As midnight Mass was about to begin, Dec. 24, inside the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption all was calm and peaceful as Dr. Gregory Schaeffer, organist, and LeeAnn Kordenbrock, soloist and cantor, filled the cathedral with Christmas hymns. This year the full Bishop's Choir and congregational singing were suspended as, even on Christmas Eve, COVID-19 protocols were observed for the health and safety of everyone.

The congregation was masked and the crowd was greatly reduced yet the Cathedral was adorned in greenery and cheery red poinsettias led the way up the sanctuary steps to the altar. At the stroke of midnight, Bishop Roger Foys processed to the Cathedral's nativity scene and removed a cloth which covered the baby Jesus who laid in the manger in the Cathedral's nativity scene.

"Today is born a savior who is Christ the Lord. That is why we come together to celebrate," Bishop Foys said as he began his homily.

Acknowledging that much has changed in our lives, in our country and in our world since last Christmas, Bishop Foys said, "The message (of Christmas) is the same every year, but we don't remain the same. Our lives change, we change — we grow old, we grow wiser. This year certainly has been a year of change."

Reflecting on St. Luke's nativity narrative (the Gospel reading for midnight Mass) Bishop Foys focused on the innkeeper.

"In that narrative are the saddest words, 'There was no room at the inn.' Maybe that hasn't changed that much either," Bishop Foys said. "Still in the lives of many people, in the lives of many nations, there is no room for Jesus. Every year at Christmas we have to ask ourselves, 'Do I have any room for Jesus in my life? Have I opened the door wide for him to come into my heart, into my mind, into my soul? Do I let him dwell within me or have I shut him out?'

Bishop Foys shared a message of how, even in the darkest times, it is possible to find and keep joy.

"When we let Jesus into our lives, into our hearts, into our minds, into our souls we are transformed. Once we do that, there is nothing and there is no one who can take our joy from us. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, let us open our hearts to him and let him live in us."
Covington Christmas Tree dedicated

Rain and sleet couldn’t stop the dedication of the Christmas tree Dec. 16 at St. Mary’s Park, Covington. A small crowd gathered to hear remarks from Joe Meyer, mayor of Covington; Kendra McGuire, superintendent of Catholic Schools; and Bishop Roger Foys, who blessed the tree and dedicated it to the students of the diocesan schools. “When the government and the Church work hand in hand, we can do great things,” said Bishop Foys, before blessing the 20-foot tree. “With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us, and may it guide us to that perfect light, who is Emmanuel, God with us,” he prayed.

The tree was decorated by members of the Diocese of Covington Curia staff, using ornaments contributed by the diocesan schools — hundreds of those crafted by individual students. “We dedicate the tree to all the students enrolled in the school system of the Diocese of Covington,” said Bishop Foys. “They’ve had to make an awful lot of sacrifices… and we wanted some way to bring them all together. We thank God for them and for their parents. … We were really pleased with the number of students who sent ornaments.” Mr. Mark Guilfoyle was master of ceremonies.

Dedicated priest cared for souls, gave everything to his priesthood and parish family

Laura Keener
Editor

Father Mario Joseph Tizziani, a priest of the Diocese of Covington, died Saturday, Dec. 26, at Carmel Manor in Ft. Thomas, Ky. He was born April 8, 1954, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Lino John and Catherine Gabriel Tizziani. A 1972 graduate of Toronto High School, Toronto, Ohio, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy, then later graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. For 15 years he taught elementary, middle and high school in Jacksonville, Florida, where he was named Regional Teacher of the Year in 1999. Later, he pursued a doctorate degree in history from his beloved Ohio State University. On June 23, 2006, he was ordained as a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Covington, Ky.

In a 2004 interview with the Messenger, as a seminarian looking toward priesthood Father Tizziani said, “I think that the important factor is that I be a holy priest, a man of God and live a life that challenges my flock to live holy lives.”

Father Mario was installed as pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Independence, Aug. 10, 2008. In 2015, he received the Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association. On July 10, 2017, he led the groundbreaking of a $5.5 million expansion, including a gymnasium at St. Cecilia Catholic School, to its completion in 2019. In October of 2018, under his leadership, St. Cecilia School was named a Blue Ribbon School. Father Mario was also instrumental in the success of St. Cecilia’s annual Labor Day Festivals during his tenure. Toronto High School named him a Distinguished Alumni in September of 2019.

Father Mario Tizziani was ordained for almost 15 years and spent that entire time at St. Cecilia Parish in Independence, first as parochial vicar and then as pastor,” said Bishop Roger Foys. “He referred to the parish as his home and to his parishioners as his family. To say he was actively involved (Continued on page 3)
Messenger
January 8, 2021

2020 — A year in the life of the Diocese of Covington

As reported in the Messenger, how the local Church lived its faith in the last year

Items are listed in the month they occurred; in a number of cases, the news appeared in the Messenger the following month.

January

Alan Pickett, executive director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, director, Alliance for Catholic Urban Education and Andrew Vandrimer, associate director, Catholic Conference of Kentucky, attended the Northern Kentucky Legislative Forum to promote Scholarship Tax Credit legislation.

The Cathedral Concert Series continued with its annual Epiphany Epilogue.

Joseph Chilu, president, Thomas More University begins “Coming to Your Tour” to engage alumni and build momentum for centennial.

Preparations for the 2020 DPPA began with the taping of Bishop Foy’s message and with Mary Paul Schuh, general chair and Randy Rawe, leadership gifts chair, meet with Curia staff.

After 67 years, Father Robert Risen was reunited with his lost 1945 Newport Catholic class ring.

Stephen Enzevier, Cathedral historian, shares how the Dwayne murals were saved from total ruin by Cincinnati artist William B. Blank who had traveled in 1920’s to dean the paintings, but discovered the murals to be in a rapid state of decay and in need of restoration.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul partners with Northern Kentucky University School of the Arts for its first “Creative Compassion: A Night of Art for Our Neighbors in Need.”

The monthly Holy Hour for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Sanctification of Priests is held.

The Day of Prayer and Penance for Life is held in the diocese.

NKU Catholic Newman Center welcomes international author and speaker Chris Stefanick as it hosts “Beboe” event.

The Congregation of Divine Providence reflect and discuss Pope Francis’ document “Laudato Si’” and encourage students to support its efforts to address planetary decay and to work for a more just and sustainable world.

Issues of the weekly “We Choose Life,” the monthly feature from the diocesan Pro-Life Office, discusses how abortion is a symptom of multiple attacks on the family — radical feminism, casual divorce, comprehensive sex education, artificial contraception, pornography, same-sex weddings, transgenderism, which aim to annihilate the structure and purpose of the family.

As the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins, Bishop Foy says that “We are called as Catholics to transmit the faith — one means of accomplishing that goal is through Catholic schools.”

About 300 students and lay faithful from the Diocese of Covington attended the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Students, parents, teachers and supporters attend the Schoolhouse Rally in Frankfort.

Crew members from the DeSales Media, New York, group began taping for a documentary on the Cathedral and Bishop Roger Foy which will be a featured segment on a developing series called “The Choir.”

Bishop Foy celebrates Mass at St. Augustine School, Covington and St. Mary School, Alexandria, in recognition of Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Charities Mercy Mat Ministry distributed over 35 sleeping mats and pillows to area homeless during the annual

(Continued on page 6)
One of the least illuminating descriptors that makes its way around the Catholic commentariat is “culture warrior.” The term is invariably used by someone on the left in order to exorcise a right-wing Catholic for his opposition to abortion on demand, gay marriage, restrictions on religious liberty, etc. This resistance, we are told, amounts to “negativit[y],” “divisiveness,” and of course, “an unwillingness to dialogue.” I can only smile when I hear this from representatives of the left, for they seem happily to overlook their own rather fierce resistance to the culture in regard to a wide range of issues. When people on the port side of the Catholic commentariat hold forth against racism, xenophobia, homophobia, militarism, capital punishment, environmental pollution, the current immigration policy of our country, etc., how are they not engaging in culture warfare? Are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare? How are they not engaging in culture warfare?

Two champions of the Catholic left — and particular heroes of mine — are Dorothy Day and Martin Luther King. They both were willing to dialogue in regard to different subjects. Truth to tell, both left and right are, in their distinctive ways, following the suggestion of St. John Henry Newman that the Church moves through any given culture the same way a foraging animal moves through its environment — which is to say, assimilating what it can and resisting what it must. They just differ in regard to precisely what should be resisted and what can be assimilated. And this brings me to the point of this article — namely, what Alfred North Whitehead called “the fallacy of misplaced concreteness.” By this term, the great philosopher meant the tendency to treat pure abstractions as something real, as identical to things, objects and events. Abstractions can, of course, be useful, but when one mistakes themselves for the concretely real, one obfuscates rather than clarifies what is under discussion. So consider the abstraction “culture warrior” as used by a left-wing commentator as a negative characterization of his opponent. As we have shown, it can’t possibly name anything real, since the accuser is every bit as much a culture warrior as the accused. It therefore func-

When St. Augustine said that “concerning taste there can be no dispute,” he was only partially right. Admittedly, taste always has a subjective aspect, but there’s always an objective component as well: objective, if you will, a known fact. If a million dollars are poured into the making of a multi-award-winning film, that film is no more and no less a success because there are a million of them. If one knows that there are 10,000 paintings by van Gogh, that might be a reason to believe that a painting is not a van Gogh. With that being said as an apologia, I admit that my selection of these 10 books has a strongly subjective factor. These are simply the books that spoke most deeply to me this past year: Perhaps they won’t do the same for you. Nonetheless, I assure you that none of them is a cheap soda. Which 10 books spoke to me most deeply this past year?

