parish, Bardwell**  
Frances Annette Hunt

**Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Livermore**  
William E. Payne

**Saint Columba Parish, Lewisport**  
Patricia Roberts

**Saint Denis Parish, Fancy Farm**  
Jack & Rose Riggs

**Saint Edward Parish, Fulton**  
Rick Smith

**Saint Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville**  
Maddalena Leach

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Clarkson**  
Carol Hill

**Saint Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis**  
Mary G. Monarch

**Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah**  
Patti Sanders

**Saint Francis of Assisi, Todd County**  
Betty S. Park

**Saint Henry Parish, Aurora**  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Logsdon

**Saint Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm**  
Ginny Elliott

**Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah**  
Linda Churchwell Bratton

**Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish**  
Richard Dyche

**Saint Joseph Parish, Bowling Green**  
Al & Lillie Arbogast

**Saint Joseph Parish, Central City**  
Betty L. Girten

**Saint Joseph Parish, Leitchfield**  
Susan Rhodes

**Saint Joseph Parish, Mayfield**  
Marvin & Ollie Lee

**Saints Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro**  
Darrell & Lois Hood

**Saint Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence**  
Francine G. Wright

**Saint Leo Parish, Murray**  
Raymond E. Campbell

**Saint Mark Parish, Eddyville**  
Patricia Gill

**Saint Martin Parish, Rome**  
Richard L. Dixon

**Saint Mary Parish, Franklin**  
Patty Hudson

**Saint Mary Parish, LaCenter**  
Mary Anselm Grief

**Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho**  
John & Patsy Hartz

**Saint Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville**  
Randall Hamilton

**Saint Michael Parish, Sebree**  
Bobby & Susie Blanford

**Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove**  
Angela Doyle

**Saint Paul Parish, Princeton**  
Martha Stewart

**Saint Peter of Alcantara Parish, Stanley**  
Joe Bill & Barbara McKay

**Saint Peter of Antioch Parish, Waverly**  
Catherine D. Brooks

**Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville**  
Jim Creighton

**Saint Pius X Parish, Calvert City**  
Richard & Betty Lou Derry

**Saint Pius X Parish, Owensboro**  
Wil & Pat Storm

**Saint Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg**  
Shirley Priest Hale

**Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport**  
Bonnie Hawkins

**Saint Sebastian Parish, Calhoun**  
Guy C. & Ruth Troutman

**Saint Stephen Parish, Cadiz**  
Paul & Dawn Cunningham

**Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**  
Joan M. Perry

**Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah**  
Nancy & Frank Burch

**Saint William Parish, Knottsville**  
Mary & Walter Isbill

**Saint William of Vercelli Parish, Marion**  
Martha N. James

## 2017 Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

**February 11, 2017 | RiverPark Center, Owensboro, KY**

The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to welcome Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, along with Fr. Larry Richards and Robert Rogers to the upcoming men's conference.

Tickets available at [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com).



# Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

November is the month that we honor the men and women from Africa and of African descent who have pioneered our faith. Many are unaware that Christianity did not start in Europe and that black Catholics have had a significant impact on the history and traditions of Christianity. Three popes—Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I—were born in Africa and led the early Church through much turmoil.

There are many black Catholic saints such as Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, and Felicitas to name a few; and leaders such as Rev. Augustus Tolton who is currently a candidate for sainthood and Daniel Rudd, founder of the National Black Catholic Congress, whose actions and witnesses of faith helped shape the Church into what it is today.

Black Catholic History Month has been celebrated by the Church since its institution in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. The month of November was selected because it holds special

days for two prominent African Catholics: St. Augustine whose birthday is on November 13, and St. Martin de Porres whose feast day is celebrated on November 3.

November 1 is the day that we celebrate All Saints Day – an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.

November 2, All Souls Day, is a time to remember all of those Africans lost to cruel treatment in passage on the slave ships.

Let us remember all saints, living and deceased this month as we strive for Christian unity and continue to embrace our diversity.

A Black History Month calendar for daily reflection from the Diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry has been sent to each parish. If you did not receive it please contact the office.

*F. Veronica Wilhite is the director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro.*

## To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordina-

tor at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan website ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)). The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Mi-



## Learn More

To learn more about the Office of Black Catholic Ministry, contact [veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org](mailto:veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org), call (270) 683-1545 or write to F. Veronica Wilhite, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY, 42301.



## Save the Date

"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness, and walk humbly with your God." Save the date for this inspiring and faith-filled experience in Orlando, Florida from July 6-9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. More information will be available soon from the Office of Black Catholic Ministry.

# Blessed Sacrament Chapel preps for annual community dinner

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro will hold its annual community Thanksgiving dinner at noon.

The free meal has seen people from all walks of life, including homeless individuals and families from the area who come for the positive community.

"People have said that if they didn't have this place to come and eat, they wouldn't have a Thanksgiving dinner," said Shelby Webster, one of the volunteers.

Sister Jeannette Fennewald, SSND, parish life coordinator at Blessed Sacrament, came to serve at the parish last year and has been involved in planning the meal. She said that parishioners contribute time, effort and supplies to the meal.

"I was amazed last year at the donations," she said. The hearty meal usually features macaroni and

cheese, candied sweet potatoes, turkey and dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, greens, cornbread, and all kinds of desserts.

Some parishioners traditionally provide a certain dish each year, such as Jean Higgs' family, who has provided the greens. Other times the order is switched up and someone new contributes to the menu.

Marsha Allen, another volunteer, said that it's "a good time for fellowship for all the parishioners," and added that "no one is turned away."

The number of participants varies, but volunteer Gloria Adams said that the gatherings have grown to be about the size of Blessed Sacrament's picnics – more than 150 participants.

"The original aim was to feed the hungry," said Adams, and explained that the dinner has evolved to be open "to all of Owensboro."

Fellow volunteer Barbara Hammond said Blessed Sacrament's dinner has become an



Sister Jeannette Fennewald, SSND; Marsha Alllen; Barbara Hammond; Rita Moorman; Shelby Webster; Jean Higgs and Gloria Adams are some of the volunteers who will be helping with the community Thanksgiving dinner this year. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.



Bishop William F. Medley, Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, and Fr. John Vaughan are among the friends attending Blessed Sacrament's 2010 Thanksgiving dinner. WKC file photo.

opportunity for other local churches to build community. While the cooks and volunteers are always from Blessed Sacrament, a number of non-Catholic church groups enjoy coming and eating together.

Hammond said that one year, one of the local churches' services ended late "and they were worried they'd miss the dinner," but fortunately there was still plenty of food.

Allen said if local shut-ins cannot come to enjoy the dinner with the community, "we make sure they are brought Thanksgiving dinner."

And again, "it's all free because we have big-hearted people here at Blessed Sacrament," said Adams.

# Prohibition and sacramental wine

BY HEIDI TAYLOR-CAUDILL, OFFICE OF ARCHIVES

Today, we accept that the wine used to celebrate the Eucharist is easily available. This was not the case in the United States from 1920 to 1933, when a constitutional ban on the production, importation, shipping and sale of alcohol was in effect. For thirteen years, priests in every diocese had to deal with an incredible amount of bureaucratic red tape to legally obtain wine for sacramental use. A trace of this red tape survives in the Diocese of Owensboro archives, revealing another aspect of the story of Prohibition in western Kentucky.

Certain uses for wine were permitted during Prohibition, including sacramental purposes. The Bureau of Prohibition issued permits to wineries to produce sacramental wine. This wine could be sold only to a priest who had filed an application with the Bureau. Once the application was approved, the priest was allowed to procure ten gallons of wine for sacramental use per year.

