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Love God, Love Neighbor
Make Disciples

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Be on the lookout

Throughout the Quarterly, you will see our little Shepherd's Staff to indicate the end of an article.



Garden Ribbon Cutting

Happy Summer!

Welcome to the third issue of the 2026 Good Shepherd Quarterly!

In this edition, we continue our journey through the Good Shepherd mission statement by reflecting on its second call: **Love Neighbor.**

Jesus reminds us that loving our neighbor is inseparable from loving God. It is a love that moves beyond good intentions into generous action—offering our time, sharing our gifts, extending compassion, and recognizing Christ in every person we encounter. As we continue our Be SEEDed stewardship journey, this theme invites us to see generosity not simply as something we do, but as a way of living that reflects God's abundant love for us.

Throughout these pages, you'll find stories of neighbors serving neighbors, ministries meeting needs, and parishioners sharing their time, talent, and treasure in ways that strengthen our parish family and the wider community.

These moments remind us that every act of generosity, no matter how small, has the power to plant seeds of hope and faith that God can grow.

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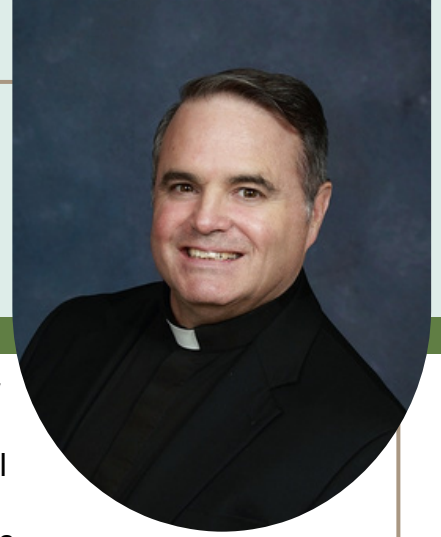
As always, we invite you to share your ideas, questions, and stories as the Good Shepherd Quarterly continues to chronicle the life of our parish. Our hope is to encourage, inform, and celebrate the many ways God is working through His people.

Thank you for being part of the Good Shepherd story—and for helping us Love God, Love Neighbor, and Make Disciples, one generous act at a time.



A Medjugorje Experience

- by Father John Lijana



Forty-five years ago, the sleepy village of Medjugorje was visited by our Blessed Mother. That village of 400 people is now visited by tens of thousands every month by the curious, devoted, and hopeful from around the world. Medjugorje has become a place of conversion, renewal, and healing for so many of God's children. This happens not because of that one day forty-five years ago but what has been happening daily since.

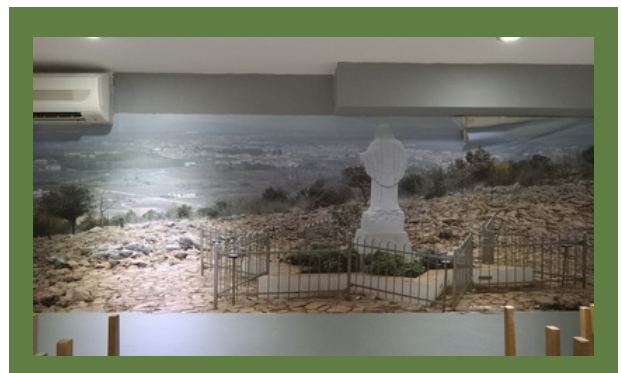


Our Lady has been appearing to the same few residents of that village every day at 6:40 pm since that evening forty-five years ago on the feast of St. John the Baptist. She brings a message of hope, encouragement, and affirmation. Our heavenly Father allows her to do this so her children will remain confident that our Lord is watching over us.

Pilgrims come away from Medjugorje confident that Mary loves them and will take care of them. Her words are full of guidance, mercy, hope, and love. The pilgrims return home with this message for their family and friends. I have been asked at least twenty times about my trip to Medjugorje. I cannot share my experience without including our Lady's message of penance, fasting, prayer, and love.

My trip was extraordinary because something happened that has not happened before. Our Lady called for a novena to prepare for the anniversary of the apparitions on June 24th. The novena began the day before we arrived, so we were surprised when we heard about it. During the novena, the Blessed Mother promised to appear to her visionaries nightly at 11:00 pm at the place she first appeared (Apparition Hill). Of course, this led to a larger than usual number of pilgrims. We covered the jagged rocks of Apparition Hill and prayed while we waited for the apparition to take place, about two hours. Our Mother expressed appreciation for our fasting and prayers then outstretched her hands and prayed over us. She reassured us that our acts of penance and devotion will be rewarded.

That little village is now a town full of hotels, souvenir shops, and tour guides. These serve people from all countries and languages from around the world. It is not cumbersome or difficult to get around. Everywhere is crowded, yet full of kindness. A town full of strangers speaking foreign languages was filled with neighborliness and generosity.



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It is not a town overrun with commercialism; it is a town full of Mary's children showing concern for others, wanting little more than a stronger faith.

I can sum up my experience in one word, generosity. The generosity and concern shown by my fellow pilgrims. The generous hospitality of the residents and the willingness of others to aid others in their desire to be closer to our Mother. The generosity of God providing our Lady an opportunity to visit her children so many times over the years. The generosity of our Mother, continuously praying over and encouraging her children.

Not a day has gone by that I do not recall being in Mary's presence as she outstretched her hands over us. I pray that I can continue to spread the generosity of these moments to the people of Good Shepherd. I pray that our efforts here are pleasing to Mary and that she instills in us the generous spirit she shared with so many pilgrims so many times at Medjugorje.



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? Did You Know?

Marigolds have long been associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, earning the name "*Mary's Gold*" in medieval Europe. Their bright golden blooms were seen as symbols of her love, purity, and heavenly light. Often planted near churches and homes, marigolds became a reminder of devotion, prayer, and the beauty of faith in everyday life. As these flowers bloom and flourish, may they also remind us to grow in grace, hope, and love under Mary's gentle care.

Did you get your pack of Marigolds we handed out this Spring? We still have some available! Let the Parish Office know!



LOVE GOD. LOVE NEIGHBOR.
MAKE DISCIPLES.