Clare Carlisle, “Philosopher of the Heart, The Restless Life of Soren Kierkegaard.” If you’ve never read a good introduction to the life and work of Soren Kierkegaard, this is your book. It’s a unique combination of scholarship, clear writing, criticism of, and sympathy for, Kierkegaard.

Michael J. Buckley, “What Do You Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise.” Among the books I read this year, this book challenged me the most personally. Michael J. Buckley, who died in 2019, shines a light into your soul. I read this book in a deathbed. However, as Byock urges, it is best to start saying your opening sentence. The four most important things you will ever say are: Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you. These are words people speak when they’re dead. How is it that St. Augustine doesn’t give us a reason to believe that there are a million of them.

Gerhard Lohfink, “Prayer Takes Us Home, The Theology and Practice of Christian.” Gerhard Lohfink is a German biblical scholar and always worth reading. This is his fourth book in English and, like his others, it is a rare combination of scholarship, personal faith and good clear writing.

Murrell Barbery, “The Elegance of the Hedgehog.” This is a novel written in the most beautiful, witty, and wise way possible. Not for you if you’re looking for action. This is star


Lyn Cowan, “Portrait of the Blue Lady, The Character of Melancholy.” Another book that was written 16 years ago but only found me this year. It’s a book on melancholy written by a brilliant Jungian and mythologist. Here’s a taste: “Melancholy has even lost its name: melancholy is now ‘depression,’ clinicalized, pathologized and undifferentiated from the blue ‘melancholy’ formerly recognized by poets, philosophers, blues singers and doctors alike, now experienced as a ‘troubled rubbish’ rather than a ‘difticult, often painful afflication of the soul that is not an ill- ness and doesn’t want treatment.” For Cowan, melancholy is your inroad to befriending the deeper parts of your soul.

Ira Byock, “The Four Things that Matter Most.” First published in 2004, this is a very popular book that deserves to be popular. Byock gives his whole thesis in the book’s opening sentence. The four most important things you will ever say are: Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you. These are words people speak when they’re dead. How is it that St. Augustine doesn’t give us a reason to believe that there are a million of them.

Obat Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher and award-winning author, is president of the Oblate School of Theology San Antonio, Texas.
A lesson from Charlie Brown

Maybe it’s because, in this time of isolation, when we can’t see the people we usually see at the holidays and do the things we usually do at Christmas, the traditions we can still take part in gain a special luster. That includes a TV special about returning to basics— to our roots. Even if that means a scrawny, little cartoon Christmas tree that can’t hold a single ornament— at least not until it gets what it needed— “a little love.”

We all need a little extra love this year. This is especially true for those at both ends of the spectrum—the elderly and children.

This is why the Vatican Diocesacy for Laity the Family and Young People launched this Advent to share the gift of wisdom from our elders.

Today, in the difficult circumstances of a Christmas still darkened by the pandemic, we are proposing that young people post on social media a memory, a piece of advice or a “gift of wisdom” they have received from one of the elderly people in their family. If they have formed a bond in recent months, the diocese wrote at the campaign’s Nov 23 launch. It follows the diocese’s July efforts when it “collected virtual hugs sent by many young people to both their own grandparents and to adopted grandparents.”

The idea of both campaigns is to encourage young people to reach out to grandparents and other elderly people, to ease their isolation, but also to create bonds. It all stems from a July 26 Angelus message by Pope Francis addressed to all grandchildren as he spoke of Jesus’ own family in the Gospels.

They lived in different centuries and in different parts of the world, but in many ways Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and Italian teenager Carlo Acutis exemplify the Catholic experience of their era.

Father McGivney, with a hands-on charitable ministry to the immigrant poor in Hartford, Connecticut, in the late 1800s, Acutis, with the faith-themed digital content he created in the early days of social networking.

Each of them continues on a journey toward sainthood with October beatification ceremonies. We look forward to their canonizations, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Father McGivney’s parish-based ministry was on track to grow into the worldwide Knights of Columbus when he died in a flu outbreak in 1890 at age 38. Acutis, with the faith-themed digital content he created in the early days of social networking.

Even as a young child, Acutis was deeply involved in his Catholic faith, attending Mass twice a day and placing the Eucharist at the center of his life. In his short time on earth, he developed a huge online following and became known for quotes such as “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.” One of his last major online accomplishments was the creation of a database of eucharistic miracles around the world.

His mother, using today’s social media terminology, called the teen “an influencer for God.”

Father McGivney, too, accomplished much in his relatively short life. Ordained in 1877, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 as a fraternal order of Catholic men to ease the isolation of widows and orphans. It has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

It is a reflection of Father McGivney’s vision and the culture of Christian service he helped to create. The Knights of Columbus are an ongoing presence in the Church, along with the affiliated women’s groups established later as the Catholic Women’s League.

Do we have to say it? We’re praying that more people will live their faith like Father McGivney and Carlo Acutis.

Sometimes, as with Father McGivney, it means engaging in acts of charity — to teach young people how to care for their neighbors in need.

The example of Acutis is one of courage to proclaim the faith in the face of a secular and often hostile world, indeed proclaiming it directly to the world through the harsh lens of the internet, and to continue his mission while coping with a terminal illness.

With their beatification, they’re called by the title “Blessed. They’ve already shown us they’re worthy of the honor.”

This unsigned editorial is from the website of Catholic New York, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York and sent the views of Catholic News Service or of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Their lives were blessed

They lived in different centuries and in different parts of the world, but in many ways Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and Italian teenager Carlo Acutis exemplify the Catholic experience of their era.

Father McGivney, with a hands-on charitable ministry to the immigrant poor in Hartford, Connecticut, in the late 1800s, Acutis, with the faith-themed digital content he created in the early days of social networking.

Each of them continues on a journey toward sainthood with October beatification ceremonies. We look forward to their canonizations, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Father McGivney’s parish-based ministry was on track to grow into the worldwide Knights of Columbus when he died in a flu outbreak in 1890 at age 38. Acutis, with the faith-themed digital content he created in the early days of social networking.

Even as a young child, Acutis was deeply involved in his Catholic faith, attending Mass twice a day and placing the Eucharist at the center of his life. In his short time on earth, he developed a huge online following and became known for quotes such as “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.” One of his last major online accomplishments was the creation of a database of eucharistic miracles around the world.

His mother, using today’s social media terminology, called the teen “an influencer for God.”

Father McGivney, too, accomplished much in his relatively short life. Ordained in 1877, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 as a fraternal order of Catholic men to ease the isolation of widows and orphans. It has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

It is a reflection of Father McGivney’s vision and the culture of Christian service he helped to create. The Knights of Columbus are an ongoing presence in the Church, along with the affiliated women’s groups established later as the Catholic Women’s League.

Do we have to say it? We’re praying that more people will live their faith like Father McGivney and Carlo Acutis.

Sometimes, as with Father McGivney, it means engaging in acts of charity — to teach young people how to care for their neighbors in need.

The example of Acutis is one of courage to proclaim the faith in the face of a secular and often hostile world, indeed proclaiming it directly to the world through the harsh lens of the internet, and to continue his mission while coping with a terminal illness.

With their beatification, they’re called by the title “Blessed. They’ve already shown us they’re worthy of the honor.”

This unsigned editorial is from the website of Catholic New York, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York and sent the views of Catholic News Service or of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.
(Continued from page 3)

February

Randy Rawe, DPAA leadership gifts chair, welcomes 30 leadership gifts solicitors to the annual Leadership Gifts Luncheon, Phase I of the 2020 DPAA.

The Knights of Columbus Northern Kentucky presented checks to support the diocese’s 13 seminarians.

As part of its yearlong Centennial Celebration, Father Daniel Vogelpohl and parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish, host “Decades of Do,” a celebration of marriage.

Part I of a three-part series on the 150th anniversary of St. Augustine Parish, Covington, looks at the church renovations and the parish’s $0.5 million 2020 Capital Campaign.

Father Gerald Reinersman celebrated the monthly young adult Candlelight Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Bellevue.

Bishop Foys institutes 18 permanent deacon aspirants — 13 from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and five from the Diocese of Covington — to the ministry of lector.

Garren Colvin, president, St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Academy’s VillaRama 2020 as the fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” RCIA coordinator meeting.

Bishop Foys blesses and dedicates the $7.8 million addition at St. Henry District High School which includes dedicated space for information technologies, a STEM lab and primarily a fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, is the keynote speaker at the annual CRS Rice Bowl kick-off event.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” vocation discernment retreat organized by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

Terrie Glassman, diocesan payroll coordinator, retires after six years of service.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization prepare catechists for evangelization weekend at its annual BKE-CR and RCLA coordinator meeting.

Jeff Brammer is installed as acolyte at St. Patrick Parish, Maryville.

Bishop Foys celebrates Mass at St. Henry School, Elsmere.