Monsignor Louis Beruatto of St. Joseph Church at Leitchfield was one of the many priests affected by the Bureau's application process. The Archives holds his 1922 application wherein he requested ten gallons of wine from Beaulieu Vineyard in California. He would have had to make at least four copies of the form and mailed them to the Diocese of Louisville for "authentication." The Diocese would then forward all the forms to the winery. Once the wine was ready to ship, the winery would keep one copy of the form, send one to the Bureau of Prohibition, send one back to the Diocese, and give one to the carrier.

Looking back, it is astonishing the effort it took for Prohibition-era priests to obtain sacramental wine. We would love to know more about this time in the Diocese. If you have stories, please contact us at [heidi.caudill@pastoral.org](mailto:heidi.caudill@pastoral.org) or call 270-683-1545.

**APPLICATION TO PROCURE WINE FOR SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES  
AND LIKE RELIGIOUS RITES**

Quantity of wine procured since January 1, 1922	None gallons.
Quantity applied for herein	10 "
TOTAL	10 "
Quantity on hand date of application	2 "

*Rev. Louis Beruatto* 192  
(Name in full)  
 of *St. Joseph's Church*, located at *Leitchfield, Ky.*  
(Name of church or congregation) (Official designation)  
(Street address)  
(City) (State)  
 from *BEAULIEU VINEYARD, Inc., Emil M. Langers, Agent, 339-341 First*  
(Name of dealer) (Street address)  
(City) (State)  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to be delivered to the above address  
 ten gallons of *Burgundy* wine to be used solely for sacramental purposes  
(NAME) or like religious rites, as provided by the National Prohibition Act; and hereby certifies that the quantity applied for herein is necessary for the purposes stated, and that he is duly authorized to make this application on behalf of the aforesaid church or congregation.  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
 day of *Rev. Louis Beruatto*  
(Signature of applicant.)  
192  
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 APPROVED:  
 V. Rev. *J. P. Brown*  
 Apostolic Administrator.  
 Diocese of Louisville, Ky.  
(Name of metropolitan or where the church or congregation has a hierarchical form of organization, signature of head of ecclesiastical jurisdiction or official designated by him.)  
 72  
Norm.—In all cases where the church or congregation has a hierarchical form of organization, and this application is to be approved by the head of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction or someone designated by him for the purpose, the oath may be omitted; in all other cases this application must be sworn to.

This application to procure wine for sacramental purposes was submitted in 1922 by Rev. Louis Beruatto on behalf of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Leitchfield. Image courtesy of Archives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

To register for these sponsored events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, or to schedule an event, contact Kathy McCarty at (270) 229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

#### **Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation First Tuesday of each month 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

#### **2016**

**Dec. 6** - Sister Pam Mueller - Gift, A Theological Reflection

#### **2017**

**Jan. 3** - Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan - Exploring Teilard de Chardin's Universal Vision of Life

**Feb. 7** - Sister Ruth Gehres - Language: Gift and Mystery

**March 7** - Sister Vivian Bowles - Belief and Expectations

**April 4** - Sister Amelia Stenger - The Environment and Our Health

**May 2** - Sister Mary Matthias Ward - Mary, The Mother of God...The Mother of the Church

**June 6** - Sister Ann McGrew - Mandalas

**July 11** - Sister Marietta Wethington - Centering Prayer

**Aug. 1** - Sister Ann McGrew- Lectio Divina

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Second Sunday of each month: Nov. 13, Dec. 11** (Note: There is no Adoration on Sept. 11 – Picnic Day) | **3 p.m.-5 p.m.** The time has been extended to two hours during the Year of Mercy.

#### **Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel**

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

#### **"A Father Who Keeps His Promises"**

**Second Thursday of each month: Nov. 10, Dec. 8 | 10:30 a.m. -12:30 a.m.**

Presenter: Sr. Ann McGrew

Fee: \$10 (includes lunch)

"A Father Who Keeps His Promises" is a book by Scott Hahn on God's covenant Love in Scripture. It explains how God patiently reaches out to us — despite our faults and shortcomings — to restore us into relationships with his divine Family. Hahn begins with Adam and Eve and continuing down through the generations to the coming of Christ and the birth of the Church.

#### **Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club**

Sign up by Nov. 3 to get your name into the new Quilt of the Month Club drawings at Mount Saint Joseph. The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you get 11 chances to win a handmade quilt. Only 2,000 tickets are available, and most are already sold! (Note: If you sign up by Dec. 1, you will get 10 chances to win a quilt.) The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky. To order your Quilt Club ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at (270) 229-2009 or kris.mango@maplemount.org. For more information, visit ursulinesmsj.org. Click on Help the Sisters, then Quilt Club.

#### **Spring Women's Retreat: Called by Name**

**March 10-12** | Led by Sr. Cheryl Clemons

Fee: \$180 (includes retreat, materials, meals and accommodations) or \$130 for commuters.

Some women needed physical healing for themselves

or for their children. Others needed spiritual healing and forgiveness. Still others wanted to give instead of receive, offering resources of money, support, encouragement and understanding to Jesus and his male companions. The gospels indicate that many women were part of Jesus' life and the gospels written afterwards; however, most of them remained unnamed. During this weekend, retreatants will be invited to walk along the dusty roads of Gospel lands and the concrete sidewalks of today, reflecting on the power and mystery of being named. As retreatants observe how Jesus responds to and names selected Gospel women, they will be invited to listen for the voice of God calling their own name in love. In the process, the issue of personal identity and the power of naming will be brought to both prayer time and group sharing.

#### **Gennesaret Retreat (for chronic or seriously ill) March 17-19**

Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Gennesaret retreat, designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. Some examples of conditions are multiple sclerosis, diabetes, ALS, epilepsy, cancer, stroke and respiratory heart disease. Each person who applies will be contacted by the medical coordinator and the spiritual director to be sure the retreat can meet their needs. A prospective retreatant must manifest a level of awareness and stamina that would allow him or her to profit from the retreat's spiritual activities. There are a limited number of retreatants taken for each weekend.

The retreat is open to all faiths but will focus on the Roman Catholic traditions and prayer experience. The word Gennesaret comes from the Gospel of Mark 6:53-55.

The retreat is being offered by the Diocese of Owensboro and hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. There is no cost for participants. Gennesaret retreats are financed by generous donations from parishes and individuals.

To find out more, contact Tom or Amy Payne of Owensboro at 270-678-7739.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2016 BULLETIN BOARD

### ■ **Brescia to hold Nov. 29 Christmas concert**

Brescia University's Band and Choir will have their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel on Brescia's campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Brett Ballard at 270-686-4226 or brett.ballard@brescia.edu.

### ■ **Does your marriage need help?**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the Jan. 13-15, 2017 program, (270) 683-1545 ext. 346, email dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the website at retrouvaille.com.

### ■ **Register for Gasper's Christmas/New Year's Camp**

Camp takes place Dec. 29-Jan 1 and is open to eighth grade and high school teens. For more information or to register, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org, call (270) 781-2466 or email gasperriver@hotmail.com.

### ■ **'A scout is reverent'**

Retreat change of location! This year's annual Boy Scout Retreat has been updated to take place at the Land Between the Lakes on Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13. Our focus this year will be on the Year of Mercy. Details regarding this retreat are available on owensborodiocese.org/scouting. This upcoming year's Mass with the conferral of Religious Emblems with Bishop Medley presiding will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. At this Mass, scouts from throughout the diocese will receive their religious emblems that they have earned throughout the year. For Cub Scouts, Webelos Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew Members that would be Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei, Pope Pius XII, and Light is Life for Eastern Catholics. Girl Scouts can receive the Family of God; I Live my Faith; Mary, the First Disciple; and

The Spirit Alive emblems. Now is the time to begin in order to complete the requirements in time for the Mass with conferral of the Religious Emblems.