The Good Shepherd Mission

The Good Shepherd mission—Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples—is a simple but powerful call that shapes everything we do as a faith community. While our relationship with God is the foundation of our faith, that love is meant to be lived out in the way we care for others. To Love Neighbor is to make God's love visible through compassion, generosity, service, and kindness. Whether welcoming a new family, volunteering in a ministry, helping someone in need, or offering a listening ear, every act of love reflects Christ's presence in our community.

Stewardship is love in action. The gifts God has entrusted to us—our time, talents, and resources—are meant to be shared for the good of others. When we serve our neighbors with joyful and generous hearts, we strengthen our parish, build meaningful relationships, and become a living witness to the Gospel. Loving our neighbor isn't just something we do; it's how we live out our faith every day.

Featured Section: Love Neighbor

In this issue of The Good Shepherd Quarterly, we are focusing on the second instruction of our Parish Mission Statement: **Love Neighbor**.

*To **love Neighbor** is to see every person as someone created and loved by God. It calls us to move beyond convenience and comfort, choosing compassion over indifference and generosity over self-interest. Loving our neighbor isn't limited to grand gestures; it is found in everyday moments of patience, encouragement, forgiveness, hospitality, and service. As disciples of Christ, we are called to be attentive to the needs of those around us and to respond with open hearts and willing hands.*

Jesus made this command unmistakably clear in Mark 12, verses 28-31:

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

*³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no commandment greater than these."*

Loving our Neighbors

We are His hands and feet



Many of our ministries are regularly acting on the call of our parish mission to **"Love Neighbor"** and they do so by generously sharing their time, talents, treasure, and hearts in service to others.

From welcoming people at the church doors and serving those in need to teaching the faith, every ministry is a living expression of generosity. Through these acts of service, we strengthen our parish family and become Christ's hands and feet in the world.



Our **Knights of Columbus** invite neighbors from all over Franklin County to join us for fellowship at the annual fish fry. And our parish team of **greeters** welcomes parishioners and visitors into our church for worship each weekend. Our **school teachers, catechists, and faith formation leaders** are reaching out to share the Gospel with our youth, residents at **Stewart Home & School**, and adults continuing on their faith journeys. Members of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** and those that prepare and serve lunch for the senior citizens at **Kings Daughter's Apartments** are serving our neighbors in need of food. Our parish partnership with our neighboring church up the road, Capital City Christian, helps provide support for new and expectant mothers. Each of these ministries as well as others here at Good Shepherd provide countless opportunities to answer Jesus's call for us *"love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12:31)



We are deeply grateful to everyone who serves in our parish ministries. Your generosity of spirit reflects God's love and inspires others to share their gifts. Together, we are living out the Good Shepherd mission to *"Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples"*.

As we continue to **Be Seeded** – to grow in gratitude, generosity, and grace, we invite every parishioner to prayerfully discern how God is calling you to serve. Each of us has been blessed with unique gifts that can make a difference in the life of our parish and our community. Whether you have a few hours each month or a special talent to share, there is a place for you. By saying "yes" to God's call, you become part of a mission that transforms lives—beginning with your own.





Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

GENEROSITY

Generosity is more than giving—it is a way of living. In our Be SEEDed stewardship journey, generosity begins with recognizing that every blessing we have comes from God and is entrusted to us to share. While financial gifts are an important expression of stewardship, generosity also includes offering our time, talents, encouragement, hospitality, and compassion.

It is one of the most meaningful ways we

Love Neighbor, as we notice the needs of those around us and respond with open hearts and willing hands.

Whether welcoming a new family, serving in a ministry, comforting someone who is struggling

or sharing our resources with those in need, every act of generosity reflects the love of Christ. As St. Paul reminds us, *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"* (2 Corinthians 9:6–8). When we sow generously in love, God uses our gifts to strengthen our parish, bless our neighbors, and bear fruit far beyond what we can imagine.

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“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

MATTHEW 22:37–40

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–8

Walking Together in Faith: Good Shepherd's New Pilgrimage Group

By Becca Allison, Pilgrimage Group Leader

For many Catholics, a pilgrimage is more than a trip—it's an opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life, draw closer to Christ, and experience the beauty and history of our faith. That's the vision behind Good Shepherd's new Pilgrimage Group, led by parishioner Becca Allison.

As a returning Catholic, Becca says she has rediscovered the richness of the Church in a new way.

"I've been learning so much about my Catholic faith," she shared. "I love exploring beautiful churches, shrines, and places dedicated to our Blessed Mother. I wanted to create something where we could experience those places together as a parish."

For Becca, the group is about more than visiting holy places. As someone who is new to Good Shepherd, she also saw it as an opportunity to build friendships within the parish. "I'm a very social person," she said. "I enjoy connecting with the people I'm praying with."

Unlike a typical vacation, a pilgrimage intentionally places faith at the center of the journey. Pilgrims pray together, reflect on their relationship with God, learn about the history and culture of the Catholic faith, and strengthen one another through shared experiences.

"It's a spiritual vacation," Becca explained. "Instead of simply taking a break, you're praying the Rosary together, worshipping together, and building a Christ-centered community."

The group's first destination is Bardstown, often called the "Holy Land of Kentucky." Having grown up in the area, Becca is excited to introduce fellow parishioners to some of its historic churches and sacred sites while discovering new experiences herself.



Basilica of St. Joseph Proto Cathedral

Although the first pilgrimage is centered on Bardstown, Becca already has ideas for future journeys. She hopes to organize visits to Lexington, Louisville, Covington, Cincinnati, Owensboro, and, one day, even farther destinations known for Marian devotion and other important Catholic sites.

At its heart, however, the ministry isn't about the destination—it's about what God does in the hearts of those making the journey.

"I hope people experience the beauty of the Catholic Church and become closer to our Lord through prayer and through the Catholic community," she said.

Traveling together also strengthens the bonds within our own parish family. Becca believes pilgrimage reminds us that being Catholic means belonging to something much larger than ourselves.

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"We're one together with our brothers and sisters in Christ," she said. "Pilgrimages build fellowship, friendship, and community while encouraging people to stay strong in their faith."

Her own experience on a diocesan pilgrimage to Saint Meinrad Archabbey left a lasting impression. Praying before the Blessed Sacrament alongside fellow pilgrims gave her a profound sense of unity with both Christ and His Church—a moment that ultimately inspired her to begin this ministry at Good Shepherd.

For anyone wondering whether the pilgrimage group is right for them, Becca offers simple encouragement.