Bishop Foys ordains Joe Rielage to the transitional diaconate in an empty cathedral April 8, during the public suspension of Masses. Deacon Rielage’s sister is the only guest in attendance.

Bishop Foys blesses and dedicates the $7.8 million addition at St. Henry District High School which includes dedicated space for information technologies, a STEM lab and primarily a fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, is the keynote speaker at the annual CRS Rice Bowl kick-off event.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” vocation discernment retreat organized by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

Terrie Glassman, diocesan payroll coordinator, retires after six years of service.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization prepare catechists for evangelization weekend at its annual BKE-CR and RCLA coordinator meeting.

Jeff Brammer is installed as acolyte at St. Patrick Parish, Maryville.

Bishop Foys celebrates Mass at St. Henry School, Elsmere.

Bishop Foys ordains Joe Rielage to the transitional diaconate in an empty cathedral April 8, during the public suspension of Masses. Deacon Rielage’s sister is the only guest in attendance.

Bishop Foys blesses and dedicates the $7.8 million addition at St. Henry District High School which includes dedicated space for information technologies, a STEM lab and primarily a fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, is the keynote speaker at the annual CRS Rice Bowl kick-off event.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” vocation discernment retreat organized by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

Terrie Glassman, diocesan payroll coordinator, retires after six years of service.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization prepare catechists for evangelization weekend at its annual BKE-CR and RCLA coordinator meeting.

Jeff Brammer is installed as acolyte at St. Patrick Parish, Maryville.

Bishop Foys celebrates Mass at St. Henry School, Elsmere.

Bishop Foys ordains Joe Rielage to the transitional diaconate in an empty cathedral April 8, during the public suspension of Masses. Deacon Rielage’s sister is the only guest in attendance.

Bishop Foys blesses and dedicates the $7.8 million addition at St. Henry District High School which includes dedicated space for information technologies, a STEM lab and primarily a fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, is the keynote speaker at the annual CRS Rice Bowl kick-off event.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” vocation discernment retreat organized by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

Terrie Glassman, diocesan payroll coordinator, retires after six years of service.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization prepare catechists for evangelization weekend at its annual BKE-CR and RCLA coordinator meeting.

Jeff Brammer is installed as acolyte at St. Patrick Parish, Maryville.

Bishop Foys celebrates Mass at St. Henry School, Elsmere.

Bishop Foys ordains Joe Rielage to the transitional diaconate in an empty cathedral April 8, during the public suspension of Masses. Deacon Rielage’s sister is the only guest in attendance.

Bishop Foys blesses and dedicates the $7.8 million addition at St. Henry District High School which includes dedicated space for information technologies, a STEM lab and primarily a fine arts center home to the 650-seat Drees Homes Auditorium.

Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services, Ghana, is the keynote speaker at the annual CRS Rice Bowl kick-off event.

About 60 young women attend the annual “Called to Love” vocation discernment retreat organized by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

Terrie Glassman, diocesan payroll coordinator, retires after six years of service.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization prepare catechists for evangelization weekend at its annual BKE-CR and RCLA coordinator meeting.

Jeff Brammer is installed as acolyte at St. Patrick Parish, Maryville.

Bishop Foys celebrates Mass at St. Henry School, Elsmere.

Obituaries

Glennary Father John Rausch
Notre Dame Sister Mary Paulla Hannekens
Deacon Timothy Schobell

March

At the Rite of Election, 96 catechumens and 128 candidates are presented to Bishop Foys.

Kick-off dinners are held at The Priming House, Cynthiana and receptions. Elfanger, for this year’s $2.6 million Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal.


Governor Andy Beshear announces Kentucky’s first case of coronavirus in Harrison County. Harrison County schools, including St. Edward School, Cynthiana, are closed March 11-14 and St. Edward CCD classes are canceled March 8-9 and March 15-16. Bishop Foys announces liturgical guidelines to prevent the spread of the coronavirus including sanitizing of...
hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion, eliminat-
ing the Sign of Peace, the use of holy water fonts and dis-
tribution of Holy Communion from the chalice.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington Jail Ministry share how through their ministry the Catholic Church minis-
tery to the inmates in Boone, Campbell and Kenton County jail.

As the coronavirus quickly spreads and claims its first
Kentucky fatality, Governor Andy Beshear declares a state
of emergency and implements further guidance and restrictions as
Bishop Foys and the newly created COVID-19 Task Force
responds:

March 11, in response to Gov Beshear’s recommendation to
cancel worship services, the four Kentucky bishops decide to
remain open under the new mass guidelines and reduced
capacity, reminding the faithful that anyone who is ill or has
underlying health conditions is not obligated to attend Mass.

March 12, Thomas More University President Joseph Chillo
extends spring break until March 23, allowing time for faculty
and administrators to transition all classes to remote learning;
all university sponsored events are canceled until April 13.

March 15, Donna Heim, campus minister, NKU Newman
Club cancels all meetings, gatherings and events for two weeks.
“I Blessings come from obedience,” she says.

March 16, all schools transition to at-home instruction until
March 27. Michael Cline, superintendent of Schools, encour-
gages parents to prepare for “extended school closures.”

March 17, Bishop Foys suspends public celebration of the
Mass public celebration of the Sacraments and other forms of
worship are suspended with the sacraments of reconciliation
and anointing of the sick permitted privately; funerals and
burial services limited to 10 participants; parish offices closed
for two weeks beginning March 20, all parish meetings and
socials canceled.

March 18, Northern Kentucky Health Department and St.
Elizabet Healthcare confirm the first case of COVID-19 in
Northern Kentucky; by March 29 NKHD confirms 28 cases in
NKY.

March 20, Curia and Catholic Charities are closed until
April 6; schools will continue at-home instruction and all
school related activities suspended through April 17.

Bishop Foys instructs pastors to everyday ring the church
bells for five minutes at 3 p.m. – the hour of Great Mercy
throughout the time that public celebration of the Mass and the
sacraments are suspended. “When you hear the bells stop for a moment and offer a prayer for an end to this
sacrifice,” he says.

David Coley, director and office manager, Office of
Catechesis and Evangelization, reminds parents that, especial-
ly during the quarantine, parents are the primary catechists of
their children and encourages them to make prayer a regular
part of the daily at home learning schedule.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, launches its 15-minute services at its
Cincinnati location. Anticipating success in its session in an
attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19, stopping two pro-life
bills the CCK was supporting — the Abortion Nurturing
Center Act and the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

The newly created national Bishops Abuse Reporting
Service is in place and available for use on the diocesan web-
site. In a feature article, Father Stephen Bankemper says that
Mass is not canceled, rather the availability of the public to
attend Mass physically has been curtailed. “As difficult as this
time is, it is also a time for grace. It is good for us to feel our
hunger for the Eucharist — God always finds a way to satisfy
that hunger,” he says.

In a letter to the faithful, Bishop Foys shares the difficulty
he experienced in suspending public celebration and
empathizes with the stress, anxiety and pain now being experi-
enced. “Let through it all, we have the Lord’s promise that He
will never leave us, never abandon us.”

Official assignments

Thomas Luke to Board of Trustees, Thomas More
Dr. Donald Saelinger to Board of Trustees, Thomas More

Obituaries

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk
Father James Gerstery
Benedictine Sister Jean Griepshover

Joseph Biegel is ordained to the transitional diocese. Due to COVID-19 restrictions Deacon Biegel’s sister is the only
person in attendance. Additionally, the ordination is delayed
four days while Bishop Foys recovers from an unexpected sur-
urgical procedure.

On the Feast of Divine Mercy Bishop Foys celebrates a Holy
Hour, vespers and the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
The service ends with a Kathleen Centenial Mass at St. Mary
Park and the blessing of the city and Diocese of Covington
for the end of the pandemic.

St. Thomas Parish develops a new program “St. Elizabeth
Outreach” to support the healthcare workers at neighboring St.
Elizabeth Healthcare. Fr. Thomas, which has been designated
to treat COVID-19 patients. For its first distribution staff mem-
ers are sent $15 gift cards and the promise of prayers and sup-
port.

St. Thomas Parish moves its “Walking With Purpose” women’s Bible study to a virtual platform.

With the unsustainability of Holy Week services, St.
Catherine of Siena Parish, Fr. Thomas, commissions local artist Jonathan Willis to create outdoor Stations of
the Cross, which are set up throughout the city in
parishioners driveways for a drive-through devotion.

Churms Mass, Holy Week services and Easter
Masses are held without a congregation and are live
streamed from the Cathedral. Candidates and catha-
dolmas will be welcomed into the church at the parish
once the suspension of public Mass is lifted. At the
Easter Vigil Bishop Foys says, “This is a time more
than ever to come face to face with our Lord, Jesus, and
let him embrace us, as we embrace him, and to truly
believe that he will not abandon us.”

Bishop Foys freezes tuition and salaries at all ele-
mentary and high schools for the 2020–2021 school year.

In these difficult times we cannot expect our parents to
bear this heavy burden,” he says.

In a letter to parents, Fr. Clinz announces that at-
home instruction will continue for the remainder of
the school year and that in-person graduations will not
be permitted.

Ky. General Assembly ends with pro-life bills and
other legislation the CCK was following stalled.