### ■ **Alzheimer's Association education programs**

Registration required for all programs; please call 1.800.272.3900 to register and for class descriptions. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. \$5 donation suggested.

*Creating Positive Holiday Experiences with a Loved One with Dementia:* This program will teach tips and strategies for making the holidays enjoyable by minimizing stress and frustration for everyone.

Dates:

- Nov. 3, 4-5 p.m., Chapel Hill Church, Fellowship Hall, 2601 U.S. 60, Henderson.
- Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m., PADD Office, 300 Hammond Dr, Hopkinsville.
- Nov. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wellington Parc, 2885 New Hartford Road, Owensboro.

### ■ **Diocesan-based marriage retreat**

The Family Life Office is pleased to bring our married couples in the Diocese of Owensboro an opportunity to attend our Living the Gift of Marriage – Married Couple's Retreat on March 25-26, 2017 at Lake Barkley Lodge in Cadiz, Kentucky. This retreat is led by Mario Sacasa, a licensed marriage and family therapist and director of counseling services at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Sacasa applies St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body to present day marital issues. Learn more about this upcoming marriage retreat, plus register and pay for it, all on our website, owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat.

### ■ **YOUTH 2000 Celebrates 20 Years**

YOUTH 2000 in the Diocese of Owensboro is celebrating a milestone as the 20<sup>th</sup> YOUTH 2000 is planned for March 18 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Interested youth should contact their youth minister. Brochures and registration forms are being printed this month.

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

## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

### NOVEMBER

#### 1 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Thomas Merton

3-4 Academy of Young Leaders

#### 4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend

#### 5 What's Your Story Writing Workshop

8-9 Audubon Area Workshop

#### 10 A Father Who Keeps His Promises

11-13 Ordained Deacons Retreat Weekend

12 Making Mats for Shelters Workshop

18-19 Campbell Sewing Weekend

19 Grief Camp

18-20 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

### DECEMBER

1-5 Cursillo Leaders Workshop

#### 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Gift - Theological

#### 8 A Father Who Keeps His Promises

#### 10 Advent Day of Prayer w/Msgr. Powers

#### 13 Advent Evening with Bishop Medley

16-17 Living and Learning with Love

16-18 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

### JANUARY 2017

#### 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Teilhard de Chardin

#### 6-8 Yarn Spinners Weekend

#### 9-13 Spiritual Direction Training (Week 6)

13-15 Retrouvaille Weekend

21-27 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

27-29 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register or to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**

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 Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Advent Day of Prayer

Presented by  
Monsignor Bernard Powers

Saturday,  
December 10

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
\$25 (includes lunch)



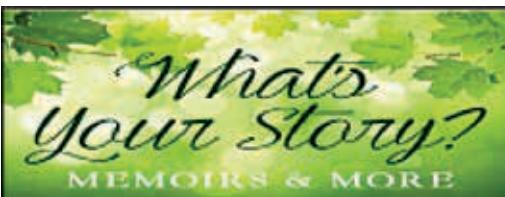
This Advent Day will prepare us for this  
holy time of waiting.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206  
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### Writing Workshop Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016

Facilitator: Kristine D. Adams



Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Fee: \$30

Everyone has a story, what's yours? Ask yourself, "Has my work or travel brought unusual people and situations into my life? Do parts of my life read as 'survivor' journals? Will my challenges – obstacles – discoveries be lost, if I don't record them?" Come away to jumpstart your personal life review. You'll gain techniques to make sense of it all.

The two-hour workshop is offered in the pristine environment of Maple Mount, with all materials provided. The interactive, multi-media presentation explores techniques to enable discovery. Participants receive original, take home memory-prompting materials. Do it for yourself, to preserve family stories, or to share stories with others.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty  
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### Join St. Stephen Cathedral for Eucharistic Adoration on Election Day, Nov. 8

"Faithful citizenship"—this is a call from the Holy Father.

Pope Francis tells us, "The people are sovereign. I will only say: Study the proposals well, pray and choose in conscience." Prayer is the best "medicine" for our ailing political climate. St. Stephen Cathedral, the mother church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, invites all the faithful to join together for Eucharistic Adoration. We will offer this time in the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior as we pray for the elections, and for those who will be elected to office. We will begin with Holy Mass at 12:05 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 8, followed by Exposition and Adoration until 6 p.m., when the polls close. The church will be open to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer for the election process. But, if you are able to commit to a specific time, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office.

You may sign up for 30 minutes or for an hour. Call (270) 683-6525 or email [beni.howell@pastoral.org](mailto:beni.howell@pastoral.org). Invite your friends and neighbors to pray for guidance during this election time. Please, vote!

# Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi muy estimado Pueblo de Dios,

El mes pasado el huracán “Matthew” abatió la costa este de los Estados Unidos desde la Florida hasta Carolina del Norte. Aunque al parecer de forma oficial el huracán nunca tocó tierra en los Estados Unidos de todas formas ha sido la tormenta que más daño ha causado en más de una década. Se calculan son billones de dólares en daños y más trágico aun es que más de 20 personas han perdido la vida en solo Carolina del Norte debido a incidentes relacionados a la tormenta.

En los días previos en que el huracán “Matthew” comenzaba su trayectoria en la costa del atlántico, la tormenta con toda su fuerza abatió a la pequeña isla, la nación de Haití. Haití es la nación más pobre del hemisferio. En el pasado he tenido la bendición de visitar Haití en un par de ocasiones cuando en la parroquia de donde era párroco tenía una parroquia hermana en ese país. La pobreza es impresionante. Una vivienda típica en las aldeas

donde visité se sosténía solo de algunos palos y con pedazos de metal amarrados conformando la pared como también los techos.

Usualmente los pisos son solo de tierra y casi nunca hay agua potable.

Constantemente había filas, sobre



todo de mujeres y niñas cargando cubetas de cinco galones llenas de agua de los arroyos más cercanos que podían estar a buena distancia a veces incluso millas. Los arroyos siempre estaban congestionados con mujeres lavando ropa, una actividad diaria ya que pocos tenían más de un solo cambio. El cocinar se hacía afuera con leña. La vida es dura. Existe muy poca oportunidad de empleo. La riqueza forestal del ‘mahogany’ por décadas ya ha sido desaparecida. Inexplicablemente de la mayor parte de la tierra el gobierno es dueño y esa tierra se mantiene estéril. A nadie se le permite cultivarla.

Después del huracán leí que en una aldea donde habían 300 estructuras solo 17 seguían en pie. Aquellos que tenían tan poco perdieron lo que tenían. Aunque el número de fallecidos a través de la isla ha aumentado a 800, el número preciso nunca se sabrá. Las personas en las aldeas no sabrán si es que otras personas han muerto o si se fueron a otro lugar. Muchos de los cuerpos fueron arrastrados por las corrientes hasta el océano, para nunca ser recuperados o contabilizados.

En el domingo que siguió del impacto del huracán “Matthew” en Haití leí que las iglesias a través de la isla estaban llenísimas. Donde las iglesias fueron destruidas las personas se reunían para la misa al aire libre. El evangelio que se leyó ese domingo (Lucas 17; 11-19) es el mismo evangelio que la mayoría de nosotros escucharemos si vamos a Misa el día de Acción de Gracias. La historia de Jesús sanando a diez leprosos donde solo uno regresó agradecido.

Que esta sea nuestra meditación de Acción de Gracias. Podríamos ver a Haití en su mejor día y preguntarnos, ¿por qué cosa es lo que la gente podría estar agradecida? Pero la gran verdad es que las iglesias de Haití estaban llenas en su peor día con el pueblo dando gracias por las bendiciones de Dios.