"My goal is to make every pilgrimage as accessible as possible," she said. "I want everyone to have the opportunity to experience their own personal pilgrimage."

Ultimately, Becca hopes the ministry becomes a lasting part of parish life, giving people regular opportunities to encounter Christ, deepen their faith, and discover the beauty of the Catholic Church together.

"A pilgrimage gives you the opportunity to slow down," she reflected. "Life gets busy, and we often lose sight of what is most important. A pilgrimage reminds us that Christ is at the center of our lives."

As the ministry grows, so does its mission: to help parishioners grow in faith by visiting holy places, sharing fellowship, and walking together as disciples of Christ.

Contact the Parish Office or Becca Allison for more information or to register for this and future special outings.



Harvesting Hope at Good Shepherd **Garden Tour Showcases Faith in Action**



Several dozen parishioners gathered following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on June 14 for the first-ever **Good Shepherd Garden Tour and Ribbon Cutting**, celebrating the official opening of the parish garden and the first fruits of a ministry rooted in faith, stewardship, and community.

Student gardeners and volunteers welcomed guests with guided tours, sharing the vegetables they have planted while reflecting on the lessons learned through teamwork, service, and caring for God's creation.



More than a place to grow food, the garden has become a living classroom where students and volunteers cultivate faith, friendships, and generosity. The celebration was a joyful reminder that the true fruits of our labors are found not only in the harvest but also in the relationships built and the shared commitment to our parish mission of loving God, loving our neighbors, and making disciples.

Thank you to everyone whose time, talents, and prayers continue to help this ministry grow.



The Christian Path of Ongoing Formation

GENEROSITY

in the Celebration of Holy Mass

Laura Hack

Fellow disciples, I was recently challenged as I was perusing different resources regarding our nation's semiquincentennial. I had never considered 'patriotism' as a virtue and did not remember that Saint Augustine of Hippo mentions the virtue in *Confessions*. (I found an excellent essay about patriotism in the *Word on Fire* site, by Dr. Kody W. Cooper and would be happy to share the URL with you.) The point of mentioning this is that so often we do and say things and don't understand anything close to its fullness of their meaning. This small discovery with 'patriotism' has opened a rabbit hole for me to be more aware of the words I use and how they can be considered as signs or symbols for much greater things, and yes, Godly things. Knowing that I was tasked with this Quarterly's article on generosity, I began my quest . . .

To make my article more relatable, I have learned from so many Bishop Barron articles that pop culture—whether we are 'young and happening' or not, is often a great way to pique an audience's curiosity. The first thing that came to mind was an episode of *The Big Bang Theory: The Financial Permeability*. The show aired sixteen years ago, but I remember it clearly. The brilliantly scientific-minded Sheldon lends Penny—the irrational, overly sentimental, and unorganized friend—a wad of cash to help her out during a financially difficult time. Penny (and the audience) is shocked because Sheldon's academic and unyielding mannerisms very pragmatically tells her that he's not using the money and she needs the money. Case closed. To me it was certainly an act of generosity but coming from Sheldon he made the act seem like a common-sense solution to her dilemma instead of an act of the will.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) offered many figures with whom we can recall for their generous natures: Sam—Frodo's dearest friend in *The Lord of the Rings* series, Oskar Schindler in *Schindler's List*, Buddy the elf in *Elf*, and Robin Hood in so many different movies, and we cannot

forget the generosity of Fred Rogers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Each of the characters were models of time, talent, and treasure. While recalling each of the characters I saw how they can be considered archetypes of generosity itself, and yay—another phrase to use while Googling for research—"archetypes of generosity".

What I found when searching for archetypes of generosity left me more aware of how there is an annual multi-billion-dollar industry to teach different entities how to appeal to the generosity of others towards their causes—philanthropy, tons of non-profit organizations and awareness campaigns. I literally found a guy who teaches how to design gaming sites that will nurture generosity during the user experience. To a certain extent I began feeling a bit manipulated, even though I know well that generosity is a good thing. One CNP—that's a Certified Nonprofit Professional, offers online webinars that include x-amount of generosity archetypes to better understand potential donors. The 'archetypes' Google-search did not offer me results that I felt good about, but thankfully, my next search was "Catholicism & generosity" and I was on a good course from there . . .

The Spiritual Bouquet is a lovely Catholic tradition of generosity. The giver offers to God the gift of prayers, novenas, acts of charity and mercy, rosaries, even their personal human suffering towards the welfare of the receiver. A simple note with the acts of charity is a welcomed present and is an excellent way to involve your children in generosity towards another.



Most children enjoy creating a card, listed with their acts of prayer and even extra household duties that were for the benefit of their loved one.

One of my favorite online-go-tos is Catholic Education Resource Center (CERC) and I highly recommend the site. With permission CERC reprinted a short essay from *Lay Witness*, "The Virtue of Generosity" by Donald DeMarco. He uses greedy literary figures and their conversions to help his readers relate: King Midas,

Ebenezer Scrooge, and of course, the Grinch. DeMarco asks the question, "What are the limits of generosity?"

Since virtue is rooted in love, this question is tantamount to asking, "What are the limits of love?"

To the calculating mind, being generous seems to be costly.

To the generous heart, being greedy seems incomprehensible.

It is greed that impoverishes us, not generosity.

True generosity, indeed, enriches us a hundredfold.

There is a superabundance within each of us. Not to

release it is to cost us who we are (cf. Jn. 12:24-25).

Nothing, therefore, is more costly than greed; nothing is more rewarding than generosity.

The fact that greed is as common as it is indicates that human beings can be estranged from themselves while trying to live a life that is alien to them.

And there it was.

In my quest to humbly offer you a fuller meaning of the nature of generosity, DeMarco's words helped me remember when I personally experience, offer, and participate in the virtue of generosity to the fullest. It's during Offertory at the Holy Mass.

Offertory is one of the most ignored, bypassed, under-appreciated moments during Mass. (I always remind our First Communion and Confirmation candidates that Offertory is not the Church's given opportunity for us to have a restroom break—it's not an intermission!) My journey towards understanding those brief moments was convoluted for many years. I could not understand why we were offering the species of bread and wine, our tithes, when the bread, wine, and money were gifts that God gave us in the first place. So aren't we basically re-gifting, and isn't re-gifting usually snickered about?

It was when my understanding of the Holy Trinity matured that not only did I begin to understand the 're-gifting', but how when we offer back to God what he has given us the gifts have then been filtered in our own humanity, and yes, the good and the bad.

