News Notes

May 2026

Pastoral Life

Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

Theology on Tap – *May 7 with Dr. Scott Moringiello*
Theology on Tap is a place where young adults can come together, share a drink, and talk about things that matter. Join us on May 7 at Mirror Twin Brewing Annex (732 National Ave. Lexington KY 40502) as Dr. Scott Moringiello talks about how the Bible defines love. Admission is free and comes with one drink ticket.

The Servant Leadership Institute Returns: June 29-July 2 – The Servant Leadership Institute will return this summer! This four-day program is the successor to the Christian Leadership Institute we've hosted in years past, working to form young people in an authentically Catholic model of leadership. The Institute is open to all rising 10th graders through recently graduated seniors (basically anyone who was in high school for the 2025-26 school year), who show leadership potential within the parish. We'll be hosted at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond KY, and the cost will be $150 per youth. Registration is open now at https://cdlex.org/youth-young-adult-campus[1]ministry/servant-leadership-institute/

Calvary Cemetery

Summer Floral Program, ***Red, White or Pink Begonias*** – Place your Begonias order and they will be planted at your loved one's grave in May. Live flowers are permitted year-round; artificial decor is allowed November 1 - March 1.

Corporal Works of Mercy – On May 6 at 1pm at Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, there will be a Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage (0-12 week fetus) with St. Joseph Hospital. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial Day – Calvary Cemetery will again participate in the Catholic Cemetery Conference's national program, *'Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes.'* A Tribute Board will be available May 22-29 under cover on the office front porch for visitors, families, and friends to post pictures, wishes, prayers, and/or comments for their deceased military loved ones. Please join us in honoring *'Our Heroes.'*

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

Vocations Office

Ordination to the Priesthood – Deacon Matt Smyser – All parishes are encouraged to include information in their bulletins in the weeks leading up to the ordination of Deacon Matt Smyser. Even if your parish community is not familiar with Deacon Matt, this is a valuable opportunity—especially for young people—to learn more about the journey of discernment and formation that leads to priesthood.

All are invited to attend. The entire Diocese is welcome to take part in this joyful celebration. Deacon Matt Smyser will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Stowe at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington on Saturday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m.

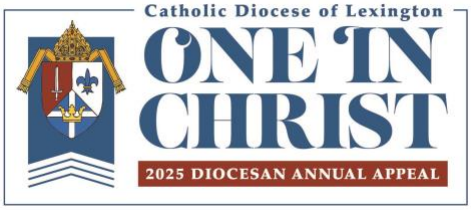
Follow CDLEX Vocations on Social Media – The Vocations Office continues to roll out short-form videos across social media platforms. These brief, engaging videos are simple ways to help young people reflect on God's call in their lives—whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or the single life of the baptized faithful.

Follow us here:
Instagram: @cdlex_vocations
TikTok: @cdlexvocations
YouTube: @cdlex_vocations
Facebook: facebook.com/IchoseYou

Parishes are also welcome to embed the YouTube channel on their websites. If you would like assistance with this, Ward Klein in the Communications Office (wklein@cdlex.org) is available to help.

Development

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2025/26



Congratulations to the 48 parishes that have reached their DAA goals! Additionally, 45 parishes have achieved or exceeded the 65% participation goal. Thank you to all the parishes – your hard work and dedication made this possible!

2026 DAA Trainings – Mark your calendars! Training for the 2026 DAA will take place on Thursday, August 27. Look for the opening of registration and register early for a chance to win a fabulous door prize!

Providing for Our Future – This initiative is underway and going strong! The starting debt of $11 million has been reduced to $5.9 million. This year we've already secured over $170,000 in new pledges and payments.

Second Collection – Catholic Communications Campaign is May 17. *50% collected goes to the National Collections and 50% stays at the diocese.*

Use these simple steps to promote the Catholic Communication Campaign.

ANNOUNCE the collection. This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.

PREACH about the need for good communications programs to evangelize people here in the United States and throughout the world.

PRAY for those who work in communications and for those who have yet to hear the gospel message.

SPREAD THE WORD by sharing collection information on your social media channels and website. Using the web banners and social media tool kit at *www.uscb.org/ccc*.

Catholic Charities

As Parish Relations Coordinator at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington, Evan Rowe is reaching out to all parishes in the Diocese to learn about outreach programs and discover ways Catholic Charities can partner with parishes to support the work being done in your communities. In addition, he would like to share all of the wonderful work Catholic Charities is doing in the Diocese. To schedule a time for Evan to come to your parish, email him at erowe@cdlex.org

Miscellaneous

Serra Club of the Diocese of Lexington

The **Altar Server Recognition** event *on May 17 at the Cathedral of Christ the King* has attracted more than 800 potential attendees from 32 parishes. This high attendance required the arrangement of a special Mass at 3pm instead of 5pm. If this schedule change affects your altar server or family attendance, please send the change to Ward Klien (wklein@cdlex.org).

Thanks to all who are preparing this event.

Liturgical Music Camp to Form Young Leaders in Sacred Music – August 3–7, 2026 – Lexington, Kentucky

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington, in partnership with Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, will host a Liturgical Music Camp for students entering grades 5–12. It will take place August 3–7, from 9am to 4pm daily.

Open to students from across the Diocese, the camp offers formation in sacred music and the Mass, while helping participants grow in leadership, confidence, and faith. Campers will take part in vocal and instrumental training, learn to lead music for Mass, and build friendships through prayer, teamwork, and shared experiences.

The cost is $75 per camper, with scholarships available. Registration is now open at www.mqhr.org/lmc.

For more information, contact Adam Beeken at abeeken@cdlex.org