“Dichosos los pobres, porque de ustedes es el reino de Dios” Lucas 6, 20

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA NOVIEMBRE 2016:

<b>NOVIEMBRE 2</b>	11:00 a.m. ● Unción en la Villa – Monte San José, Casa Madre
<b>NOVIEMBRE 5</b>	6:00 p.m. ● Confirmació – Parroquia San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
<b>NOVIEMBRE 6</b>	9:00 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Pastoral Diocesano – MCC
<b>NOVIEMBRE 9</b>	4:00 p.m. ● Misa y Cena, Celebración del 145º Aniversario – Escuela Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
<b>NOVIEMBRE 10</b>	10:00 a.m. ● Misa del Jubileo de Misericordia - Celebración – Padres de la Misericordia, Auburn, KY
<b>NOVIEMBRE 11-17</b>	12:00 p.m. ● Consejo de Evaluar las Leyes de Justicia Criminal – Frankfort, KY
<b>NOVIEMBRE 19</b>	1:45 p.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro
<b>NOVIEMBRE 21</b>	Reunión de la Conferencia Episcopal Católica de los Estados Unidos, Baltimore, MD
<b>NOVIEMBRE 22</b>	6:00 p.m. ● Misa de Clausura, ODYC – Centro Knicely, Bowling Green
<b>NOVIEMBRE 23</b>	10:00 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
<b>NOVIEMBRE 24</b>	1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
<b>NOVIEMBRE 27</b>	10-3:00 p.m. ● Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Hospital de Lourdes
<b>NOVIEMBRE 28-30</b>	9:00 a.m. ● Misa y Visita con las Pasionistas – Monasterio de las Pasionistas
<b>NOVIEMBRE 28-30</b>	8:00 a.m. ● Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias – Catedral de San Esteban
<b>NOVIEMBRE 28-30</b>	1:30 p.m. ● Misa – Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin
<b>NOVIEMBRE 28-30</b>	Reunión Provincial de los Obispos y Consejos Sacerdotales, – Owensboro, KY

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# Familia local describe su jornada, las bendiciones de una adopción abierta

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,  
EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Roger y Kathy Martin han escuchado historias de algunas personas que se enteran a la edad de 18 años que “por cierto, no soy tu padre biológico; soy tu padre adoptivo.”

Afortunadamente, eso no es la historia de su hijo Lucas ni su hija Avery. Pero es una de las razones que están agradecidos por haber aceptado una adopción abierta.

Kathy dijo que una cosa que le encanta sobre este estilo de adopción es “que hay un millón de situaciones de una adopción abierta. Hay diferentes niveles de apertura, y eso es lo que es tan maravilloso.”

Aunque Roger y Kathy conocieron las mamás biológicas de ambos Lucas y Avery, las jornadas de adopción fueron diferentes de forma increíble y bella.

## Buscar adoptar

Roger y Kathy llevaban años esperando empezar una familia cuando decidieron que fueron llamados a buscar la adopción.

“Yo me estaba deprimiendo, pero (Roger) dijo, ‘no, hay algo más para nosotros,’” dijo Kathy.

Ellos habían visto unos artículos en el Católico de Kentucky Occidental sobre la adopción a través de Caridades Católicas en la Diócesis de Owensboro, y se inscribieron para las clases informativas

sobre la adopción.

Caridades Católicas anima a la gente hacer adopciones abiertas, pero al principio la idea “nos dio mucho miedo...nunca había escuchado de eso antes,” dijo Kathy.

Después de las clases informativas sin embargo, los Martins decidieron que les gustaría buscar adopción abierta.

“¿Cómo no querer que los niños conocieran cosas de dónde vienen?” dijo Kathy. “Caridades Católicas lo explicaron muy bien.”

## Lucas

Les dijeron a los Martins que puede tomar años para que una pareja sea notificada sobre una posible adopción, pero con Lucas, sonó su teléfono después de solo tres meses.

Y cuando Roger y Kathy conocieron a la mamá biológica de Lucas, “tuvimos una conexión inmediatamente,” dijo Kathy.

“Supimos muy pronto y la mamá biológica supo también,” añadió. “No pudimos esperar vernos.”

La mamá biológica de Lucas incluso les pidió estar en el parto y Roger lo pudo agarrar y cortar el cordón umbilical.



La Familia Martin – Avery, Kathy, Roger y Lucas – compartieron su historia con el Católico de Kentucky Occidental el 6 de Octubre. Foto del WKC.

Kathy recuerda lo que dijo la mamá biológica después del nacimiento. Le dijo vete a cuidarlo: “Ya eres una mamá.”

## Avery

Cuando Lucas tenía dos años los Martins se dieron cuenta que estaban llamados a buscar la jornada de adopción por segunda vez. Esta vez el tiempo de esperar fue más largo y esperaron otros dos años antes de recibir otra llamada.

“Ellos dijeron que había una joven que estaba abierta a conocerlos,” dijo Kathy. “Y espera su bebé en marzo.”

La mamá biológica de Avery había escogido dos

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

P.D. Muchas de nuestras parroquias han hecho colectas especiales para Haití. Si usted no ha tenido la oportunidad de hacer una donación para el trabajo de socorro en Haití; si lo desea aun lo puede hacer. CRS (Catholic Relief Services) es la agencia internacional de ayuda de la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos. Esta agencia estaba ya asistiendo en Haití incluso antes del huracán. *Si usted puede hacer una donación, por favor haga el cheque a nombre de Diocese of Owensboro CRS y envíelo a mi oficina con domicilio de: 600 Locust Street, Owensboro KY 42301. Nosotros inmediatamente haremos su envío para ayudar al pueblo de Dios en Haití.*

## Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

parejas y tenía que escoger entre ellas. Lucas fue la razón que ella escogió a los Martins. Ellos se habían conocido en un restaurante para compartir una cena juntos, “y (Lucas) guio la oración antes de comer,” dijo Roger.

En el nacimiento de Avery, Kathy fue la primera en sostenerla.

## Compartir el amor

Su segunda experiencia fue más agridulce, explicó Kathy.

“Fue muy difícil ver lo que estaba pasando (la mamá biológica de Avery), lo que estaba viviendo,” dijo. “Literalmente salimos del cuarto de hospital de la mamá biológica con Avery en las manos, y fue lo más difícil.”

Los Martins dijeron que fue difícil al principio celebrar, “porque estábamos sintiendo el corazón roto (de la mamá biológica).”

Aunque los Martins y las dos mamás biológicas ahora están felices con sus decisiones, la experiencia dio a Kathy y Roger un aprecio por el sacrificio que hicieron.

“Es fácil para la gente juzgarlas y decir no puedo creer que harían eso, entregar a su hijo,” dijo Kathy. “Pero si sientes que no puedes criar a este bebé y darles un hogar, hay alguien que sí lo puede hacer, y hay alguien que está disponible compartir el amor del niño contigo.”

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley,

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## Tiempo en familia

Ahora a los cuatro de la familia Martins les gusta hacer actividades en familia como ir a pescar, ver carreras de carros, ir al zoológico y a la playa. También celebran lo que le llaman “días de te agarramos”, cuando conmemoran los días que los niños formaron parte de su familia.

“Celebramos ese día más que sus meros cumpleaños,” dijo Roger.

Kathy explicó que los días de “Te agarramos” normalmente marcan cuando las familias se juntan. Pero como los Martins estuvieron presentes en los nacimientos de los dos niños, “nosotros pusimos nuestros días de “Te agarramos” el día que se finalizó la adopción.”

Kathy pone fotos de sus actividades en familia en las redes sociales y como está conectada con ambas mamás biológicas de sus hijos, ellas pueden verlos crecer.

“¡Pongo mucho!” dice Kathy con una risa.