Fifteen-year-old St. Mary, Alexandria, parishioner
Mary Jane Summe

On the Feast of Divine Mercy Bishop Foys celebrates a Holy
Hour, vespers and the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
The service ends with a Kathleen Centenial Mass at St. Mary
Park and the blessing of the city and Diocese of Covington
for the end of the pandemic.

St. Thomas Parish moves its “Walking With Purpose” women’s Bible study to a virtual platform.

With the unsustainability of Holy Week services, St.
Catherine of Siena Parish, Fr. Thomas, commissions local artist Jonathan Willis to create outdoor Stations of
the Cross, which are set up throughout the city in
parishioners driveways for a drive-through devotion.

Churms Mass, Holy Week services and Easter
Masses are held without a congregation and are live
streamed from the Cathedral. Candidates and catha-
dolmas will be welcomed into the church at the parish
once the suspension of public Mass is lifted. At the
Easter Vigil Bishop Foys says, “This is a time more
than ever to come face to face with our Lord, Jesus, and
let him embrace us, as we embrace him, and to truly
believe that he will not abandon us.”

Bishop Foys freezes tuition and salaries at all ele-
mentary and high schools for the 2020–2021 school year.

In these difficult times we cannot expect our parents to
bear this heavy burden,” he says.

In a letter to parents, Fr. Clinz announces that at-
home instruction will continue for the remainder of
the school year and that in-person graduations will not
be permitted.

Ky. General Assembly ends with pro-life bills and
other legislation the CCK was following stalled.

Fifteen-year-old St. Mary, Alexandria, parishioner
Mary Jane Summe

May

As part of an initiative of the Canadian and United States conferences of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Foys consecrates the
Diocese of Covington, May 1, to Mary, Mother of the Church
pleading for her protection during and intercession to ending
the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Be Witnesses” highlights the vocation story and ministry
of Benedictine Sister Emmaline Pepper.

Bishop Foys announces that public celebration of the Mass
will resume May 20 and assures “Protocols for Celebrating the
Liturgy amid COVID-19.”

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days is extended.

“We Choose Life” debuts a growing misconception that
large families are bad for the environment.

Mr. Eunzeiler highlights the Cathedral’s many Marian art
works.

The Tribunal office begins a series of articles on marriage
and the annulment process. The first installment looks at the

(Continued on page 11)
# Annual report of the finances for the Diocese of Covington — June 30, 2020

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, Diocesan Caris

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2019</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total Revenues</td>
<td>$3,907,983</td>
<td>$2,477,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants and Special Collections</td>
<td>476,939</td>
<td>484,249</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Priest Retirement Fund</td>
<td>1,021,016</td>
<td>1,031,303</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community and pastoral services</td>
<td>95,425</td>
<td>100,326</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mission outreach</td>
<td>6,913</td>
<td>1,813</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>10,500</td>
<td>10,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$3,907,983</td>
<td>$2,477,191</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2019</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total Cash Flows</td>
<td>$2,205,191</td>
<td>$2,205,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acquisitions of Property, Plant and Equipment</td>
<td>1,091,245</td>
<td>1,146,610</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acquisitions of Capital Expenditures</td>
<td>1,091,245</td>
<td>1,146,610</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes in Cash</td>
<td>2,205,191</td>
<td>2,205,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financing Activities</td>
<td>2,205,191</td>
<td>2,205,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Activities</td>
<td>28,314,346</td>
<td>28,314,346</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investing Activities</td>
<td>2,485,218</td>
<td>2,477,191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$3,907,983</td>
<td>$2,477,191</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Donor Restricted Assets

- **At June 30, 2020 the Diocese holds net assets which are donor restricted.** Donor restricted assets are subject to a specific purpose or the passage of time. For endowed assets, only the income may be used for the intended purpose of the endowment, the principal may not be expended. These funds are classified as follows:
  - Restricted for a Specific Purpose/Time Period
    - Diocesan Annual Appeal
    - ACUE
    - Other
  - Permanent
    - Educational
    - Assistance
    - Charity
  - Other

### Special Collections

- Religious Retirement Collection
- Messenger Caris
- Other Special Collections

### January 8, 2021

Diocesan employees and covered dependents.

**Bishop of Covington**

**Rome, August 8, 2020**

---

[Details of the financial report, including various financial statements (Consolidated Financial Statements of Activities, Cash Flows, Financial Statements, etc.), are provided as tables and figures.]

---

[End of the document with a note on the Diocesan Finance Council and its role in overseeing financial matters.]
Delivering Christmas cheer
Every year, the Diocese of Covington Curia staff provides a Christmas celebration for the residents of Regency Manor, Covington. This year the Pro-Life Office made tags with names of the residents and placed them on the office Christmas tree. Members of the Curia staff then selected tags to purchase gifts for each resident. They delivered the gifts to Regency Manor Dec. 17.

(Merry and bright at City Heights
The St. Augustine Outreach Center located at City Heights, Covington, provided Christmas gifts for 81 families and 250 individuals, mostly children, but also adults and elderly. The parish outreach also provided many meals. The Christmas gifts and cheer were made possible by parishioners at St. Augustine Parish, Covington, and the parish’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul who supported the church’s giving tree.

How long DOES Christmas last?
Most Catholics know that Christmas doesn’t end after Dec. 25 like it seems to in the secular world. But does it end after 12 days? And what is the Christmas Octave?

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a popular song in December, despite the irony in the fact that most people throw out their decorations and take down their lights a day or two after Dec. 25. Catholics are more likely to keep celebrating in the week following, but festivities tend to die down after ringing in the new year. How long ought we to celebrate?

First, there’s the “Christmas Octave.” It recognizes the eight days following Christmas Day, following an ancient tradition of surrounding any special feast with eight days of celebration. While this practice was halted in 1955 for most feasts, it continues for Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. During the Octave, every day is considered just as important as the first. This means that until the new year, Catholics are encouraged to treat every day like Christmas Day.

The 12 days, however, account for the traditional timeline leading up to the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6. Epiphany closes the twelve days with a celebration of the arrival of the kings, or Magi, at the stable to worship the Child Jesus. It’s also a manifestation of God’s invitation to salvation for the Gentiles. The “Christmas season,” is most often recognized as ending on the Sunday following Epiphany, which also celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. In 2021, this date is Jan. 10.

While some faithful pack up their holiday cheer before the new year and others wait until the Baptism of the Lord, whatever your tradition, it’s certainly clear that there are many reasons to celebrate after the day of Dec. 25.

Did you know?
One of the ornaments donated by the Diocese of Covington schools for the Christmas tree in St. Mary’s Park, dedicated Dec. 16 to all students in diocesan schools.

Catholics are encouraged to treat every day like Christmas Day.

The evangelization prayer intention for January, as recommended by Pope Francis, is for human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Newsworthy
Happy Birthday to Father Michael Norton, vocations promoter, associate pastor, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, Jan. 18; Father Niby Kannai, parochial vicar, Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Erlanger, Jan. 20; Father Joseph Gallenstein, pastor, St. Mary Parish, Alexandria, Jan. 23; Deacon Timothy Britt, St. Mary Parish, Alexandria, Jan. 23; Father Michael Block, parochial vicar, St. Patrick Parish, Maysville, Jan. 25; Father Richard Bolts, pastor, St. Timothy Parish, Union, Jan. 28; and Father John Sterling, pastor, St. Barbara Parish, Erlanger, Jan. 31.

JEFF & CHERYL SISKA 859-816-7910 AUCTIONEER—APPRAISALS—Estate & Collections Buyer
WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO BUY THE FOLLOWING...
- Costume Jewelry
- Artwork
- Slot Machines
- Patron Glass
- Advertising Signs
- License Plates
- Stone and Glass
- Decorative Art & Trains
- Musical Instruments
- Beer & Liquor Signs & Lights
- Coins & Paper Money
- Holbrook & Rossville Pottery
- Ion-Carringer Baskets & Pottery
- Holiday Deco Before 1980
- Toys & Banners Before 1976
- Signs & Sporting Items Before 1976
- Firing & Firex Mixing Bowls & Ovenware
WE ARE PAYING FAIR MARKET PRICES—WE BUY COMPLETE & PARTIAL ESTATES AS WELL AS COMPLETE COLLECTIONS!

KW Mechanical, Inc.
(859) 261-1100
www.KWmechanical.com
Chefs
Plumbing
Heating & Air Conditioning
Residential Service Experts Since 1987

Lonneman Plumbing
341-7755

One of the ornaments donated by the Diocese of Covington schools for the Christmas tree in St. Mary’s Park, dedicated Dec. 16 to all students in diocesan schools.
Church’s teachings on marriage.

Adam Kolar, Villa Madonna Academy, is this year’s first place finisher of the diocesan Pro-Life Essay contest. Second and third place finishers are Anna Wells, St. Augustine School, Covington and Emma Linkugel, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Burlington. The essay contest banquet is canceled.

Tim Brevering and his son, William, are the videographers at the Cathedral. While Mass has been broadcast and recorded for the last eight years, their ministry has proven to be essential and in more demand during the pandemic.

The Tribunal series Part II answers the question: By what method does the Church determine that a permanent, indissoluble bond of marriage was not formed?