The Father looks at his Son and breathes the perfection of agapeic love, while the Son is returning the same perfect, *spiritus sanctus*, Holy Spirit, to the Father. Through the Holy Spirit and our Baptism we are allowed to participate in the *sacred breath, consecrated soul* that is the dynamism of life itself, the constant grace offered by our Trinitarian God. God offers us grace, and

if we choose to accept his gift, we are expected to filter it through our humanity and return it as we participate in the offering.

Our goal is to re-gift God's grace along with our humanity which includes our sorrows and joys, fears and comfort in knowing that we are loved. We are offering thanks for the school nurse who called the farmer's wife when their child needed them at school that day—that farming family grew the wheat that is used for the hosts. We offer thanks for the childcare givers who care for the truck drivers' children—that parent delivered the food, books, and supplies needed for our families to thrive. We offer thanks for the Church, the Holy Mass, and our parish where we are offered the opportunity to most closely live and learn in the communal reality that Jesus taught us about in his ministry.



I know I am so,so far from being a perfectly generous disciple. But I also know that I come closer to living 'generosity' as a virtue when I participate in the Divine Relationship as a receiver and a giver of grace.

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Seeding Our Spiritual Home

Finance Council Report



Have you improved or maintained where you live? If so, the improvement or maintenance either was done by hired labor or done yourself, perhaps with help from family or friends. Doing it yourself saved money, and the task may have been accomplished sooner than if it were contracted. The money saved then helped pay for other expenses or was put away to pay for a future expense.

The Good Shepherd Finance Council is in full support of the on-going Be Seeded effort and its four-part mission of gratitude, generosity, grace, and growth. The Finance Council repeatedly has expressed its gratitude to the parishioners for their commitment to the church and school, the building and grounds, and acknowledges the grace received by the Good Shepherd community through the activities that benefit the parish and school and our faith journey. The Good Shepherd Staff, The Parish Pastoral Council, and the Finance Committee are diligent in surveying the parish and school needs and considering how growth will be managed.

The Finance Council applauds the generosity of the parishioners. It knows that generosity often means giving, and giving often is associated with monetary donations. But there are many ways to give besides monetarily. As noted in the last Good Shepherd Quarterly, giving also encompasses donations of time and talent. Increasing monetary contributions can be a struggle. In the current economy, giving, even nominally, can be a challenge if personal and family finances are tight; giving of time and talent works well, too.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH is our spiritual house. Just like your home, it needs maintenance. Sometimes it needs improvement. Giving, in any or all ways, can help keep our spiritual home in order. It's another way to Love Neighbor by a contribution that benefits all.

Consider what happens when one gives a gift of time or talent. For instance, donating time and talent to the Good Shepherd Garden Club makes a difference in the appearance of the property and improves the grounds. That eventually can save the parish from the cost of replacing landscaping or hiring groundskeeping. That donation of time or talent can translate into money down the road.

Men participating in the Knights of Columbus volunteer their time for projects or to raise money, some of which is presented to the parish and school for certain items or events. Those donations of time, talent, and treasure save the parish or school from spending that money. The donation of time and talent translates into savings for the parish or school.

There always are small jobs around the parish or school that could benefit from volunteers. Operations Manager Lloyd Lynch has a list. A parish member taking on one of those projects will mean the parish does not have to contract and pay for a service. That makes funds available for expenses that cannot be handled by volunteers.

It all adds up. And it preserves our spiritual home. It's seeding the future of Good Shepherd. And each of us can be a sower.



IN PROCESS IS DEVELOPMENT OF a parish budget for the new fiscal year. In recent years, the Good Shepherd Finance Council's focus when budgeting has been twofold:

Realistic, conservative income projections; and

Searching to reduce expenses by examining and questioning each one.

Now, the excess has been weaned. The expenses left are the very fabric of what a Catholic parish is and what parishioners expect to support their belief.

If reducing expenses is not feasible without cutting essential, meaningful ministries, programs, or staff, the alternative is to increase income or offset expenses with some level of volunteerism. This is the position the Good Shepherd Finance Council faces in the building of the budget. Without increased income, forced reductions in expenses will be painful.

This is the circumstance facing the Finance Council. This is the message it will stress through the coming year. The parish cannot thrive, and will be hurt in meaningful ways, if it cannot balance the budget and be forced to deplete what is in an emergency reserve. This is the most transparent issue before the Finance Council and the parish.



FINANCIAL NEWS

As we conclude the parish's fiscal year, I would like to recap some of our major sources of income and the significant expenses we incurred over the past fiscal year. Many of these expenses are recurring annual obligations, making sound financial stewardship essential to the long-term health and vitality of our parish.

We are blessed to have an active Finance Council that works closely with Father John to review the parish's income and expenses each month. Their thoughtful oversight helps ensure that we remain faithful and responsible stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

As we begin this new fiscal year, we must continue to be mindful of our expenses while also seeking opportunities to strengthen our financial future. Our largest and most important source of income is the weekly offertory received at Mass. While the offertory is our primary source of income, the parish also receives revenue from several other sources that are not reflected in the offertory figure below. Your generosity is the foundation that supports the ministries, programs, and daily operations of Good Shepherd Church and School.

Every gift, regardless of its size, directly impacts our ability to fulfill our mission of worshipping God, serving our parish family, educating our children, and planting the seeds of the Catholic faith for generations to come.

On behalf of Father John, the Finance Council, and our entire parish staff, thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and unwavering commitment to Good Shepherd Parish. Your faithful support allows us to carry out Christ's mission today while building a strong foundation for the future.

