Chancellor's Office

Dcn. John Brannen

Statistical Reports and Sacramental Registers for 2026 – The forms for 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 25, 2026**, to Deacon John Brannen
at jbrannen@cdlex.org

Communications

Holly Neal

Printed Directory
It's time to update our annual printed directory! The Communications Office will send a Google Form to collect updated contact information, Mass times, and other relevant details for our printed directory. Your timely response will help ensure the directory remains accurate and up to date. Look for this email to come out the first week of November.

Website Refresh
Ward Klein has updated our CDLEX home page to give it a fresh new look. More to come on a website redesign in 2027.

Catholic Charities

Diane Gottfried

Sharing is Caring: We are so excited to share the success of food bank distributions!

- In October at Centro de San Juan Diego, we **served 87 families and 282 individuals.** Flyers for our next distribution on November 6 are attached in English, Spanish, and Swahili. Please share the information in your bulletins and on social media for people who want to participate.
- We are also now partners with Holy Cross in Jackson, and the last distribution helped **60 families**!

- Follow us on Social Media to share information on Food Distributions!

Learn, Connect, Share! CCLex can offer access to the Parish Social Ministry Leadership Certification through CCUSA. This robust training will put you on the path to success for your ministries. Contact Catholic Charities, 859-475-5522 or ccadmin@cdlex.org to enquire about limited scholarships for the registration fee. Find out more here: https://stories.catholiccharitiesusa.org/parish-social-ministry-leadership/index.html?utm_source=campaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_1588636&utm_content=enroll_now&ref_source=email
We are growing! We have opened the Bluegrass East Outreach Center at St. Julie in Owingsville. Find out more in our Press Release.

Laissez les bons temps rouler! It is time to secure your tickets to our annual **Mardi Gras Gala!** This fun night will be filled with live music, Cajun cuisine, raffles, an auction, and many good times with friends old and new! Join us for this fantastic event that helps support our mission throughout the year. Early bird tickets are available now, and sponsorships are still available. Contact Diane Gottfried at dgottfried@cdlex.org or visit our event site here: https://bit.ly/4zQV4Ss to find out more and grab your early bird tickets. Please share the attached flyer in your bulletins and on social media.

Let's be friends! Follow Catholic Charities Lexington on your favorite social media sites to find out and share the good work we are doing across the diocese!

In search of: Helpful Hands! Do you have some time or skills to share? Are you looking for a fun way to get connected and do some good? We have many ways to volunteer for you or your group! Contact Diane Gottfried at dgottfried@cdlex.org, or fill out our Volunteer Interest Form to find out more: https://forms.gle/HNLsrc7kzRnLwTu26.
Please share this invitation with your parishioners.







Development

Robert Watts

Diocesan Annual Appeal
There's still time to make your gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and help your parish reach its 65% participation goal by November 30! Every gift—no matter the size—makes a difference in strengthening our parishes and the ministries that serve people across the 50 counties of our diocese.

Your support provides vital funding for Catholic education, formation, and outreach programs that bring the love of Christ to those most in need. When you participate, you join Catholics throughout our diocese in living out our shared mission of faith, service, and hope.

If you haven't yet made your gift, please take a moment to do so today. Together, we can ensure every parish meets this milestone and continues to grow in faith and generosity.

Make your secure online gift today
at pushpay.com/g/catholicdioceseoflexington

Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic Opens November 16
Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic begins November 16, leading up to Giving Tuesday on December 1! Make your gift early to help our parishes, schools, and

apostolates reach their fundraising goals and continue growing and sustaining the good work of their ministries.
Visit https://www.igivecatholic.org/community/lexington to see which organizations are
participating and how you can make an impact.

Mission and Ministry Grant Applications Open December 1
Mission and Ministry Applications are set to open on December 1st at https://apply.cdlex.org/.
Now is the time to decide on the program or project your parish, school, or apostolate would like to request funding for. For questions regarding the application process, please contact Sara Spellman at sspellman@cdlex.org or (859) 253-1993 ext. 1051.

Collection for the Church in Africa – November 1
This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. You should have received material in the mail. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, and youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples. These and all the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa.
Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today.

Collection for the Campaign for Human Development – November 14-15
We will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development on November 14-15. The CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our dioceses to fund local antipoverty projects..

Peace and Justice
Josh Van Cleef

November is Black Catholic History Month
Check out resources from the USCCB to help your parish celebrate Black Catholic History Month: https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/black-catholic-history-month

Respect Life Ministry
Opportunities for Life grant has been launched. Learn more about how the diocese can support your pro-life ministry and help parishes start new initiatives: https://apply.cdlex.org/

Laudato Si'
Nov 14: Laudato Si'; Action Team Assembly
2027 promises to be an important year for our diocese as we continue to launch solar initiatives across all locations and advance the next phase of our Net-Zero Plan. To celebrate our Laudato Si' efforts already underway and prepare for the work ahead, we invite you to join us for the
Laudato Si' Action Team Assembly. This assembly will be a dedicated time for prayer, learning, collaborative sharing, and strategic facilities planning.

Event Details
Date: **Saturday, November 14, 2026**
Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: Lexington Catholic High School

Who Should Attend
We ask that each community ensure some representation from the following groups:
- Parish leadership (pastor, PLD, pastoral council)
- Laudato Si' team
- Facilities staff/volunteers

Registration is required by Nov 9th
There is no cost for participating, and lunch is provided.
Register here: https://forms.gle/45i4SdKU8UZ2ZfQq9

Vocations Office
Fr. G. Marc Bentley

Diaconal Ordination of Didier Buwani — November 21

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., will ordain seminarian Didier Buwani to the diaconate on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church in Lexington. Please join us for this diocesan celebration and pray for Didier as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders and serve God's people as a deacon.