Nearly 300 altar servers receive the Serra Club for Vocations altar server award. The annual diocesan event is canceled, awards will be distributed at the parish.

Father Jordan Hainsey is ordained to the priesthood and celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving under pandemic protocols.

Bishop Foys celebrates an all-schools Baccalaureate Mass, which is live-streamed from the Cathedral, for the class of 2020. Graduations are virtual this year, which is live-streamed from the Cathedral, for the class of 2020. Graduations are virtual this year.

“Be Witnesses” local women religious share the opportunity to provide care packages to Latino families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are distributed through St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s Latino community outreach.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods Sister Barbara Sheskey, former chaplain, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, celebrates her 50th jubilee.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul transitions home visits to telephone calls to meet the growing demand for financial assistance of neighbors in need during pandemic.

Mr. Clines announces that schools will resume in-person instruction the second week of August. TMU appoints its first provost, Dr. Molly Smith. Pro-Life: A Champion offers no-cost, summer virtual sports camp.

Dave Otte, principal, St. Henry District High School, retires after 11 years of service.

“We Choose Life” advice to pro-lifers during the pandemic: be positive on social media, pray for others, donate to pro-life groups.

Mr. Enzweiler uncovers devotion to the Sacred Heart in Cathedral windows.

“We Believe” recognizes the jubilees of Notre Dame Sisters Mary Ruth Reiche (70), Mary Ruth Agnes Delaney, Mary Magdelyn Stritthold, Mary Paula Hanneshen (65), Mary Carol Baglan, Mary Michly Habermehl Mary Renette Kroeger, Anne Marie Pilham, Mary Januelle Thiel (60), Mary Jana Foltz and Marla Monahan (50).

NKU Newman Center begins a virtual weekly Bible study.

As the pandemic continues, Bishop Foys in a letter urges the people of the diocese to realize the seriousness of the pandemic that has already taken the lives of 128,000 people in the U.S. and to follow the protocols, especially wearing masks at Mass. “Now more than ever we have to be a community of believers who truly look after and care for one another,” he says.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s Dr. Holly Danneman and Dr. Chanti Panagian clarify that the pandemic is not political but is “a health care crisis” and encourage people to be looking for accurate information based on science.

CCK recommends calling local senator or representative to ensure that the next round of education funding for schools to reopen in the fall includes nonpublic schools as there are efforts to exclude them. “We Choose Life” begins a three part series on “How to talk about euthanasia” with the question “Does consent make it right?”

Official assignments
Rev. Augustine Aidoa to parochial vicar, Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Rev. Michael Barth to pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Warsaw and St. Edward Mission.
Rev. Jason Bertke to pastor, St. Paul Parish.
Rev. Eric Boechler to pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs.
Rev. Phillip DeVou to pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
Rev. Eric Keene to pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.
Rev. Dominick Fout to pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.
Rev. Damasias Ilo to pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Rev. Trinity Knight to parochial vicar, St. Agnes Parish.
Rev. Nicholas Rottman, sabbatical.
Rev. Joseph Shroff to pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Augusta and St. James Parish, Brooksville.
Rev. Jacob Straun to pastor, St. Matthew Parish.
Rev. Daniel Vogel to retirement after 45 years of ministry.
Rev. Jordan Hainsey to administrative assistant to the bishop, episcopal master of ceremonies; assistant to the chancellor; rector, Oratory of St. Paul.
Rev. Carl Leshetter to pastoral associate, Holy Cross Parish.
Rev. Shanon Collins to superior general, Missionaries of St. John the Baptist.
Rev. Ryan Stenger to judicial vicar.
Rev. Mark Keene to dean, Northern Kenton County Deanery.
Rev. Ryan Maher to dean, Covington Deanery.
Rev. Gerald Reinerman to dean, Campbell County Deanery.
Rev. Andrew Young to dean, Southeast Deanery.
Rev. Matthew Calabing to dean, Southwest Deanery.
Rev. Michael Black to chaplain, St. Patrick High School.
Rev. Edward Biddleman to chaplain, Bishop Brossart High School.
Rev. Michael Grady to chaplain, Covington Latin School.
Rev. Michael Hennigen to chaplain, Covington Catholic High School.
Rev. Nily Kinnall to chaplain, St. Henry District High School.
Rev. Riania Kasina to chaplain, Villa Madonna Academy.
Rev. Connor Kunath, to chaplain, Notre Dame Academy.

January — December — Tim and William Brevering record and broadcast the Mass from the Cathedral Basilica, a ministry they’ve undertaken for years but is even more vital during 2020. The number of viewers watching the live-streamed Masses skyrockets during the suspension of public Mass in spring.

“We Choose Life” begins a three part series on “How to talk about euthanasia” with the question “Does consent make it right?”

Official assignments
Rev. Augustine Aidoa to parochial vicar, Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Rev. Michael Barth to pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Warsaw and St. Edward Mission.
Rev. Jason Bertke to pastor, St. Paul Parish.
Rev. Eric Boechler to pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs.
Rev. Phillip DeVou to pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Parish.
Rev. Eric Keene to pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.
Rev. Dominick Fout to pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.
Rev. Damasias Ilo to pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Rev. Trinity Knight to parochial vicar, St. Agnes Parish.
Rev. Nicholas Rottman, sabbatical.
Rev. Joseph Shroff to pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Augusta and St. James Parish, Brooksville.
Rev. Jacob Straun to pastor, St. Matthew Parish.
Rev. Daniel Vogel to retirement after 45 years of ministry.
Rev. Jordan Hainsey to administrative assistant to the bishop, episcopal master of ceremonies; assistant to the chancellor; rector, Oratory of St. Paul.
Rev. Carl Leshetter to pastoral associate, Holy Cross Parish.
Rev. Shanon Collins to superior general, Missionaries of St. John the Baptist.
Rev. Ryan Stenger to judicial vicar.
Rev. Mark Keene to dean, Northern Kenton County Deanery.
Rev. Ryan Maher to dean, Covington Deanery.
Rev. Gerald Reinerman to dean, Campbell County Deanery.
Rev. Andrew Young to dean, Southeast Deanery.
Rev. Matthew Calabing to dean, Southwest Deanery.
Rev. Michael Black to chaplain, St. Patrick High School.
Rev. Edward Biddleman to chaplain, Bishop Brossart High School.
Rev. Michael Grady to chaplain, Covington Latin School.
Rev. Michael Hennigen to chaplain, Covington Catholic High School.
Rev. Nily Kinnall to chaplain, St. Henry District High School.
Rev. Riania Kasina to chaplain, Villa Madonna Academy.
Rev. Connor Kunath, to chaplain, Notre Dame Academy.

January 8, 2021
GOESSLING LANDSCAPING
New installations, maintenance and tree removal. Find us at GoesslingLandscaping.com
Call Norb at (859) 912-0340

Marco Island, FL
3-5 min. walk to beach. 1st floor fully furnished 2BR, 2 bath condo. Contact angel@MarcoBeachRentals.com or (860) 821-8681 for pricing, pictures & availability. View at MarcoBeachRentals.com

CAFETERIA STAFF
Various schools in the Diocese of Covington currently have openings for full-time, part-time and substitute workers. Hours would occur during the school day. Duties include food preparation, serving and general cleanup. Interested individuals may contact Jackie Kaiser at jkaiser@covdio.org, or call her at 859/392-1536.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MANAGER
The School Food Services Office of the Diocese of Covington Department of Catholic Schools seeks candidates for a School Cafeteria Manager position at St. Philip Elementary School in Campbell County, Ky. The position is nominally thirty hours per week, during the school year. The School Cafeteria Manager’s primary responsibilities involve overall supervision of the School’s meal program, including: managing employees; ordering, receiving, and managing inventory; preparing and serving meals; operating the point-of-sale system; and interacting with school staff, students, and their parents. Organizational and interpersonal skills are essential to this position. To request an application, contact Stephen Koplyay, SPHR at skoplyay@covdio.org. Scan and return the completed application by e-mail, including references with contact email addresses and compensation history. Applications may also be faxed to 859/392-1589.

THE MARY ROSE MISSION
Is in need of a general manager. Responsibilities include: Light computer skills to schedule cooks, organize menus, manage volunteers online. Maintain organization of the kitchen, keep food inventory organized. If necessary prep cook with a lead cook. This position is shared with another staff so duties will be divided. Light office work with flexible hours. Some of the duties can be done from home.
To apply e-mail maryrosemission@gmail.com or call the mission at 859-292-0300.

CAREGIVER FOR HIRE
Caregiver for all your loved ones needs. Graduate of Mount St. Joseph College with 16 years of experience specializing in elder care. If you need a break from care giving, please contact Angie Garrison. $16 per hour/ 6 hours. References and police check available. (859) 801-4344 / agarrison1351@gmail.com

PAYROLL/STAFF ACCOUNTANT
The Finance Office of the Diocese of Covington seeks candidates for the full-time position of Payroll/Staff Accountant. Responsibilities include accounts receivable, accounts payable, cash receipts, and general ledger, as well as maintenance of various spreadsheets, databases, and reconciliations. Payroll responsibilities involve assisting with data entry. A practical knowledge of basic bookkeeping principles and practices is essential, and other necessary requirements include experience with Microsoft Word and Excel. Qualified candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and at least five references by e-mail (skoplyay@covdio.org), fax (859/392-1589), or mail to Stephen Koplyay, SPHR; Diocese of Covington; 1125 Madison Avenue; Covington, KY 41011-3115.