## i Para más información

Para más información sobre dar en adopción o adoptar un niño con la ayuda de Catholic Charities, llame a Cristóbal Gutiérrez a (270) 880-8018.

Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Presidente), y Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano. La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

# La Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento se prepara para la cena anual de Acción de Gracias para la comunidad

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El Domingo, 20 de Nov., la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento en Owensboro llevará a cabo su comida anual del Día de Acción de Gracias para la comunidad al mediodía.

La comida gratuita ha traído a personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida, incluyendo a personas sin hogar y familias del área que vienen por la convivencia positiva.

“Personas han dicho que si no tuvieran ese lugar para venir y comer, no comerían una cena de Acción de Gracias,” dijo Shelby Webster, una de los voluntarios.

La Hermana Jeannette Fennewald, SSND, coordinadora de la vida parroquial en Santísimo Sacramento, vino a la parroquia el año pasado y ha estado involucrada en los preparativos para la cena. Ella

dijo que los parroquianos contribuyen tiempo, esfuerzo y provisiones para la comida.

“Me quedé asombrada el año pasado de las donaciones,” dijo. La comida abundante normalmente consiste en macarrones con queso, camotes caramelados, pavo y relleno, carne en su salsa, puré de papas, col berza, pan de maíz y todo tipo de postres.

Algunos parroquianos por tradición proveen una cierta comida cada año, como la familia de Jean Higgs, quienes traen el col berza. Otras veces la orden se cambia y alguien nuevo contribuye al menú.

Marsha Allen, otra voluntaria, dice que “es un buen tiempo para convivir para todos los parroquianos,” y añadió que “no se niega a nadie.”

El número de participantes varía, pero la voluntaria Gloria Adams menciona que la cantidad que se junta ahora ha crecido igual al tamaño del picnic de Santísimo Sacramento – más de 150 participantes.

“Nuestra meta original fue de dar de comer al hambriento,” dijo Adams, y explicó que la cena se ha desarrollado para “estar abierta a todo Owensboro.”

Su compañera Barbara Hammond dice que la cena del Santísimo Sacramento ha llegado a ser una oportunidad

para otras iglesias locales construir comunidad. Aunque los cocineros y voluntarios siempre son del Santísimo Sacramento, muchas personas de iglesias no-católicas disfrutan llegar y comer juntos.

Hammond dice que un año los servicios de una de las iglesias locales terminaron tarde y “estaban preocupados que iban a perder la cena,” pero afortunadamente todavía había suficiente comida.

Allen dijo que si hay personas que no pueden salir por cuestiones de salud para disfrutar la cena con la comunidad, “hacemos lo posible para llevárselas la cena de Acción de Gracias.”

Otra vez “todo es gratis porque tenemos a personas con grandes corazones aquí en Santísimo Sacramento,” dijo Adams.



El Obispo William F. Medley, la Hermana Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, y el Padre John Vaughan son unos de los amigos que asistieron la cena de Acción de Gracias en Santísimo Sacramento en 2010. Foto de los archivos de WKC.



## Inscríbanse para el ODYC

La Conferencia Diocesana de Adolescentes de Owensboro (ODYC) se llevará a cabo el 18 y 19 de Noviembre. Es una conferencia de dos días para los adolescentes de las escuelas secundarias y preparatorias de los grados 7mo al 12vo. El tema de este año es Rico en Misericordia. El evento cuesta \$40 por persona para los participantes y los adultos supervisores. Se llevará a cabo en el Centro Knically en Bowling Green. Para inscribirse, visita [owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference](http://owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference).

## La Iglesia San Sebastián termina su deuda de hipoteca

Cathy Burden de la Parroquia de San Sebastián escribe: "El Padre John Igacho, párroco de San Sebastián en Calhoun simbolizando el fin de la deuda hipotecaria le prendió fuego al certificado de préstamo de nuestro edificio en una misa especial en acción de gracias el 14 de agosto del 2016. La celebración siguió después de la misa con una comida y música especial. Un tornado destruyó la iglesia anterior y otros edificios de la parroquia en enero del 2001, unas horas después de que el Obispo McRaith celebró la Confirmación en la iglesia. La pequeña parroquia empezó planes de reconstrucción inmediatamente. La nueva iglesia fue dedicada en mayo del 2005. Después de lo que recibieron del seguro, subsidios, dos campañas para recaudar fondos, contribuciones en memorial, y muchos, muchos eventos para recaudar fondos, por fin se pagó el préstamo en mayo del 2016. ¡Nosotros en la parroquia de San Sebastián nos gustaría agradecer a todos nuestros amigos y vecinos quienes nos ayudaron realizar esta meta!"



## VOCARE atrajo 464 personas y recaudó \$21,543 para apoyar las vocaciones

El viernes, 23 de septiembre, fue el tercer evento anual de VOCARE de la Diócesis de Owensboro, lo cual celebra, promueve y recauda dinero para las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada. Este año atrajo aproximadamente 464 personas de a través de toda la diócesis.

VOCARE 2016 comenzó con una hora social incluyendo un bar de varios whiskies americanos proveído por el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro, y la oportunidad de tomar fotos profesionalmente de los participantes. El evento incluyó una cena y un discurso principal de Andy Day, quien nació en Owensboro y ahora sirve como el director regional del sureste de FOCUS, la Fundación de Estudiantes Católicos Universitarios.

Dirigido por el Padre J. Patrick Reynolds, vicario general de la diócesis, la noche también incluyó oraciones dirigidas por el Obispo emérito Juan J. McRaith, la Hermana Amelia Stenger, OSU, y el Padre David Wilton, CPM.

Nuevo este año fue honrar a todos los sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos casados con un pequeño regalo - un rosario bendito por el Papa Francisco - para los que han sido ordenando, en votos religiosos o casados por más tiempo.

Esta noche a través de compromisos y donaciones, se recaudó \$21,543 para apoyar la educación de los seminaristas. Cuando se imprimió este periódico un total de \$102,526 había sido recaudado adicionalmente. El VOCARE del próximo año será el 22 de septiembre del 2017.



## Los hispanos Honor San Mateo

El 17 de septiembre la comunidad hispana de la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown celebró con un gran Encuentro conmemorando la fiesta de San Mateo, el santo patrono del pueblo de donde muchos de los hermanos guatemaltecos que residen en el área vienen. Aproximadamente 150 personas asistieron de los condados de Butler y Ohio, y también llegaron de otras regiones a través de y fuera de la Diócesis de Owensboro. El Encuentro incluyó mucha alabanza, alegría, música y reflexiones bíblicas etc. La misa fue celebrada por el P. Juan René Kalombo.

# Parroquias con Misas en Español

## Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Guthrie, KY - 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220  
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335  
o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

## Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

## Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

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

## Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754  
Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

## Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261  
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

## Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071  
Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

## Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303  
Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

## Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

## Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276  
Contacto: Hermana Patricia Sullivan, OP (270) 726-6963

## Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164  
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

## Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455  
Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737



## Fiesta de San Miguel

Parroquianos de la Iglesia Católica de San Miguel en Sebree parten en procesión de la iglesia hacia el parque de la ciudad donde se llevó a cabo su fiesta anual de su santo patrono el 2 de octubre del 2016. Alrededor de 200 personas celebraron la misa bilingüe seguida de un festival parroquial con juegos, comida, bailables y concursos. Se encuentra más fotos en [www.facebook.com/smsebree](http://www.facebook.com/smsebree).

# Cathedral docents enlighten visitors, parishioners

BY DONNA TARANTINO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

"Peace to All Who Enter Here" are the words set in a mosaic located over the entryway of St. Stephen Cathedral. Entrance through those doors provides a stunning interior view, but the numerous Christian features inside might go unnoticed by visitors and quite possibly Cathedral parishioners. Cathedral tours are a wonderful way to learn about the history and art of the Cathedral, and volunteers in the St. Stephen Docent ministry are pleased to share their knowledge to groups or individuals interested in a tour.