National Vocation Awareness Week — November 1–7

Parishes, schools, and ministries throughout the Diocese of Lexington are encouraged to observe National Vocation Awareness Week through prayer, personal invitation, and accompaniment of those discerning God's call. Include intercessions for vocations at Mass, share vocation stories, and give young people opportunities to discuss their hopes, questions, and gifts.

As the week begins with All Saints and continues with All Souls' Day, we remember the many ways a faithful "yes" to God can take shape. Please encourage discernment of priesthood, religious life, and married life, and help those in your community consider how Christ is calling them to holiness and service.

For diocesan vocation information and resources, visit cdlex.org/vocations.

Men's Discernment Group at UK Newman Center

The Diocese of Lexington's Men's Discernment Group meets at Holy Spirit Parish/UK Newman Center and is open to men ages 18 and older who are discerning the priesthood or would like to learn more about vocational discernment.

Each meeting begins with pizza at 6:00 p.m., followed by a speaker's vocation story, questions, and Evening Prayer. Meetings conclude by 7:30 p.m.

The remaining fall meetings are:

Wednesday, November 4 — Father Conor Kunath, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Covington
Wednesday, November 18 — Father Matthew Millay, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Louisville

Please share this invitation with men who may benefit from attending. For more information, contact Father Marc Bentley at mbentley@cdlex.org.

Vocation Posters

Vocation posters have been mailed to every parish and school in the Diocese of Lexington. Please display them prominently and use them as a reminder to pray for vocations. If additional posters are needed, please email Beth Keenon at ekeenon@cdlex.org.

Upcoming Events



5th Annual Pilgrims Trail Meal
With Bishop John Stowe and other Catholic Pilgrims of the Historic Diocese

Nov 21 Parish Cafeteria
St. John on Cardome Campus
800 Cincinnati Pike
Georgetown
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Includes a tour of campus and historic facilities and Mass at 4:00 PM

Reservations to thepilgrimstrail@cdlex.org by **November 16 deadline**.

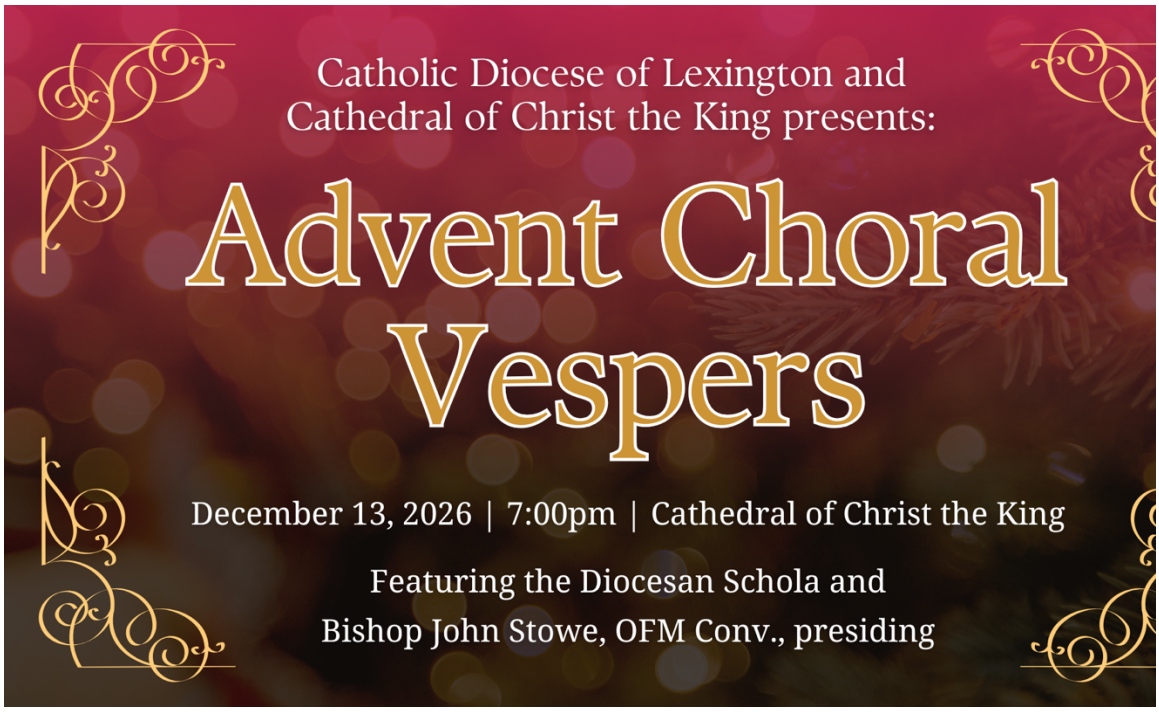
Just type TPT, first and last names of person attending.
If a group, use parish name and add the number of attendees in your party.

“The Wandering Cross”, which has no apparent beginning or end, was suggested by Fr. Norman Fisher as The Pilgrims Trail symbol; Fr. Norman improved our official symbol with color and graphics.

Diocesan Advent Choral Vespers

December 13, 2026, 7:00 pm
Cathedral of Christ the King

After several years of a successful Diocesan Tenebre during Holy Week, join us for a similar and new tradition of psalms, prayers, candlelight, and special choral music in the context of Vespers. Featuring our Diocesan Schola and with Bishop John Stowe presiding, this will be a peaceful and beautiful evening of reflection during this busy time of the year.



January 9, 2027 - SAVE THE DATE
Please mark your calendars and join Dr. Everett McCorvey, with some very talented friends, for an unplugged, casual, and fun musical evening.
Saturday, January 9, 2027 at 7:00 PM

The Cathedral of Christ the King Church in Lexington.
Proceeds benefit St. Peter Catholic Church's Restoration Projects.