Larry’s Tree Service
(859) 635-8528 or 240-4563
Reasonable Rates — Free Estimates
FIREWOOD — Senior Citizen Discounts Available

Call Kim at the Messenger for information on placing your ad in the Classified Advertisements. (859) 392-1500

Classified Advertisements
July

Sisters of Notre Dame are fourth of July festival is held virtually marking the second time in 18 years that the event is not held in person. Holy Spirit Catholic Church Ministry moves its food pantry from the rectory to a new building across the parking lot from the Parish Center.

Bishop Foys highlights two sculptures by Joseph Koselewski that reside at St. Anne Retreat Center – an image of St. Anne and Mary and Our Lady of Marydale.

As Bishop Foys’ 75th birthday and consequent letter of resignation approaches, he and diocesan directors reflect on his 18 years of Covington’s bishop.

The Covington Youth Retreat Committee announces the cancellation of this year’s YOUTH 2000 Retreat.

Benedictine Father Robert Francis Velten

August

Bishop Foys ordains diocesan deacon, Christopher Grenotte, a priest for the Legionaries of Christ.

Representatives from the diocese’s 38 schools attend the opening of the school year Mass at the Cathedral.

Bishop Foys accepts the candidacy of seminarian Kennedy.

(Continued from page 11)

Rev. Thomas Robbins to chaplain, Holy Cross District High School.

Rev. Robert Rottgers to chaplain, Newport Central Catholic High School.

Rev. Lawrence Schaefer to chaplain, St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

Rev. Jeffrey VanLehmen to chaplain, Holy Cross District High School.

Obituaries

Father Leo Schmidt

Benedictine Father Robert Francis Velten

“We Choose Life” part two in its series on euthanasia address the question, “Is suffering meaningless?”

Bishop Foys commissions new principals: Sister Patricia Jean Cookshing, St. Joseph Academy; David Glass, St. Henry District High School; Father Ross Kelch, St. Thomas School; Joanne Nesmith, St. Paul School; and Rachel Noll, St. Patrick School. New teachers are commissioned during orientation.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization announces that “The Spirit of Truth” textbooks from the Sophia Institute will be used in all K through 8 schools and parish religious education programs this upcoming school year.

Schools prepare for daily temperature checks, health screenings, social distancing and sanitizing as students are welcomed back to classrooms during the pandemic.

Bishop Foys ends the Triduum of prayer, fasting and sacrifice with Mass and a blessing of the city with a relic of St. Rose. Bishop Foys travels by Jeep to tonight Covington churches and St. Elizabeth Healthcare for the blessing.

The Diocesan Review Board completes its annual update of the Safe Environment policies and procedures.

Two scouts earn final rank as Eagle Scout choosing projects for 70 students are self-quarantined as close contacts. It is believed that in each case the students contracted the virus at small family gatherings.

The “Food for Friends” mobile food pantry makes its debut at St. James Parish, Brownsville.

Mrs. McGuire reports that 8,600 students are enrolled in Catholic schools and, she said, are doing well. Weekly report: 7 positive cases, 2 recovered cases, 124 self-quarantined.

Ralph and Glera Rambozenni share how their 70-year marriage got off to a rocky start with tensions between the families because they didn’t share the same faith, but by each practicing their faith and respecting the other’s faith “we got by.”

Official assignments

Marge Roby, Grace Very Rev. Matthew Cushing and Rev. Thomas Pichimnit to Diocesan College of Consultants.

Rev. Michael Barth, Divine Providence Sister Margaret Stalimeyer and Rev. Barry Windelholtz to judge, Diocesan Tribunal.

Msgr. William Neumann to promoter of justice, Diocesan Tribunal.


Betsy Djerdevic and Karen Guzagh to eclesiastical notary, Diocesan Tribunal.

Obituaries

Divine Providence Sister Helen Louise Bartlett

Notre Dame Sister Margaret L. Kowter

Notre Dame Sister Mary Bernarde Claire Badke

September

Catholic Charities’ “Food for Friends” mobile food pantry premiers at St. James Parish, Brownsville, for Bracken County. Its second location, at St. William Parish, Williamstown in Grant County, opens in December.

Rev. Michael Barth, Divine Providence Sister Margaret Stalimeyer and Rev. Barry Windelholtz to judge, Diocesan Tribunal.

Notre Dame Sister Mary Bernard Clare Badke

October

Sister Patricia Jean Cookshing, St. Joseph Academy; David Glass, St. Henry District High School; Father Ross Kelch, St. Thomas School; Joanne Nesmith, St. Paul School; and Rachel Noll, St. Patrick School. New teachers are commissioned during orientation.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization announces that “The Spirit of Truth” textbooks from the Sophia Institute will be used in all K through 8 schools and parish religious education programs this upcoming school year.

Schools prepare for daily temperature checks, health screenings, social distancing and sanitizing as students are welcomed back to classrooms during the pandemic.

Bishop Foys ends the Triduum of prayer, fasting and sacrifice with Mass and a blessing of the city with a relic of St. Rose. Bishop Foys travels by Jeep to tonight Covington churches and St. Elizabeth Healthcare for the blessing.

The Diocesan Review Board completes its annual update of the Safe Environment policies and procedures.

Two scouts earn final rank as Eagle Scout choosing projects for 70 students are self-quarantined as close contacts. It is believed that in each case the students contracted the virus at small family gatherings.

The “Food for Friends” mobile food pantry makes its debut at St. James Parish, Brownsville.

Mrs. McGuire reports that 8,600 students are enrolled in Catholic schools and, she said, are doing well. Weekly report: 7 positive cases, 2 recovered cases, 124 self-quarantined.

Ralph and Glera Rambozenni share how their 70-year marriage got off to a rocky start with tensions between the families because they didn’t share the same faith, but by each practicing their faith and respecting the other’s faith “we got by.”

Official assignments

Marge Roby, Grace Very Rev. Matthew Cushing and Rev. Thomas Pichimnit to Diocesan College of Consultants.

Rev. Michael Barth, Divine Providence Sister Margaret Stalimeyer and Rev. Barry Windelholtz to judge, Diocesan Tribunal.

Msgr. William Neumann to promoter of justice, Diocesan Tribunal.


Betsy Djerdevic and Karen Guzagh to eclesiastical notary, Diocesan Tribunal.

Obituaries

Divine Providence Sister Helen Louise Bartlett

Notre Dame Sister Margaret L. Kowter

Notre Dame Sister Mary Bernarde Clare Badke

September

Sister Patricia Jean Cookshing, St. Joseph Academy; David Glass, St. Henry District High School; Father Ross Kelch, St. Thomas School; Joanne Nesmith, St. Paul School; and Rachel Noll, St. Patrick School. New teachers are commissioned during orientation.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization announces that “The Spirit of Truth” textbooks from the Sophia Institute will be used in all K through 8 schools and parish religious education programs this upcoming school year.

Schools prepare for daily temperature checks, health screenings, social distancing and sanitizing as students are welcomed back to classrooms during the pandemic.

Bishop Foys ends the Triduum of prayer, fasting and sacrifice with Mass and a blessing of the city with a relic of St. Rose. Bishop Foys travels by Jeep to tonight Covington churches and St. Elizabeth Healthcare for the blessing.

The Diocesan Review Board completes its annual update of the Safe Environment policies and procedures.

Two scouts earn final rank as Eagle Scout choosing projects for 70 students are self-quarantined as close contacts. It is believed that in each case the students contracted the virus at small family gatherings.

The “Food for Friends” mobile food pantry makes its debut at St. James Parish, Brownsville.

Mrs. McGuire reports that 8,600 students are enrolled in Catholic schools and, she said, are doing well. Weekly report: 7 positive cases, 2 recovered cases, 124 self-quarantined.

Ralph and Glera Rambozenni share how their 70-year marriage got off to a rocky start with tensions between the families because they didn’t share the same faith, but by each practicing their faith and respecting the other’s faith “we got by.”

Official assignments

Marge Roby, Grace Very Rev. Matthew Cushing and Rev. Thomas Pichimnit to Diocesan College of Consultants.

Rev. Michael Barth, Divine Providence Sister Margaret Stalimeyer and Rev. Barry Windelholtz to judge, Diocesan Tribunal.

Msgr. William Neumann to promoter of justice, Diocesan Tribunal.


Betsy Djerdevic and Karen Guzagh to eclesiastical notary, Diocesan Tribunal.

Obituaries

Divine Providence Sister Helen Louise Bartlett

Notre Dame Sister Margaret L. Kowter

Notre Dame Sister Mary Bernarde Clare Badke

(Continued on page 14)
(Continued from page 13)

In a letter, Bishop Foys reports on the schools opening, “Despite the trials and tribulations it was their (principals) unanimous opinion to continue with in-person instruction. Likewise, the other three bishops are affirming our plan to cautiously move forward in offering in-person instruction at Catholic schools in Kentucky’s four dioceses.”

The annual Anniversary Vespers celebrating 1, 25, 50 and 50-plus years of marriage is canceled. To honor their commitment, the names of couples celebrating are published.