Fiscal Year 25/26 Offertory Collection

25/26 yearly offertory expected income \$800,000.00

25/26 fiscal year actual offertory income received \$767,141.39

Offertory income shortage for fiscal year 25/26 \$ 32,858.61

The following are the fiscal year 25/26 major expenditures for the **church only**:

- Copier lease and equipment \$ 4,020.69
- Phone Service \$ 4,070.70
- Computer equipment & maintenance \$ 4,409.78
- Janitorial & cleaning supplies \$ 5,615.99
- Priest retirement \$ 6,350.00
- Columbia Gas \$ 7,657.72
- Dumpster pick-up \$ 8,270.37
- Alarm and fire suppression systems \$ 11,549.61
- HVAC & plumbing maintenance \$ 13,272.02
- Mowing and snow removal \$ 13,334.50
- Liturgical supplies & offertory envelopes \$ 19,633.22
- General Property Insurance \$ 39,214.25
- Electric, water, sewer & internet \$ 54,397.44
- Health Insurance church employees \$ 57,873.52
- Diocese assessment \$120,038.60
- Subsidy to school \$160,000.00
- Church employee's salaries \$340,006.98

Total \$869,715.39

Loving Our Neighbor as Ourselves.

by Stephanie Sims, Good Shepherd Vincentian



"He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

This is a foundational Scripture for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) and for our parish's mission. In 2026, our Good Shepherd Conference of SVDP is commemorating 50 years of serving the poor in Frankfort. This anniversary ties in with our current parish **"Be SEEDed"**

focus on **growing in gratitude, generosity, and grace.**

SVDP here in Franklin County has grown from a handful of parishioners praying together and delivering food and other necessities to needy families into a few dozen dedicated volunteers serving the Lord by serving hundreds of our needy neighbors. The Rule of the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states that *"Vincentians should never forget that giving love, talents and time is more important than giving money. Nevertheless, the Society uses money and property to help relieve the suffering of those in need."*



Our Good Shepherd Vincentians and parishioners give generously of all three to reach out to our neighbors in need.

Long-time Good Shepherd Vincentians and parishioners, Steve and Cindy Mims, recently shared about the importance of SVDP and about some milestones in the conference's 50-year history:

Chuck Cotton, an SVDP leader, asked Steve in February 2006 to join SVDP as Treasurer and for Cindy to assist him. We were replacing George and Edna Koenig, who had volunteered in these positions for 18 years, and we were happy to join because we enjoy helping people as Jesus commanded us to do. We also liked learning that SVDP is a Catholic charity that is worldwide and is well organized and has a great motto: Help Us Help Others.

The Good Shepherd Conference operated on Wapping St., first in the basement of the church rectory and then later in the basement of the GSS elementary school. At that time, we were serving approximately 10-15 families each Saturday with food, clothing, and/or household items.

In 2008, Good Shepherd Church was planning to move everything to the new campus on HWY 421, so after 30 years Chuck and Steve had to find and purchase property for SVDP. At about that same time, parishioner and dedicated Vincentian Charlie Schroff died and bequeathed money to SVDP which enabled the purchase and renovation of property at 315 Wallace Ave. In Jan. 2010, SVDP moved into the new building which housed a thrift store, food pantry, and two rental apartments.

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Since then, we have expanded our Wallace Ave. campus with three additional rental apartments, a new food pantry building with an outdoor freezer and refrigerator, a furniture building, and a warehouse for sorting and storage of clothes and household items. These expansions were made possible by donors who designated money for capital construction and improvements. We have become more visible in the community, and our presence has helped to improve the neighborhood.

We have been able to help our “*neighbors*” throughout the years using primarily donations from our generous Good Shepherd parishioners. Over the last 50 years, we have helped thousands of people throughout Franklin County with such things as food, housing, utilities, medicine, transportation, clothing, furniture, household goods, and funerals.

God has abundantly blessed us with generous donors and faithful, hardworking volunteers that help whether it is serving food, taking food boxes to homes, helping at the thrift and furniture stores, maintaining and mowing the property, managing our rental property, or praying with neighbors. Our SVDP has also been greatly blessed to be part of the Feeding America Program that provides meat, dairy, fresh fruit and vegetables, and Little Caesars pizzas.

People throughout the years have told us that they are so very thankful that we have been available in the community to help them in their time of need. Some didn't have food or money some weeks and they could count on us to provide food for their families. We have been able to evangelize to many by helping with physical needs and praying with them for healing and spiritual growth.



On this 50th anniversary occasion, we would like to remember some of the deceased SVDP volunteers who founded and were active in the development of what SVDP is today: Deacon Jim Barton, Chuck and Margo Cotton, George and Edna Koenig, Myra Schuster, Roberta Gray, Bob and Betty Hicks, Regina Greenberg, Charlie Schroff, Marty Venzin.



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Chuck Cotton, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, looks through items in the store's current location in the basement of Shepherd School. The store will be moving to Wallace Avenue in January.



YOU ARE THE GIFT: GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATES ITS VOLUNTEERS

by Cricket Hater, Director of Stewardship



Good Shepherd Parish celebrated the heart of its mission during its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration**, "*You Are the Gift*," an evening dedicated to honoring the countless parishioners whose time, talent, and servant hearts make our parish community thrive.

The **Stewardship Team** transformed the Parish Life Center into a warm and welcoming space, with beautifully decorated tables featuring wrapped gift packages, flowers and overhead lights, reflecting the evening's theme: *You Are The Gift*. From liturgical ministries and faith formation to hospitality, outreach, maintenance, and parish events, volunteers were recognized for the countless ways they help bring Christ's love to life each day.

The celebration began with an opening prayer led by **Deacon Mike Lynch**, inviting everyone to reflect on the blessings of serving others. Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed special music by **Jack Twombly**, whose performance provided a joyful backdrop for fellowship and gratitude.

A delicious dinner was served, featuring "chicken Lijana", fresh seasonal vegetables, roasted potatoes, and a variety of luxurious desserts that made the evening feel especially festive.



Several parish leaders shared heartfelt reflections on the meaning of volunteer service. **Stephanie Sims** read a passage from John 17 about the manner in which Jesus showed love to His friends - the people who followed Him in ministry. **Jeanne Baldwin**, **Joan Luther** and **Tim Mallard** each spoke about the impact of generosity, faith, and the relationships built through serving at Good Shepherd. Their stories reminded everyone that ministry is more than completing tasks—it's about answering God's call to love, serve, and build community together.

A special moment of the evening recognized Good Shepherd's **ministry leaders**. These dedicated servant leaders received a small gift in appreciation of the countless hours they invest in guiding ministries, mentoring volunteers, and helping others discover their own gifts. Their leadership strengthens the parish and inspires others to become active participants in the life of the Church.

After a meaningful video presentation, the evening concluded with a closing prayer offered by Father John, who thanked every volunteer for sharing their God-given gifts so generously. He reminded those gathered that every act of service—whether seen or unseen—helps fulfill Good Shepherd's mission to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Make Disciples.