Docent Eddy McFarland often begins with the suggestion to "look up!" as tour participants gather around the baptismal font. Above the font is a feature depicting the names of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and the animal symbols often associated

with the evangelists. McFarland also says that he often hears exclamations of "wow" when visitors enter the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, dedicated to honor Bishop Emeritus John Jeremiah McRaith.

Bridgette Whittinghill's service in this ministry is important to her on a personal level. William LeRoy Hayden, grandfather of Bridgette's husband Rob, owned Hayden Planing Mill, which crafted the window frames for the Cathedral. Rob's family has belonged to St. Stephen since before construction of the building at its current location began in 1924.

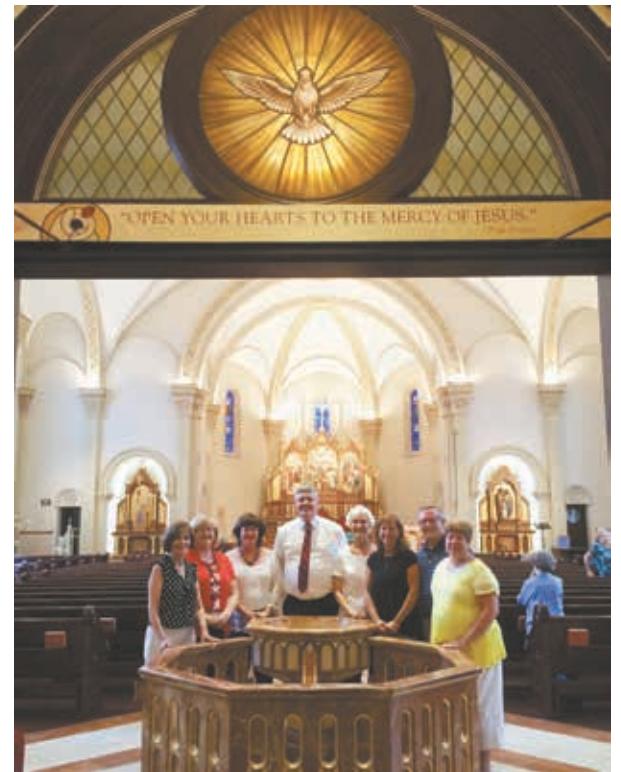
Denise Payne feels honored to serve as a docent. As a lover of history, she says, "it is an opportunity to share my faith and a part of our community's past. The stained glass windows bring the saints to life as we talk about their love of Jesus. The visitors then see themselves as part of a much larger church family."

Planning for a tour program began in 2012 with compilation of comprehensive historical and art information and development of a training guide. Although informal tours were conducted in November 2012 to coincide with the Cathedral rededication, the program officially began in September of 2013.

Since then the program has increased, including annual tours led during Fall Festivals and throughout the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The development and growth of the program is due to the efforts of those who have offered their talent and dedication along the way, including members of the Restoration & Renewal Committee, the Marketing & Communi-

cations Committee, and the volunteers who proudly serve as docents. Thanks also to Kathy Wright, Cathedral Docent Ministry Coordinator.

*Donna Tarantino serves as St. Stephen Cathedral's director of ministries & volunteers.*



St. Stephen Cathedral docents are proud to share their knowledge of the history of the cathedral. (Front row) Eddy and Lorraine McFarland, Mary Helen Nash, Denise Payne; (back row) Bridgette Whittinghill, Joan Perry, Kathy and John Wright. Not pictured: Doreen Harney. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen Cathedral.

## i Volunteer

More volunteer docents are always welcome and needed! Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Kathy at (270)685-2550. Tours are available for individuals or groups, and may be scheduled by calling the parish office at (270)683-6525.

## 'Purposeful Retirement': A retreat at Holy Name

BY LINDA PAYNE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sept. 16-18, 19 members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish were participants in the second retirement retreat entitled "Purposeful Retirement." While it's commonly noted that "Money can't buy happiness," it is evident to those who work for a living that it is required for the years that follow a job or career. However, what's not always evident is that the common saying also fits the retirement years; money can't buy a purposeful retirement. Most of us learn how to prepare financially for our retirement. However, many fewer have the understanding of how to make those years productive and meaningful.

The participants on this weekend were introduced to the 15 topics that can lead a retiree to understand what makes a successful retirement and what God's plan might be for him or her in the retirement years. The retreat master was to be Richard P. Johnson, Ph.D., author of "Creating a Successful Retirement: Finding Peace and Purpose." However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. Johnson was unable to be in Henderson.

In his stead, Fr. Anthony Shonis, who has attended more than one of Dr. Johnson's sessions, served as the retreat leader for the weekend. Using Dr. Johnson's books and materials, Fr. Shonis explained the topics pertaining to retirement and led the group in topic discussions including career reorientation, personal empowerment, and spiritual meaning. Those attending are now closer to understanding their own unique significance and can better find their own opportunities for growing closer to Christ throughout retirement. A personalized Christian Retirement Challenge Profile was derived from answers that each retreat member submitted on individual questionnaires prior to the weekend. This profile is a guide to planning steps to achieve personal success and satisfaction in retirement.

I was fortunate to be one of the participants on this weekend. I recently retired from a career in education and struggled a bit to find meaning in the following months. What did I learn on this weekend? I learned that the talents I used in my work can be



Participants of the Sept. 16-18 Purposeful Retirement retreat read the materials. Photo courtesy of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

applied to my retirement, that discerning opportunities to help others and finding the best "fit" for me provides purpose, that there are literally hundreds of opportunities, and that success comes only with much prayer that Christ guides me daily.

I did return to work. However, now I have tools I can use to plan for my next retirement. I don't know when that will be, but I do know it will be purposeful.

*Linda Payne is a parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson.*

## Office of Social Concerns seeks 'a few good people'

BY RICHARD MURPHY, OFFICE OF SOCIAL CONCERN

The diocese seeks people willing to serve in a ministry as Inclusion Representatives. An Inclusion Representative is someone who has some knowledge of disabilities, whether from personal or professional experience, and is willing to use this knowledge to serve others with disabilities and their families in their parish and in the diocese. Ideally, each parish

would have a representative, but in areas where parishes are combined by locale, priests, etc. one representative might serve. The representatives are guided and led by the Disabilities Awareness Committee, a group of volunteers with experience in disabilities, under the Office of Social Concerns at the McRaith Catholic Center. For a list of Inclusion Represen-

tative requirements and responsibilities, please visit our website, [owensborodiocese.org/social-concerns](http://owensborodiocese.org/social-concerns). After you've viewed the requirements and responsibilities, if you feel called to serve or have questions, please contact your parish office, your priest, or Social Concerns Director Richard Murphy (270) 852-8343 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

# National Vocation Awareness Week: How you can help

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

National Vocation Awareness week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year to observe the need for developing a culture of vocations. Beginning in 2014, the observance was moved to the first full week of November.

As part of our diocesan vocation plan to celebrate vocations, each parish, school, and campus ministry is encouraged to observe this week in a way that invites the faithful to increase awareness of and excitement for building the culture of vocations.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated November 6th - 12th as National Vocation Awareness Week. This annual celebration is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life and for continuing our

"A culture of vocations is one that provides the necessary support for others to hear and respond to God's call in their lives" (USCCB). It is a goal of the Diocese of Owensboro be a place where every young man and woman has the support they need to discern their vocation and because of that support, have the courage to respond to God's call to, "Follow me."

