CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

News Notes

November 2025

Office of the Chancellor

Statistical Reports and Sacramental Registers for 2025 – The forms for the reporting of annual statistical information are available on the diocesan website (www.cdlex.org) on the Chancellor's page or at https://cdlex.org/annual-statistical-information/.

The **Parish Leadership Report, Sacramental Registration, and Statcomputer Report** are due January 19, 2026, to Deacon John Brannen at jbrannen@cdlex.org

Suicide Prevention Performance – Br. Christian Matson will be performing his one-man show for suicide prevention, *Every Brilliant Thing* by Duncan Macmillan, on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 7, at 2pm, at Antagonist Productions, 2520 Regency Rd, Suite 140, Lexington 40503. There will be a Q&A after each performance to discuss available suicide prevention resources. Tickets are available at: https://antagonistproductionscompany.betterworld.org/events/every-brilliant-thing.

Pastoral Life

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

NCYC – Our Diocesan delegation has made it back from NCYC and it was an amazing experience. If you'd like to see pictures of what our youth experienced, check them out on our webpage here: Youth Ministry - CDLEX Thank you all for your prayers!

Theology on Tap – Theology on Tap is a place where young adults can come together, share a drink, and talk about things that matter. Admission is free and comes with one drink ticket. Upcoming events:

December 4 – Dr. Samuel Awuah: Are Faith and Science Incompatible?

Calvary Cemetery

Candlelight at Calvary – Join us this Saturday, December 6, at 5pm for our second Candlelight at Calvary. This is a musical, ministerial, luminary, and Christmas ornament ceremony, offering hope and support in remembrance of your loved ones during the holidays.

Calvary, established in 1874, is the Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington located @ 874 West Main Street, ccemetery@cdlex.org, 859-252-5415

Development

Diocesan Annual Appeal – Thank you for your announcements, bulletin articles, etc. to remind your members about sending in their donation to the Annual Appeal to support Mission and Ministry throughout our Diocese. Your efforts provide the critical funds needed.

Congratulations to the 22 those parishes that have reached their participation goal, and special thanks to the parishes that have already met their paid goal.

End of Year Stock Gifts – Gifts of stock are a great way to support your location at the end of the year. Please encourage donors who give at the end of the year via stock donations to follow the instructions on the cdlex.org website. https://cdlex.org/legacy-giving. You might remind your donors to start this process sooner than later, so their giving occurs in 2025.

Mission & Ministry Application – The online Mission & Ministry application forms for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 will be available by December 1, 2025. Link to Mission and Ministry is: apply.cdlex.org. Contact Sara Spellman sspellman@cdlex.org if you have trouble logging in or have other questions. Deadline for applications will be January 30, 2026.

Second Collection – The Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be taken up in our Diocese on December 6-7, 2025. Campaign materials are available at https://retiredreligious.org/materials.

iGiveCatholic – The Catholic Diocese of Lexington is participating in #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, December 2. Join us in celebrating gratitude during the holiday season by giving generously to our churches, schools and apostolates.

Visit https://www.igivecatholic.org/community/lexington to view our participating organizations and donate online. If you have any questions, contact Sara Spellman sspellman@cdlex.org.

Catholic Charities

Position Available – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington is hiring an Administrative Assistant, someone highly skilled in administrative computer programs and office technology tools. For more information, please visit www.catholiccharitieslexington.org