The Volunteer Appreciation Celebration served as a beautiful reminder that while volunteers give so much of themselves throughout the year, they are, indeed, the greatest gift to our parish community.



Each of you should use whatever

GIFT

you have received to serve others, as

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

of God's

GRACE

in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



JOIN OUR *Prayer List*

We believe in the power of prayer and the strength of our parish community.

When you submit a prayer request, our prayer community lifts you up in faith, hope, and love.

To submit a prayer request:



Email your request to:

prayerchain@gssfrankfort.org

OR



Contact the Parish Office:

502-227-4511

♥ *We are here for you.* You are not alone. ♥



GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
LOVE GOD • LOVE NEIGHBOR • MAKE DISCIPLES

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

GIVING WALL

HIGHLIGHTING THE POWER OF GENEROSITY

by Cricket Hater, Director of Stewardship

A colorful new display in the Gathering Area is serving as a reminder that every gift—large or small—helps sustain the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd Parish. As part of the parish's Be SEEDed: Growing Together Through Gratitude, Generosity & Grace stewardship initiative, the Giving Wall invites parishioners to prayerfully consider an additional gift while learning more about the everyday costs of operating our parish.



Each envelope on the wall represents a recurring expense at Good Shepherd Parish—from liturgical supplies and faith formation materials to utilities, maintenance, and ministry support. By selecting an envelope, parishioners gain a tangible understanding of how their financial gifts directly support the daily life of the parish while providing an opportunity to make a sacrificial gift beyond their regular offertory.

"The Giving Wall is a visual representation of stewardship through giving," said Stewardship Director Cricket Hater. *"We are called to be good stewards of all the gifts God has given us, and the vibrant display and financial factoids help call our attention to the monetary gifts we can offer, even with sacrifice."*

The display also features *"Financial Factoids"* that highlight the many behind-the-scenes expenses required to keep Good Shepherd thriving. From maintaining our beautiful campus to supporting ministries that serve parishioners of all ages, the Giving Wall demonstrates that every contribution helps advance the parish's mission to **Love God, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples**.

The Giving Wall reflects the generosity component of the Be SEEDed campaign, which encourages parishioners to deepen their stewardship by sharing their time, talent, and treasure in gratitude for God's many blessings. It serves as both an educational tool and an invitation to grow in faith through intentional generosity.



Each envelope represents an estimated annual operating expense that helps support the ministries and mission of Good Shepherd Parish and School.



Choose an envelope, take it home, and prayerfully consider your gift. Then complete the back of the envelope and return it with your gift or pledge during the offertory or to the parish office.



Thank you for helping Good Shepherd *grow through your faithful generosity!*



“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Special thanks go to the members of the Stewardship Team and the Environmental Team, whose creativity, time, and dedication brought the Giving Wall to life. Their collaboration has created a meaningful and engaging way for parishioners to see the impact of stewardship in action.

As you visit the Gathering Area, take a moment to choose an envelope, learn something new about the life of our parish, and prayerfully consider how your gift can help Good Shepherd continue to grow through gratitude, generosity, and grace.

Loving our Neighbors

by Lupita Cruz



The Hispanic Committee at Good Shepherd takes to heart the mission to show love for neighbors. They do that by serving in our parish in many ways.

The Hispanic Committee not only serves the Spanish-speaking community at Good Shepherd, but ALL of the parishioners in this parish. They organize Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, help feed our senior citizens at King Daughter's Apartments, and plan and work on many other activities. They get organized and with humbleness clean the church every so often; they also cook every month, not only to create a way to gather the community with food, but also to gather financial means to support many activities to evangelize youth and adults in our parish.



The committee members get elected every 2 years and members serve and help new members to learn how to work as a team for the parish and they communicate with Father John to be able to continue doing their ministry. The live Stations of the Cross happen each year because they promote it in our community and donate their time for practices. They organize the calendar for servers, lectors, and other ministers for our Masses in Spanish. They oversee that faithful devotions in Spanish get planned like Rosaries during the month of May and October. They make sure we have families taking the Virgin of Guadalupe little image home each week. Each family takes the Virgin Mary image and prays the whole week for intentions for our parish, the sick, and the ones with worries; the family also takes a "cup" home because they are praying for vocations.



The committee members meet once a month for the planning of events and evangelization efforts for the community. They do something each month for the Hispanic Community, but they know they are serving Christ. Many of them don't speak English but do their best to communicate with our English-speaking parishioners. They really serve as an act of kindness and faithfulness to God. When you see them serving in the church, please talk to them and make them feel part of our parish. They too are loving the neighbors in our parish and are praying for all of us and doing their best to raise their families and encourage all the community to love their neighbor and be disciples of Christ!





Knights Council 1483 Follows 'Love Neighbor' Commitment

Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council 1483 furthers the Love Neighbor commitment in the Good Shepherd Parish Mission Statement with three efforts seeking to help parishioners and the community.

The Council will host a dinner and information session titled "An Introduction to Financial Security and Estate Planning for Your Family" on Monday, September 28, 2026, in the Good Shepherd Parish Life Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program is free of charge and open to anyone, both men and women, who wish to attend to learn more about organizing your assets and making clear decisions about how they should be distributed after your lifetime.

The Knights will provide food and refreshments. There is no cost to attend and participate.

The presentation will be led by Knights Joe Bilby and Greg White. Bilby, who is chairing the event, can be contacted at 502-409-1778 for additional information.

"Financial planning is important for each individual and family," Council 1483 Grand Knight Joe Hoelking explained. "Our Council is sponsoring this program not only to inform the Frankfort Knights but also for the benefit of the entire Good Shepherd Parish community. Friends and family who are not Good Shepherd parishioners also are welcome to take part. This continues Council 1483's effort to support family, community, and faith."

If you have any interest in learning about the future of financial planning, please mark your calendar to attend on September 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please register by September 15, 2026, so the Knights will know how much food to prepare and refreshments to provide. To register, please send an e-mail to joe@bilbylaw.com or call 502-409-1778.



COUNCIL 1483 established a new process to consider requests for donations. Following the continued success of the annual Lenten Fish Fry, for which the Council is grateful to both parishioners and the Franklin County community, it became necessary to develop a process to receive, review, and award donation requests.