This support must occur first in the family and then in the parish community. Praying for vocations and encouraging children to seek God's plan for them not only builds a culture of vocations but strengthens families. Emphasizing God's specific plan He has for each child's life and the happiness that comes from following that plan should be of paramount importance to parents. Sometimes following God's plan means we have to change our own plans.

I envision a culture of vocations in our parishes as one in which any visitor who enters our doors will know vocations are prayed for, encouraged and supported. Our Catholic schools and campus ministry programs must also be instruments of this very important mission. A key value to a Catholic education

is the allowance and encouragement of prayer. Every student in our Catholic schools should be invited regularly to reflect upon their vocation and what God is calling them to do with their lives. Our Catholic schools and Catholic campus ministries must be places where young people are given an example of priesthood and consecrated life that is both attractive and admirable.

This is what building a culture of vocations is about and this is why the National Vocation Awareness Week is so important for drawing our attention to this vital mission of the Church. Every parish, school, and campus ministry vocation representative has received resources for celebrating the week. Look for opportunities to participate in this annual observance and to be a part of building a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Owensboro. Our work today is securing a priesthood for the future and the sacraments for your children, grandchildren, and future generations.

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## Sister Martha Keller leads her fourth mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF, URSULINE SISTERS OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH

On Sept. 20, 2016, Sister Martha Keller, OSU, led seven parishioners from St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm on their second weeklong mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica. She is the pastoral associate at St. Jerome and led a team in 2015 as well, and also twice led mission trips while serving at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah from 2008-11.

"There's something life-giving about being with the people," she said. "We take school supplies, coats, money. We know we are making a difference."

The team of six women and two men raised \$3,000 to build a single family home for Angela and

Lynroy Powell, who have 12 children.

Last year the group partnered with Water With Blessings, a ministry founded by Ursuline Sister Lorraine Lauter, that provides filters so people in impoverished nations can have clean drinking water. The St. Jerome group took 60 filters last year and took 30 more this year.

"The reward is that you've experienced the suffering Christ with the people," she said. "They are in poor health, they have bad nutrition, but they are so in tune with God. They are not dwelling on their suffering, but appreciative of what they have. If you give them a shirt or some medicine, it's like you gave them a million dollars. You can make a difference there."



Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Martha Keller (second from left) is pictured with missionary sisters serving in Jamaica. Sister Martha spent the week of Sept. 20 in Mandeville, Jamaica.

## Ursuline Sister Monica Seaton begins journey as director of vocation ministry

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF, URSULINE SISTERS OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH

When Sister Monica Seaton, OSU, was growing up, she thought priests and sisters were on a higher level than her.

"That leads to a feeling of unworthiness," Sister Seaton said. "But that was seeing them from a distance. When you get to know a sister, you realize we're human. You have to have that personal encounter."

Finding opportunities for those "personal encounters" between sisters and women who may be called to religious life is now one of Sister Seaton's goals in her new role as director of Vocation Ministry for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

"I don't think there's a lack of a call to religious

life," she said. "We need to let people know you don't have to be a super human to be in religious life. We are ordinary people doing ordinary things in service to God's people."

Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, congregational leader for the Ursuline Sisters, said Sister Seaton is energetic and has a strong commitment to the Ursuline community, two important qualities for a vocation director.

"I want to go to schools and youth groups in Owensboro," said Sister Seaton. "If you want a speaker, let me know."

To reach Sister Monica Seaton, email her at [vocations.msj@maplemount.org](mailto:vocations.msj@maplemount.org) or call her at 270-229-4103, ext. 218. Visit the vocations webpage at <http://ursulinesmsj.org/become-a-sister>.



Sister Monica Seaton, OSU.

# St. Paul School Orchestra breaks new ground

BY ST. PAUL SCHOOL STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

For the first time ever, St. Paul School in Grayson County began an orchestra program.

The idea was born in a Grayson County High School sophomore, Holly Sims, whose brother attended the small, parochial school in the rural St. Paul community.

Holly Sims and her friend, Tamara Goben, had both been members of the Grayson County Orchestra program since they were in elementary school. Both feeling very passionately about music, more specifically orchestra, talked about the need for an orchestra program at the school. Holly Sims' brother, Joseph Sims, was very excited about the idea in order to continue learning to play the violin.

Holly Sims brought the idea to her mother, Gina Sims, who teaches music at St. Paul School. Her mother was happy at the thought of having an orchestra at the school, but didn't realize how serious the girls were. Both girls were busy with extracurricular activities.

Once the 2015-16 school year began and both parents approved of the extra time that would be spent with this project, it had to be cleared through the school's principal.

## Moving forward

At that time that principal was Fr. Steve Hohman, who is also the pastor of St. Paul and St. Elizabeth parishes in St. Paul and Clarkson, respectively. Holly Sims



The St. Paul School Orchestra's first concert on July 27, 2016. Photo courtesy of St. Paul School.

had written a letter describing the proposed idea to him. They met soon after to discuss the possibility of the program.

Fr. Hohman was certain of Holly Sims' good intentions. But like her parents, he was unsure if the dedication required was something the girls could put forth. However, he wanted to give them the opportunity to try, and asked why she wanted to start this program.

"The school needs an orchestra program because the students can learn how to read music," said Holly Sims, "and be prepared if they want to join orchestra or band once they get to high school."

She added that the students could also play during Mass, once they reach that level of performance: "It will also boost the students' self-esteem as their playing will improve over time."

After the program was approved by the principal/pastor, Holly Sims talked with GCHS Orchestra and

band directors, Mr. and Mrs. Adam French and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell, for permission and advice.

They also needed contact information for places to rent or purchase instruments and the necessary items for the program. The band directors made certain allowances to accommodate the girls' tight schedule.

## First practice

In late February 2016, the girls' junior year, the St. Paul School Orchestra had its first practice.

Orchestra members then included cello players Terry Cundiff and Jarek Whitworth and violin players Joseph Sims, Rebecca DePoyster, John Smith, and Chloe Collard. All six members played for the first time.

Helping Holly Sims with the organization and

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# November Wedding Anniversaries

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

### *Blessed Mother, Owensboro*

Hugh & Lisa Bittel, 40  
 Kenneth & Alice Cole, 57  
 William & Evanna McBride, 40  
 Mike & Maria Wright, 51  
 Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, 60  
 Jared & Kelsey Pedley, 5

### *Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro*

Phillip & Joyce Moorman, 59  
 Christ the King, Madisonville  
 Richard & Ruth Dale, 52

### *Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington*

James H. & Betty Hardesty, 57  
 Joseph M. & Catherine Crews, 66  
 Alvin & Loretta Heck, 65

### *Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson*

Steve & Pamela Austin, 50  
 Richard & Diana Beaven, 25  
 Christopher & Leslie Burton, 5  
 William & Pam Crawford, 50  
 Larry & Jane Denton, 57  
 Donald & Sharon Dossett, 61  
 James & Debra Dunaway, 40  
 William & Sandra Haynes, 55  
 John & Melissa Hester, 5  
 Leland & Donna Leslie, 52  
 Bobby & Della May Marlin, 59  
 Charles & Kathleen Mills, 50  
 Ralph & Jeannine O'Nan, 58  
 Charles & Faye Pippin, 59  
 Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 55  
 Ronald & Judy Wilkerson, 55

### *Holy Spirit, Bowling Green*

Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 57  
 John & Linda Meyer, 52  
 Don & Judy Dobernic, 51  
 David & Lori Lewis, 40  
 Timothy & Regina South, 25  
 Leland & Eva Davis, 10  
 Randy & Jean Thompson, 55

### *Immaculate Conception, Hawesville*

Mike & Sheila Ogle, 51  
 J. Rodney & Loretta Wheatley, 51  
 William & Phyllis Emmick, 53