In collaboration with the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, the Messenger begins a 5-part mini-series “The Eucharist: The Source and Summit.”

Diocesan Pastoral Planning meeting focuses on completing previous goals.

Bishop Foys celebrates the annual feast day Mass for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The annual Cemetery Visitations are restructured from public prayer services to a private prayer by Bishop Foys.

Through a grant from the Horizon Community Fund, St. Cecilia School acquires two electrostatic sprayers and cases of solution for quick and long-lasting sanitization. The equipment will be shared by 10 schools.

With the Kentucky Fair canceled, Bonnie Rust, parishioner, St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, shares her blue-ribbon flowers with residents of a local nursing home.

Papal awards are bestowed on 31 members of the diocese: Chaplain to His Holiness — Msgr. Ronald Kettler, Msgr. Gerald Riegler, Clare Ruehl and Margaret Schack; Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross — Rev. Ryan Maher, Chaplain to His Holiness — Msgr. Ronald Kettler, Msgr. Gerald Riegler, Clare Ruehl and Margaret Schack.

Jason Hall, executive director, CCK explains Kentucky’s annual Pro-Life Mass is celebrated by pastors at parishes safely and simultaneously with Bishop Foys at the Cathedral.

Permanent deacons renew their promises.

In order to accommodate reduced capacity protocols, the annual Pro-Life Mass is celebrated by pastors at parishes safely and simultaneously with Bishop Foys at the Cathedral.

Permanently deacons renew their promises.

All schools in the Diocese of Covington begin participating in an expanded National School Lunch Program offering a breakfast or snack and lunch free of charge to all students and community members.

Bishop Foys blesses the Mary Rose Mission Guest House located in Covington.

The Catholic Order of Foresters of Northern Kentucky presents Bishop Foys with a check to support the diocese’s seminarians.

Deacon Thomas Dushney celebrates 40 years as a deacon.

“We Choose Life” examines “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the USCCB teaching document on political responsibility.

President Joseph Chillo and students at Thomas More University share the college experience during the pandemic.

As holidays approach, the community is urged to avoid family gatherings to mitigate the spread the virus.

After almost 50 years, St. John Mission, Dividing Ridge, replaces is fallen steeple.

Kentuckians are urged to “take action now” to reverse local trend of increasing COVID cases.

The artwork of Kirsten Gallagher, junior, Villa Madonna Academy is chosen for Bishop Foys’ Thanksgiving card.

The names of the dearly departed of the last year are published in the Messenger; the faithful are asked to remember them in prayer on All Souls Day.

(Continued on page 16)
Like the Magi, look to the heavens for hope, pope says on Epiphany

**VATICAN CITY** — In times of doubt and suffering, Christians must not focus on their problems, but instead lift up their eyes to God, who leads them toward the hopeful promise of great things to come, Pope Francis said on the feast of the Epiphany: “This does not mean denying reality or debating ourselves into thinking that all is well. Rather, it is a matter of viewing problems and anxieties in a new way, knowing that the Lord is aware of our troubles, attentive to our prayers and not indifferent to the tears we shed,” the pope said. The pope called Mass with a little over 100 people, all wearing masks and seated socially distanced from each other, at the Altar of the Chair St. Peter’s Basilica Jan. 6. In accordance with an ancient tradition, after the proclamation of the Gospel on Epiphany, a singer from the Sistine Choir chanted the announcement of the date of Easter 2021 (April 4) and the dates of other feasts on the Church calendar that are calculated according to the date of Easter. After celebrating Mass, the pope prayed the Angelus in the library of the Apostolic Palace.

National Prayer Vigil for Life will be virtual this year

WASHINGTON — Each year on the night before the annual March for Life, at least 100,000 people have filled the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for the National Prayer Vigil for Life. This year, due to local restrictions on attendance sizes because of the pandemic, the prayer vigil will be virtual. Catholics across the country are instead being encouraged to take part in a nation-wide prayer vigil from Jan. 28 through Jan. 30, marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalizing abortion. The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8 p.m. EST on Thursday Jan. 28 from the basilica, starting with the prayer of the rosary followed by Mass. Bishops from across the country will lead Holy Hours throughout the day in the livestreamed vigil. The service can be viewed on EWTN or livestreams from the basilica or from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Pope marks opening of Holy Door at Santiago de Compostela

**VATICAN CITY** — Pilgrims who embark on the long journey of the Camino de Santiago to Compostela remind others of the spiritual journey all Christians make through life toward heaven, Pope Francis said. As a letter marking the opening of the Holy Door at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the pope said that just like countless pilgrims who embark on the famed Camino toward the tomb of St. James the Great each year, Christians are “a pilgrim people” who do not travel toward “a utopic ideal but rather a concrete goal. The pilgrim is capable of placing himself or herself in God’s hands, aware that the promised homeland is present in the one who wishes to make camp amid his people, to guide their journey” the pope wrote in the letter sent to Archbishop Julian Barrio Barrera of Santiago de Compostela and published Jan. 4. The Holy Year is celebrated in Compostela in years when the July 25 feast of the apostle falls on a Sunday. The most recent Holy Year was observed in 2016. For centuries, pilgrims have traveled along the famed Camino de Santiago de Compostela to venerate the remains of St. James.

Vatican set to launch COVID-19 vaccinations for workers, residents

**VATICAN CITY** — The Vatican will begin offering COVID-19 vaccinations in mid-January, giving priority to its health care workers, security personnel, employees who deal with the public and older residents, employees and retirees. In a press release Jan. 2, the Vatican’s health services department said it purchased an “extra low temperature refrigerator” for storing the vaccines and said it expected to be receiving enough doses to cover “the needs of the Holy See and Vatican City State.” The Vatican’s voluntary vaccination program will begin in mid-January in the large atrium of the Paul VI audience hall, it said. Those who have a higher risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus would be given priority, it said, such as those in contact with the public, health care workers and “the elderly.” The Vatican reported its first known case of infection in early March, and since then there have been another 25 reported cases — including 11 Swiss guards in October.

Argentina legalizes abortion during first 14 weeks of pregnancy

**MEXICO CITY** — Argentina has legalized abortion during the first 14 weeks of pregnancy despite strong Catholic opposition and polls showing deep divisions on the issue. The Senate approved the bill in 2020 after a long and heated debate with supporters of green handkerchiefs and opponents with blue handkerchiefs amending the decision repeatedly during the small hours of the morning. President Alberto Fernandez presented legislation in November — it was quickly approved in the lower house — and has promised to sign it into law. The bishops’ conference expressed disappointment with the legislation’s approval, but said in a Dec. 30 statement it “will continue working with firmness and passion in the care and service of life.” “This law which has been passed will further deepen divisions in our country,” the bishops said. “We deeply regret the remoteness of our leaders from the feelings of the people, which have been expressed in various ways, in favor of life, throughout our country. The bishops also pledged to “continue working on the authentic priorities requiring urgent attention in our country: children living in poverty in increasing-ly alarming numbers, a number of those children dropping out of school and the urgent pandemic of hunger and unemployment, which affects many families.”

Pope prays for victims of earthquake in Croatia

**VATICAN CITY** — Pope Francis offered condolences and prayers for the victims of an earthquake that rocked central Croatia “I express my closeness to the injured and to those affected by the earthquake, and I pray in particular for those who have lost their lives and for their families,” the pope said Dec. 30 before concluding his weekly general audience. According to the Reuters news agency, the magnitude 4.9 quake struck Dec. 29 and caused widespread damage. It destroyed at least two villages about 30 miles from Zagreb, the Croatian capital. As of Dec. 30, seven people were known to have died, dozens were injured and many more people remained missing. The powerful quake, which was felt as far as Austria, was the second to strike the country in two days. A magnitude 5.2 earthquake hit central Croatia Dec. 28. In a video message posted on YouTube, Cardinal Josip Bozanic of Zagreb appealed for solidarity with the victims. “In this trial, God will show a new hope that becomes especially evident in difficult times,” Cardinal Bozanic said. “My call is for solidarity, especially with the families, children, youths, the elderly and the disables.”

Pope announces yearlong reflection on family, ‘Amoris Laetitia’

**VATICAN CITY** — As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love. During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder “of the example of evangelizing with the family” as highlighted in his exhortation. Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on “Amoris Laetitia” will be an opportunity “to focus more closely on the contents of the document.” “I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life,” he added. “Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father.” According to the dicastery’s website, the “Amoris Laetitia Family” year “aims to reach every family in the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.” The dicastery said that the goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to “become active agents of the family apostolate.”

Over 40 pro-life leaders call on Senate to reject Biden’s nominee to head HHS

WASHINGTON — Over 40 prominent pro-life leaders called on the U.S. Senate Jan. 21 to reject President-elect Joe Biden’s nomination of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to head the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “Mr. Becerra carries a national reputation for his vehement, unwavering support for abortion, including in the ninth month, his staunch correc-tions in opposition to conscience rights for medical professionals, and his hostile opinions regarding the freedoms of religious organizations, among other issues,” the leaders said in a letter to senators. Becerra, who was nominated by Biden Dec. 7, must be confirmed by the Senate. He would be the first Latino to be HHS secretary and would be Biden’s chief health care officer. Pro-life leaders who signed the letter included the heads of March for Life, Students for Life, the Scarlet Research Council, Susan B. Anthony List, National Right to Life, Live Action, Dr. James Dobson Family Institute and the Center for Medical Progress, And Then There Were None and National Institute of Family & Life Advocates. The group cited Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America’s 100 percent rating for Becerra’s record on abortion during his 25 years in Congress.
Learning. Mrs. McGuire reports that a review of diocesan data and decide what really does matter, what really is important.”