Now, all requests for donations, from Good Shepherd Parish and ministries, Good Shepherd Catholic School, non-profit community organizations and individuals, must be submitted on the Frankfort Knights of Columbus Council 1483 Donation Request Form. This applies to all requests, no exceptions. All requests will require a justification of the requested donation amount. The requests will be reviewed by the newly created Council 1483 Budget Committee, which can approve, modify or deny the request. The Committee recommendation will be voted on by Council 1483 members at its next scheduled or specially called meeting.

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A copy of the Donation Request Form may be obtained from Grand Knight Joe Hoelkinger (phoenixjoe66@gmail.com), Recorder Mike Stone (kmstone1951@gmail.com), or the Good Shepherd Parish office.

AT THE APRIL Council 1483 meeting, a breakdown of the successful 2026 Lenten Fish Fry showed 3,090 pounds of Atlantic cod, 672 pounds of shrimp, and 2,000 pounds of French fries were served. Around 1,000 meals were sold at each of the six Fry. The Knights provided more than 100 free meals for the homebound. The profit from the Fish Fry is used primarily to support worthy requests that fall within the Council efforts to support faith, family, and community.

At the May meeting, the Council voted its support of the effort spearheaded by Knight Rene Rodriquez to teach spoken English to Hispanic members of the community. Other requests for donations to non-profit organizations and to individuals were considered. The plaque displayed in the Knights trophy case in the Parish Life Center foyer was updated to include the names of all past Grand Knights.



Also at the May meeting, the Nominating Committee of Godwin Onodu, Steve Veno, and Jason Myers submitted a slate of 2026-27 officers, which is the same as the current officers. The election was held at the June 22 meeting. The 2026-27 officers are:

- Chaplain — Fr. John Lijana
- Grand Knight — Joe Hoelkinger
- Deputy Grand Knight — Ryan Watts
- Chancellor — Dennis O'Neal
- Recorder — Mike Stone
- Treasurer — Bob Bauer
- Warden — Zach Hamilton
- Advocate — J.R. Zinner
- Inside Guard — Dan Mauer
- Outside Guard — Joe Bilby
- Third-Year Trustee — James Sean Murphy
- Second-Year Trustee — Steve Veno
- First-Year Trustee — Godwin Onodu

Please note that the position of Financial Secretary, currently Bubba Mills, is appointed and approved by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. The officers take office July 1 and serve for one year.

They will be installed at a ceremony during the summer.





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Our Mission:
Putting Christ at the Heart of It All.



The Good Shepherd School Class of 2026 gathers on the sanctuary steps to celebrate an important milestone, marking the culmination of years of faith, learning, and friendship. As they prepare to begin the next chapter of their lives, we congratulate these graduates and pray that God will continue to guide their paths with wisdom, courage, and grace.



Meet Our New Principal: Mark J. Auer

by Mike Stone

Good Shepherd Catholic School is pleased to welcome Mark J. Auer as principal for the 2026–2027 school year. With more than 24 years of experience in Catholic education, Mr. Auer brings a wealth of classroom and leadership experience, a passion for student success, and a deep commitment to the mission of Catholic schools.



Mr. Auer's career has included service as a classroom teacher, lead teacher, interim principal, and school administrator. He has taught mathematics, history, language arts, and science in grades 4–8 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Developmental Psychology from Northern Kentucky University, with minors in Management and Labor Relations. Through the Buenger Foundation's Initiative for Catholic School Future Leadership Scholarship, he earned a master's degree from Xavier University and later completed graduate-level STEM studies at Wright State University.

For Mr. Auer, Catholic education is about forming the whole child. He believes Catholic schools are uniquely positioned to partner with parents and parishes to nurture students intellectually, spiritually, and morally. His leadership philosophy emphasizes academic excellence, instructional leadership, faith integrated into daily learning, and strong relationships among students, families, educators, and parishioners. He believes these partnerships create a culture of respect, service, and lifelong learning.

As he begins this new chapter at Good Shepherd, Mr. Auer says he is excited to become part of the parish and school community.

"I am looking forward to being part of Good Shepherd Catholic School's rich history," he wrote in a recent letter to families. "There have been some changes recently, and I feel that this evolution will lead to a continued story of success for our church and school."



Recognizing that leadership transitions often bring uncertainty, Mr. Auer has spent time learning from former principal Kelly Rowe and listening to those who know the school best. His goal is to build on the strong foundation already in place while working collaboratively with faculty, staff, parish leadership, and families to help Good Shepherd continue to thrive.

Looking ahead, Mr. Auer's vision includes strengthening the partnership between the school and parish, creating new opportunities for volunteer involvement, welcoming more families to Good Shepherd while maintaining the school's small class sizes, and continuing to provide students with a Christ-centered, loving, and caring environment.

Mr. Auer and his wife have been married for 27 years and have three children, all graduates of Catholic schools. As he prepares for the start of the school year, he is looking forward to meeting students, families, parishioners, and the wider Good Shepherd community.

"I am very excited about the upcoming new school year and look forward to meeting all of you and to continuing the Good Shepherd Catholic School award-winning traditions." —————



A vibrant poster for the school's kick-off event. At the top, the school's name is written in a green, arched font. Below it, the words 'KICK OFF!' are prominently displayed in large, bold, green and blue letters. To the right, a green four-leaf clover with a white cross is enclosed in a circle. Below the clover, a blue banner with a white border contains the date 'Saturday, AUGUST 8TH'. The bottom section is divided into three parts: on the left, a church icon is next to the text 'Families, JOIN US FOR MASS AT 4:00 PM'; in the center, a megaphone icon is next to the text 'Kick Off STARTS AT 5:30 PM'; and on the right, a backpack icon is next to the text 'Drop off your school supplies AND meet your teachers!'. The entire poster is decorated with various green and blue elements, including stars and a smiley face.

GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Part 3: From Cavalry to Clergy: A Sketch of the Life of Rev. Thomas S. Major

by Deacon Tom Kaldy

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Sorry for the delay in **Part 3: From Cavalry to Clergy: A Sketch of the Life of Rev. Thomas S. Major**. To review, Thomas Smith Major was born on 13 July 1844 in Paris, Kentucky. On 5 September 1862, he

enlisted as a Private in Company C, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States of America. He was wounded at the Battle of Buffington Island, Ohio 19 July 1863 and was captured on 26 July 1863 in Salineville, Ohio. He was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, a Union Prisoner of War Camp.