### *Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro*

Chad M. & Lorna Thompson, 5  
 Stephen & Patty Johnson, 52  
 E. L. & Dianne Woodward, 53  
 Gene & Shirley Zoglmam, 56

### *Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro*

Haymen & Marie Ward, 55  
 Donald & Mary Blanford, Sr., 63  
 Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 62  
 James & Joan Johnson, 55  
 William M. & Martha Mills, 55  
 John & Pat Mountain, 60  
 Tom & Rosella C. Whitsett, 66  
 Jason & Kira Stallings, 5  
 William & Amanda Boarman, 10  
 Paul J. & Sarah Hayden, 50  
 Joseph & Theresa Clark, 50

### *Precious Blood, Owensboro*

Charles & Shirley Merimee, 60  
 Sherman & Dolores Roberts, 53

### *Sacred Heart, Russellville*

William & Jean Danhauer, 65

### *St. Agnes, Uniontown*

Bobby & Denise Buckman, 40  
 Ross & Jane Thomas, 57  
 Gerald & Marilyn Greenwell, 55  
 Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckmans, 57

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

Richard & Nancy Blandford, 54

Bill & Daisy Gibson, 59

Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly, 58

Doug & Janie Hayden, 52

Kenneth & Maggie Ballou, 5

### *St. Ann, Morganfield*

John & Peggy Jenkins, 54

Eddie & Mary Jo Steward, 51

Harold & Kathy Thomas, 57

### *St. Anthony, Axtel*

Kenneth & Nori Baurle, 51

### *St. Anthony, Peonia*

Arthur & Linda Pierce, 53

### *St. Augustine, Grayson Springs*

John & Sue Mudd, 53

### *St. Charles, Bardwell*

Walter & Ethel O'Neill, 52  
 Dan & Jane Thomas, 50

### *St. Charles, Livermore*

James & Margie Logsdon, 53

### *St. Columba, Lewisport*

Joseph & Betty Jo Bolin, 40

### *St. Denis, Fancy Farm*

Darrell & Lisa Brewer, 25

### *St. Edward, Fulton*

Bill & Jean Fenwick, 64

### *St. Jerome, Fancy Farm*

Josh & Tiffany Bailey, 10  
 Richard & Elaine Hayden, 50  
 Jerry & Lyndia Elder, 53  
 Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, 67  
 Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 58

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

Glenn & Judy Smith, 53  
 Francis & Dorothy Scheer, 62  
 Bennie & Doris Durbin, 66

### *St. Joseph, Bowling Green*

William & Louise Moore, 63  
 Stan & Cody Young, 54  
 Donnie & Pam Pierce, 5

### *St. Joseph, Central City*

Jim & Mary Beyke, 57

### *St. Joseph, Mayfield*

Howard & Rita Darnell, 53  
 Douglas & Hilda Webb, 68  
 John & Helen Riley, 60  
 Michael & Amy Elliott, 25

### *St. Lawrence, Philpot*

Jason Lynn & Tiffany Milan, 10

### *St. Leo, Murray*

David & Margaret Perez, 50  
 Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 60

### *St. Martin, Rome*

Wayne & Betty Hamilton, 51  
 Larry & Sharon Gillim, 57

### *St. Mary, Franklin*

Dr. A. V. & Kay Wilwayco, 58  
 Harry & Mae King, 53

### *St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho*

Jim & Martha Kamuf, 53

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

Andrew & Theresa Greer, 10  
 Richard & Lisa Armes, 25  
 Larry & Linda Nash, 40  
 Lou & Martine Boarman, 68  
 Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 62  
 J. W. & Mary Morris, 64

### *St. Michael, Sebree*

Michael & Gina Alvey, 40

### *St. Peter, Waverly*

George & Regina Vogel, 68  
 Darrell & Bernice Russelburg, 55

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

Sonny & Rosie Clary, 55  
 Hugh & Betty Cecil, 64

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

Jerry & Gayle Seay, 63  
 James & Shirley Poat, 50

### *St. Pius X, Owensboro*

Caleb & Bailey Stiff, 5  
 George & Geraldine Keller, 52  
 Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 57

### *St. Romuald, Hardinsburg*

Tobias & Patty Durran, 10  
 Mike & Brenda Elder, 40  
 George & Nancy Walz, 51  
 Wayne & Judy Hardesty, 54  
 Carroll & Brenda Whitfill, 25

### *St. Stephen, Cadiz*

Joe & Janie Anderson, 51  
 Norman & Kelly Geist, 5  
 Lonnie & Pam Wimsatt, 52

### *St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensesboro*

John & Lauren Calhoun II, 10  
 James & Jolene Hudson, 60  
 Wm. E. & Jean Danhauer, Jr., 66

### *St. Thomas More, Paducah*

Tommy & Zoe Owen, 10  
 Josh & Amy Webb, 10  
 Ramon & Susana Garcia, 25  
 Mike & Yvonne Bosch, 50  
 Jim & Sharon Godec, 54  
 Jack & Vonnie Howard, 54  
 Wayne & Margaret Hagan, 58

### *St. William, Knottsville*

Jason & Jenna Leighann Turner, 10  
 David E. & Becky Morris, 25  
 Thomas & Stella Boehmann, 52

### *Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie*

Mark & Ana Issac, 25

### *Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensesboro*

Donald & Martha Hare, 61  
 Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, 52  
 Charles & Florence Howard, 61

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

Thomas & Winnie Wilson, 64  
 Arnold & Julia Borders, 61  
 Henry & Hannelore Kumpfmuller, 59  
 Charles & Judy Folz, 55  
 Ronny & Darlene Fuller, 52  
 John & Margie Cook, 50  
 Christopher & Stephanie Blankenbeger, 5

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practices were her mother, Gina Sims, Goben, and Judith Darst, another Grayson County High Orchestra student.

The group practiced on Mondays regularly, with the goal of playing two songs at the schools' eighth grade graduation. They were all happy to meet that goal in June.

Once that hurdle was overcome, the St. Paul Orchestra was very eager to begin plans for their first concert.

On July 27, 2016, parents, students, teachers and parishioners attended Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish. The orchestra played two songs during Mass; the concert began shortly after.

The concert featured a solo by Chloe Collard, a duet by Joseph Sims and Terry Cundiff, and a trio by Rebecca DePoyster, John Smith and Jarek Whitworth. After the concert everyone was invited to a small reception in the parish hall.

"This is the first time in the history of St. Paul School, which is over 100 years, that we have ever had an orchestra," said Fr. Hohman after the concert. "Needless to say, we are pretty excited about this."

He said this was a "good start" for a program "that we hope to see grow and improve more with each passing year."

He expressed particular thanks to Gina and Holly Sims, and the others who made the orchestra happen.

"We thank the Lord for the kids who have entered the program, and their willingness to learn and improve," he said.

## A new year

With the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, the new orchestra program is in full swing.

They played during Grandparents' Day Mass on Sept. 12 and are planning a fall concert, likely in November.



Holly Sims and Tamara Goben, the teens responsible for bringing St. Paul Orchestra to life. Photo courtesy of the Sims family.

The hope is to continue to have GCHS students to lead the orchestra. This strictly voluntary program also provides the high schoolers, who are the directors, with service hours and a unique teaching experience.

"The students of St. Paul school are truly blessed to have the opportunity to participate in orchestra," said Kim Smith, St. Paul's new principal. "Being involved in the orchestra is giving our students the chance to strengthen their team-work, commitment, discipline, and self-confidence."

Smith added that the orchestra includes elements "that I as a parent want to instill in my own children, so being able to offer this for our students is very important."

She said that the school will never be able to thank the high schoolers enough for their dream of a St. Paul orchestra. "I plan for this program to continue to grow and continue to enrich our students' lives," she said.