By engaging virtually in the “Sister Stories” program. The transition to a scavenger hunt challenge.

John Mission, and St. William Parish. At Holy Trinity School suspended at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Barbara Parish, St. Michael Eugene Norton Notre Dame Sister Mary Keven Seibert

November

The Benedictines of St. Walburg Monastery, Sisters of Divine Providence and Sisters of Notre Dame offer virtual open houses for vocation discernment.

Amid pandemic protocols, St. Elizabeth Healthcare celebrates its patronal feast day with prayers and a blessing over the icon. Especially during the pandemic, the community is encouraged to pray for healthcare workers on the feast day.

Safety measures urged as more diocesan counties enter “red” or critical level. Holy Trinity School moves to at-home instruction amid an outbreak.

Michael Elmlinger, seminarian, is instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte.

As Veteran’s Day approaches, the Messenger checks in with Father Bill Appel, chaplain, Archdiocese of the Military

Amid increased cases and quarantines among teachers, administrators and priests, Immaculate Heart of Mary School transitions to at-home instruction and weekday Mass is suspended at the parish. Small gatherings outside of school, including sporting events, weddings, funerals and prayer groups, appear to be the source of most cases.

Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky opens its doors for winter sheltering with only 24 beds to accommodate social distancing requirements.

With increasing numbers of students self-quarantined as close contacts, Holy Cross District High School, Notre Dame Academy and Newport Central Catholic High school transition to remote learning. Two priests test positive for COVID and two priests are close contacts causing weekday Mass to be suspended at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Barbara Parish, St. John Mission, and St. William Parish. At Holy Trinity School in-person instruction resumes.

The annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Turkeyfoot Trot transitions to a scavenger hunt challenge.

Notre Dame Sisters invite discerning women to learn more by engaging virtually in the “Sister Stories” program.

In his Advent letter, Bishop Foys says, “Let us open our hearts and our lives to the Lord. Let us examine our priorities and decide what really does matter, what really is important.”

Gov. Beshear issues an executive order transitioning all schools in the Commonwealth, public and private, to virtual learning. Mrs. McGuire reports that a review of diocesan data showed that 24 schools did not have any active COVID cases among students and staff, four schools had transitioned to at-home learning due to cases.

On Nov. 25, schools receive hope of returning to the classroom when the U.S. District Court grants preliminary injunctive relief prohibiting Governor Beshear from enforcing the executive order against any private, religious school in the Commonwealth. Gov. Beshear appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court and his request is granted Nov. 29.

The Immaculate Conception window in the Cathedral tells the teachings and the proclamation by Pope Pius IX in jeweled glass.

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary Co-Vigation and Mary Rose Mission, Florence, provide holiday meals to hundreds of families in need.

December

Covington Mayor Joe Meyer and city commissioners name the two-block area around the Cathedral as Cathedral Square. This year’s Seminary Ball is held virtually.

As an Advent gift, Bishop Foys has the Eucharist Series bound into a booklet and sent to every household in the diocese. “It serves as an ongoing meditation on every aspect of the Eucharist that these articles cover,” he said.

Food for Friends mobile food pantry makes its first trip to St William Parish, Williamsburg in Grant County.

On the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Foys urges trust like Mary. “Our plans might not turn out the way we had envisioned, but trusting in the Lord, honoring the trust he has in us, will lead us to a full life and fruitful life.”

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary Co-Vigation and Mary Rose Mission, Florence, provide holiday meals to hundreds of families in need.

We Choose Life examines the challenge of Our Lady of Cape Ann in Sandwich, Massachusetts. The Sisters of Notre Dame offer virtual classes, including sporting events, weddings, funerals and prayer groups, appear to be the source of most cases.

November

The Benedictines of St. Walburg Monastery, Sisters of Divine Providence and Sisters of Notre Dame offer virtual open houses for vocation discernment.

Amid pandemic protocols, St. Elizabeth Healthcare celebrates its patronal feast day with prayers and a blessing over the icon. Especially during the pandemic, the community is encouraged to pray for healthcare workers on the feast day.

Safety measures urged as more diocesan counties enter “red” or critical level. Holy Trinity School moves to at-home instruction amid an outbreak.

Michael Elmlinger, seminarian, is instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte.

As Veteran’s Day approaches, the Messenger checks in with Father Bill Appel, chaplain, Archdiocese of the Military.

Amid increased cases and quarantines among teachers, administrators and priests, Immaculate Heart of Mary School transitions to at-home instruction and weekday Mass is suspended at the parish. Small gatherings outside of school, including sporting events, weddings, funerals and prayer groups, appear to be the source of most cases.

Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky opens its doors for winter sheltering with only 24 beds to accommodate social distancing requirements.

With increasing numbers of students self-quarantined as close contacts, Holy Cross District High School, Notre Dame Academy and Newport Central Catholic High school transition to remote learning. Two priests test positive for COVID and two priests are close contacts causing weekday Mass to be suspended at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Barbara Parish, St. John Mission, and St. William Parish. At Holy Trinity School in-person instruction resumes.

The annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Turkeyfoot Trot transitions to a scavenger hunt challenge.

Notre Dame Sisters invite discerning women to learn more by engaging virtually in the “Sister Stories” program.

In his Advent letter, Bishop Foys says, “Let us open our hearts and our lives to the Lord. Let us examine our priorities and decide what really does matter, what really is important.”

Gov. Beshear issues an executive order transitioning all schools in the Commonwealth, public and private, to virtual learning. Mrs. McGuire reports that a review of diocesan data showed that 24 schools did not have any active COVID cases among students and staff, four schools had transitioned to at-home learning due to cases.

On Nov. 25, schools receive hope of returning to the classroom when the U.S. District Court grants preliminary injunctive relief prohibiting Governor Beshear from enforcing the executive order against any private, religious school in the Commonwealth. Gov. Beshear appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court and his request is granted Nov. 29.

The Immaculate Conception window in the Cathedral tells the teachings and the proclamation by Pope Pius IX in jeweled glass.

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary Co-Vigation and Mary Rose Mission, Florence, provide holiday meals to hundreds of families in need.

Obituaries

Father Raymond Hartman
Divine Providence Sister Mary Theodore Nolan
Father Raymond Stroman

December

Covington Mayor Joe Meyer and city commissioners name the two-block area around the Cathedral as Cathedral Square. This year’s Seminary Ball is held virtually.

As an Advent gift, Bishop Foys has the Eucharist Series bound into a booklet and sent to every household in the diocese. “It serves as an ongoing meditation on every aspect of the Eucharist that these articles cover,” he said.

Food for Friends mobile food pantry makes its first trip to St William Parish, Williamsburg in Grant County.

On the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Foys urges trust like Mary. “Our plans might not turn out the way we had envisioned, but trusting in the Lord, honoring the trust he has in us, will lead us to a full life and fruitful life.”

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary Co-Vigation and Mary Rose Mission, Florence, provide holiday meals to hundreds of families in need.

Be Witnesses women religious offer thoughts on gifts to the world that could make a difference amid the chaos.

Mr. Enzweiler shares how symbols hidden in the Cathedral’s nativity window celebrates the mystery of God’s divine plan.

In his Christmas message Bishop Foys said, “As we celebrate Christmas in the midst of all the turmoil around us we are reminded that God loves us … so yes, there is reason for joy.”

Obituaries

Father Mario Tizziani
Father Robert Urlage

October


The Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky breaks ground at its new building located on 13th Street, Covington. Bishop Foys celebrates the first ever all-schools virtual Mass as a way to connect with students in preparation for the celebration of Christmas while they continue with virtual learning.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul annual coat distribution continues under pandemic protocols to limit interaction.

Divine Providence Sister Fidelis Tracy shares how her retirement plans have changed amid the pandemic.

Pope Francis proclaims a year dedicated to St. Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of the saint being declared patron of the universal Church.

“We Choose Life” examines the challenge of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patrons of the unborn.

A 20-foot Christmas tree is erected at St. Mary Park and students create ornaments for the tree. In a small ceremony that included remarks by Mayor Meyer and Mrs. McGuire, Bishop Foys dedicates the tree to Catholic school students.

“Be Witnesses” women religious offer thoughts on gifts to the world that could make a difference amid the chaos.

Mr. Enzweiler shares how symbols hidden in the Cathedral’s nativity window celebrates the mystery of God’s divine plan.

Dr. Gregory Schaeffer, Cathedral principal organist and choirmaster and LeeAnn Kordenbrock, soloist, share how musicians are meeting challenges faced during pandemic.

In his Christmas message Bishop Foys said, “As we celebrate Christmas in the midst of all the turmoil around us we are reminded that God loves us … so yes, there is reason for joy.”

Obituaries

Father Mario Tizziani
Father Robert Urlage

October