

Silver Jubilee – a True Celebration

I still can't believe that it has been 25 years since I was ordained to the priesthood. I must have been 18 years old when I entered the seminary!!!! Just kidding, of course. I can't thank all of you enough for the celebrations in May with the parade, card and gifts, and speakers at Mass. It was all overwhelming. One of the most touching gifts that I received was a quilt and wall-hanging handmade by Patti Taylor and Debbie Vogt. It is a beautiful labor of love and will be treasured forever.



Fourteen of those 25 years have been here with you and what a blessing that has been. Like a marriage, we have been with each other through the good times and the bad. I could not have been the priest that I am today without your help and prayers. I truly thank you and hope we have many more years to come. Thanks to all of you for sticking by me in the good times and the bad and for making my priesthood such a gift.

~ God Bless You All,
Father John



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Celebrate 10 Years of Rockin': Rocktoberfest 2021

- Friday, September 10, from 6pm to midnight,
- Saturday, September 11, from 5pm to midnight
- Sunday, September 12, from 2pm to 8pm

Join us at our awesome parish festival and bring your family and friends! Listen to live bands with performances by "Doghouse" on Friday, "The Whammies" on Saturday, and "Brother Smith" on Sunday.

Browse the fabulous items in the Bid-n-Buy tent.

Be sure to come hungry - there are plenty of food and drinks choices for everyone, including the chicken dinner on Sunday afternoon.

Enjoy midway rides, games for all ages, and the popular Ducky Down races. Tickets for the \$5,000 Grand Raffle are available now and can be returned to the church or at the festival. For news and updates, visit www.stbararaky.org/rocktoberfest.

Spend quality time with your fellow parishioners at St. Barbara by signing up to volunteer at Rocktoberfest! Sign up each Sunday in-person or through the SignUp Genius link at bit.ly/STBSignup.



Walking With Purpose is Back

By Courtney Mueller

The tagline on the website for Walking with Purpose is “So Much More than a Bible Study.” This sentiment is reflected by the Pastoral Coordinator of the program at St. Barbara, Marybeth Bosko. When asked about her experience with Walking with Purpose, Marybeth used words like “sisterhood” and “life-changing.”

Walking with Purpose is starting its third year at St. Barbara and has seen great success since it began. In fact, the first year the program was offered, approximately 140 women signed up for the 22 week program.

Even though last year’s program had to be held on Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions, approximately 110 women still joined the program, including women from Cincinnati, Lawrenceburg, and even Sparta. While the virtual program provided women with much needed spiritual connection during the pandemic, Walking with Purpose is best experienced in-person, where women can enjoy fellowship and community while they study Scripture. So, Marybeth is excited to announce that Walking with Purpose will be returning to the in-person format for the upcoming season.

This year, Walking with Purpose will offer two studies. The first will be the foundational study called *Opening Your Heart*, which is designed to inspire women to consider the Catholic faith more deeply and to open their hearts more fully to Jesus Christ. With the exception of last year, this study is offered annually. The second study being offered this year will be *Touching the Divine*, which is a study on the Gospel of John that explores Jesus’ personality and demonstrates the depth of his love for us and what it means to be God’s beloved daughter.

Weekly meetings are held on Monday evenings and start with 10 minutes of fellowship and prayer with the entire group before breaking out into smaller groups for discussion. Throughout the week, participants complete at-home lessons that are broken into daily segments in order to absorb God’s word incrementally. Lessons are independent of one another, so each can stand alone. If participants miss a week of the bible study, they won’t feel “lost” the next week.

For more information about the program, visit the St. Barbara website under the Walking with Purpose tab, walkingwithpurpose.com, or stop by the Walking with Purpose booth at Rocktoberfest. An Open House is also

scheduled for August 30, from 6:30 to 8pm in the Sterling Event Center. Women can

stop by to learn more about the program and receive assistance registering should they choose to sign up.

Registration is online through the St. Barbara website and although women can join the program at any time, they are encouraged to register by September 13, 2021. Walking with Purpose’s first session is on Monday,

September 27, 2021 in the Sterling Event Center starting at 6:30pm.



Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Confirmation for 22 candidates from St. Barbara was celebrated at the Cathedral on May 18. We are grateful for Bishop Foys, the clergy, catechists Diane Blackwood and Don Rohman, and all who helped to make this a blessed event.

Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmandi: Samuel Baker, Allison Bishop, Brookelyn Bullock, Maia Campbell, Holly Clark, Austin Danbury, Aaron Dennemann, Avery Fossett, Christopher Henderson, Lindy Kiser, Samantha Lind, Samuel Menke, Jordan Puitz, Malia Reinhart, Liliana Rice, Addyson St. John, Francesca Sansone, Katie Schlensker, Daniel Stephens, Janalee Teegarden, Noah Vick and Kristopher Wagers.



Catechists Prepare for Upcoming Year

Our parish hosted Catholic school and parish catechists from all over the Covington diocese from August 4-7. During the one-day workshops, the participants received catechetical and spiritual formation, teaching strategies and classroom materials.

The theme was “*Forming Disciples in an Age of Unbelief*.” Mass was celebrated each morning by Bishop Roger Foys who is shown here with St. Barbara’s Coordinator of Religious Education Jackie Koop and Deacon Chuck Melville.