A month later, he was transferred to Camp Douglas, Illinois, another Union Prisoner of War Camp. In March 1864, he escaped from Camp Douglas. He rejoined the Confederate Army and was discharged on 26 May 1865 when General Edmund Kirby Smith surrendered at Galveston, Texas. An interesting side note: Thomas Major was probably in Galveston when Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order Number 3. The first sentence of the order reads, "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." This is the event celebrated as Juneteenth.

Conversion

There are two stories regarding Thomas Major's conversion to Catholicism. Paul Meagher in his Church of the Good Shepherd 1848-1948 writes the following. "He attributed his conversion to a nun who nursed him when he was sick in a military hospital in Cincinnati." Roger Futrell in his article The Reverend Thomas S. Major: From the Army to the Altar writes, "Thomas Major converted to Roman Catholicism after his encounter with the 'good sisters' whom he credited with saving his life." The second story is found in the Catholic Columbian dated November 10, 1900 in a story about Father Major's Silver Jubilee. When Private Major escaped from Camp Douglas he made his way to Chicago. There he met an Irishman named Charles Donnelly who gave him shelter and concealed him from capture. When Private Major offered to reward him, he replied that he "was simply carrying out the injunction of his religion to do good to all men, taught him by the Holy Catholic Church. It was through this worthy act of charity that Father Major dates the birth of his conversion." Whichever story is correct, the Catholic Church made a lasting impression on Thomas Major.

Seminary and Orientation

After the war, Thomas Major returned to Covington, Kentucky where his father had a medical practice. At some point after the war, my research indicates that he attended Spring Hill College, in Mobile, Alabama possibly to study medicine. He was enrolled in 1870 as a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, Ohio. This institution is known today as the Athenaeum of Ohio. Thomas Major graduated with very high marks and returned to the Diocese of Covington for ordination. Major's ordination was delayed until Bishop Toebe of Covington could obtain a papal dispensation, *Ob Defectu Lenitatis* ("on account of a lack of gentility") from Pope Pius IX. Because Thomas Major had been a soldier, there was a law in the Church that no one who shed human blood could become a priest without this special dispensation. The Pope granted the dispensation. Thomas Major was ordained by Bishop Toebe, the Second Bishop of Covington, on November 14, 1875 at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Covington. In 1875, the Cathedral was located on 8th Street between Scott and Greenup Streets. Father Major celebrated his first Mass in Hamilton, Ohio where his family lived at the time.

Ministry

It was challenging to piece together Father Major's assignments after his ordination. I used Rev. Paul E. Ryan's The History of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky 1954, as my primary reference. A personal sidenote, as an altar boy at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, my home parish, I served many Masses with Monsignor Ryan. He was a friend of my father and celebrated my father's funeral Mass in 1965.

Saint Edward Parish, Cynthiana 1876-1878

It looks like Father Major's first assignment was to Saint Edward Parish in Cynthiana, Kentucky in 1876. It is interesting that this was Father Major's first assignment. The original church was dedicated on the Feast of the Ascension 1864. This is the same year that General John Hunt Morgan attacked the Federal troops in Cynthiana under the command of General E. H. Hobson. During the siege, the Catholic school was commandeered as a morgue. It is ironic that Father Major's first assignment was to a town that his former command had attacked. Father Major did not participate in the operation due to his capture by Union forces in 1863. A new church was constructed because the original church was not large enough for the congregation. The new church was dedicated on October 29, 1876 during the pastorate of Father Major. Father Major was reassigned sometime in 1878.

Saint Paul Parish, Lexington, KY

1878-Autumn 1878 During this period Father Major was assigned to Saint Paul Parish in Lexington, Kentucky. Initially he was the Assistant Pastor. However, on September 12, 1878, Father Bekkers who had been the pastor there for fourteen years died. Father Major took care of the parish until the autumn of 1878 when Father Ferdinand Brossart was appointed as pastor. Father Brossart would become the fourth Bishop of Covington in 1916.



Saint Paul Parish, Lexington, KY

Ministry Outside the Diocese of Covington

1878-1892 This is an interesting period in Father Major's ministry. I am relying on the information I found in the November 10, 1900 Catholic Columbian and the article by Roger Futrell. To quote the Catholic Columbian, "His desire for earnest active work was gratified when he received orders to labor in the Diocese of San Antonio, Texas." Next, he was assigned as Assistant Pastor to Saint Bridget Parish in Chicago. He was transferred to Geneva, Illinois in the Diocese of Peoria and then again to Texas. "Under the direction of his god-father Bishop Gilmour of Cleveland he administered to the German parish of Edgerton, Ohio for five years." (Catholic Columbian). Around 1882, he was recalled by Bishop Toebe to the Diocese of Covington.

Saint Joseph Parish 1892-1895

Father Major was assigned as Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Winchester, Kentucky. A few months after assuming duties as pastor he brought the new parish rectory to completion. In our next issue, we will have the last installment of the series on Rev. Thomas Major focusing on his time at Good Shepherd.



Around Good Shepherd

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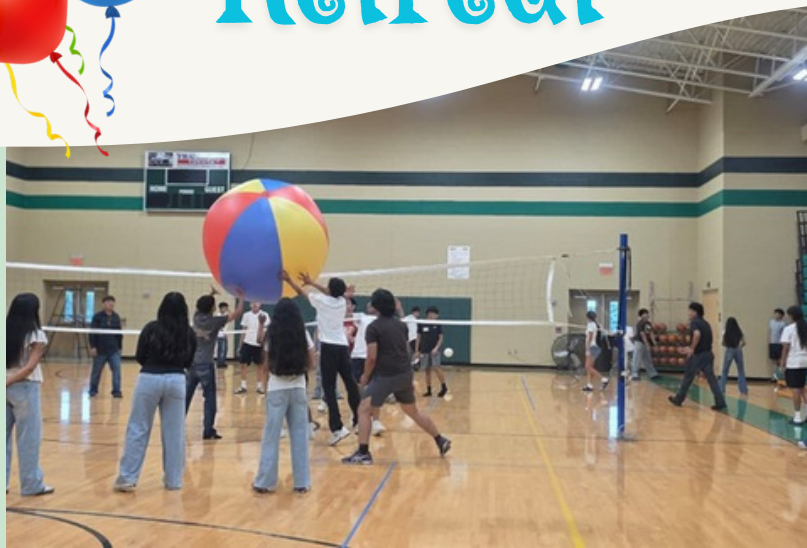


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