Children's Religious Education Resumes

By Jackie Koop

CCD classes for 2021-22 will begin on September 22, at 7pm. Registration is available on our parish website, www.stbarbaraky.org, or by registering in person in the Welcome Center after Sunday Masses, beginning August 22. Please be sure to include full addresses, including zip codes and email addresses for communications. Contact Jackie Koop if there are any questions or concerns at jkoop@stbarbaraky.org or through the office at 859-371-3100 ext. 12. Please keep CCD teachers and the students in your prayers.

CHILDRENS LITURGY returns the second through the fifth Sunday at the 11am Mass. On the first Sunday of the month, Father John invites the children to join him at the altar for the homily at each of the weekend Masses.

Youth Group Mission Trip

By Grace Metz

Going on this trip is always a great experience. This year we went to Camp Mary Help from June 12 - June 19. Yes, there is a lot of hard work and dedication that goes into this mission but walking into camp every day and seeing hundreds of smiling kids and knowing you are making a difference makes it all so worth it.



This trip not only gives you an opportunity to grow in your faith, but it also shows many other people what amazing things you can do in the light of God.

St. Henry CruClub Seeks Supporters



As we welcome the new school year, consider joining the CruClub. This community of families, businesses, and parishioners provides financial support to St. Henry Catholic School (SHCS) through an annual donation. All of the proceeds support the SHCS students. Each level of giving, from \$250-\$7,500+, includes a variety of perks to showcase and thank sponsors for their support of the SHCS.

For more information, visit www.sthenryschool.net/page/cru-club or email cruclub@sthenrynyk.com.

DPAA Gifts Make a Difference

Your gift to the 2021 DPAA is greatly appreciated and will make a difference in many lives. Donations or pledges exceeding our parish's mandatory goal of \$124,100 will be returned to our parish.

Please consider donating by using the envelopes in the pews, or go to www.covdio.org/stewardship-missions/dpaa/ to make a donation by credit card or bank transfer.

Our Parish Family

Marriages

Trevor Wendt & Bethany Tabeling
Alex Kaelin & Abigail Lukey

New Parishioners

Bradley & Kimberly Gamm
Michael & Holly Chatterton
Todd & Johnna Herrmann
Maggie Flanagan
Miguel & Stephanie Arteaga
Carl & Marilyn Tillery
Kimberly Fehring
Ronald & Deanna Montgomery
Patrick & Julie Price
Christopher & Shauna Vogelpohl
Andrew & Victoria Ris
Joe & Sandy McGinnis
Ross & Fiona Emerson

In Memoriam

Austin Griffin
Andrew Bensman
Margaret Middendorf
Marsha Graue
Patricia Gripshover
Dorothy McKillip
Josephine Speakes
Ruth Miller



The theme for the 2021 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal is from John 3:17. *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."* By contributing to the DPAA, we are able to complete a small part of that mission. Your generosity will provide education and faith formation for adults and children. It will encourage men and women to answer God's call to serve the Church as priests, deacons, and members of the consecrated life. It will care for our retired priests. It will serve the poorest of our brothers and sisters through Catholic Charities, our inner-city agencies, and other social service programs.

No donation is too small. Participation is most important. Many thanks and blessings to all who have generously given. And thank you to those who will give.

Parish Council Guides Our Parish

The Parish Council is a consultative body consisting of the Pastor, Deacons, Coordinator of Religious Education, Youth Minister and 10 parishioners. Each year, open spots are filled for the three-year terms, which begin in July. Congratulations to our newest members of Parish Council: Don Randall, Mike Schroth, and Rob Munson! Returning members are Barb Osborne, Diane Wendeln, Marybeth Bosko, Penny Kramer, Kathy Dorsey, Julie Hermes and Beth Penn. We would also like to thank Bill Dorsey, Bill Engel and Laura Hegge for their past three years of service.

St. Barbara Statue Graces Cathedral Façade



The diocesan "Speaking for Centuries Campaign" finally finished the Cathedral's façade, which was begun in 1908. The façade project added north and south portal tympana with relief depictions of the Blessed Mother's Annunciation and Coronation, along with 24 limestone statues representing the saints of parishes and of organizations of the diocese. Our parish provided the funds for the Saint Barbara statue.

To learn about stewardship opportunities at our parish, please go to the Ministry tab on our parish website or app.

Who inspires you? Share the good news!

Suggestions for the Stewardship and Ministry features are welcomed and can be sent to crosstalk@stbarbaraky.org.

Gathering for the Parish Picnic

By Jeanette Bolin

Hundreds gathered for the annual parish picnic in the Sterling Event Center on July 31. All were happy to socialize with fellow parishioners and friends of the parish. We also celebrated Father John's 25th Jubilee as a priest. During the evening, the lifetime "Kentucky Colonel" honor was bestowed on Father John in recognition of his service and accomplishments on behalf of others. He was also presented an engraved boulder from the parish, congratulatory cards, and a framed poster "Anatomy of a Compassionate Priest" created by parishioner Rita Steenken.

Seminarian Brad Whittle provided great music for the crowd while they chowed on burgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and all sorts of great side dishes and desserts generously provided by our talented parishioners. The outdoor games, cornhole, petting zoo, and spectacular fireworks show were also enjoyed by many of the attendees. We are grateful to everyone on the parish picnic committee, volunteers and donors of the door prizes for this successful and fun-filled event.

