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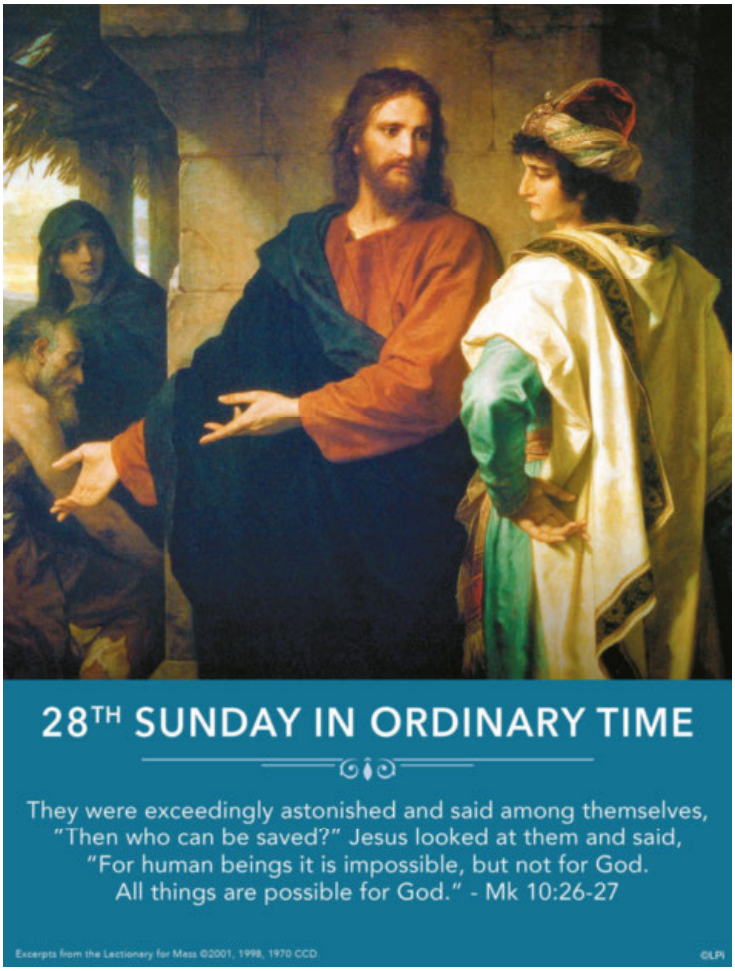

ST. WILLIAM AND ST. LAWRENCE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"*We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together to grow in grace and love as disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church, and to form new disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to all through word and service.*"

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear loving parishioners,

In the Gospel passage this Sunday, we read about an unnamed man who approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that he must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man replies that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves disappointed, and St. Mark, the evangelist, tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

From this encounter of the rich man with Jesus Christ, we learn that the ultimate thing, which far surpasses wealth, is eternal life. Thus, the Lord says: 'seek you first the kingdom of heaven and all other things shall be added unto it' (Matt. 6:33). The passage highlights the fact that a truly rich person is one who possesses true Wisdom and not just material wealth alone. It also reminds us of how too much attachment to material wealth could be a grave obstacle in obtaining true Wisdom.

The rich man in today's gospel came to Jesus and Jesus appreciated his effort. However, Jesus knew this man was lacking something within him. Jesus diagnosed his only problem: too much attachment to his wealth. According to the young man, he seemed to have done everything well. But there was an untouched area in his life of which he was unaware. His weak and untouchable area was his wealth. When Jesus asked him to give it to the poor, he walked away sad without dropping it before Christ. He did all things well but lacked the wisdom to understand that the key to eternal life was detachment from wealth.

There are some important lessons to learn from today's liturgy of the word. First, we might have a weak spot unknown to us. Only the wisdom of God can help us illuminate this. Second, at times, it seems to us that we have done "all things well." Unfortunately, pride and love of this world makes it difficult for us to see the true reality of our lives. Third, we must not allow material wealth to become an obstacle between eternal life and us. Today, Christ teaches us that attachment to wealth is the easiest way to forsake God. This is because attachment to wealth and this world over-burdens and alienates one's soul. It makes our spiritual journey very heavy, difficult, and almost impossible.

Jesus states two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. Second, Jesus gives this man an invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

If our identity as human beings is locked in our possessions, then what will become of our identity when we lose our possessions? Our identity comes from the fact that we are created in the image of God – that the Kingdom of God is within us. The unnamed man in the Gospel of today was not able to respond to his heart's deepest desire, because of his shallow desire for his possessions. And he remains unnamed, without an identity! On the other hand, the disciples who 'left everything and followed Jesus,' – we know their names today. Their identity comes from their relationship with Jesus. Indeed, they were given a hundredfold!

So then, let us pray in this Eucharist that we accept the primacy of God and his kingdom in our lives, so that we only use things, but love people. And in this way, we will be free not to be possessed by our possessions.

Have a great week.

Fr. Shijo Vadakumkara
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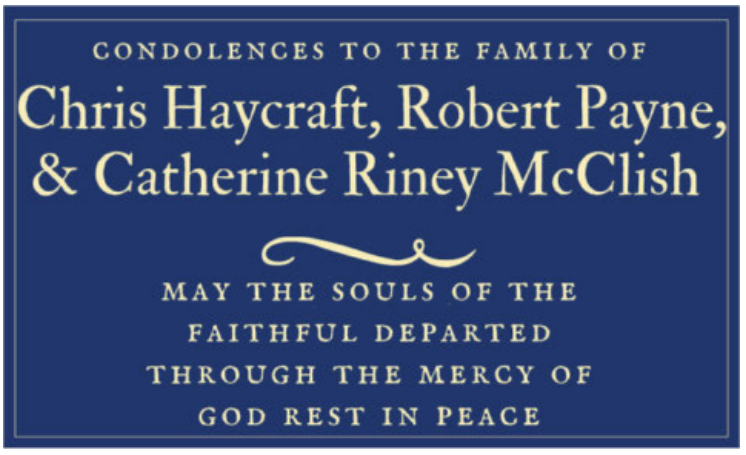

Matthew 9 Mission
Office of Vocations
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 10-16 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

10 Ginger McBride; Irene Nealen
11 Anna Turner; Pat & Charles Lanham
12 Phoebe Johnson-Huff
13 Charlie Hamilton
14 Will & Kelly Wathen Family
15 Tony & Mary Helen Rhodes; Paul & Theresa Crowe
16 Dennis Payne

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

10 Joyce Hurm
11 Annette Connor
12 Russell Rhodes Family
13 Larena Lawson
14 Dot & Danny Edge
15 Mary Wimsatt
16 Chris Johnson & Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Francis Edge +
Wed.	8:30 a.m. SW	Dottie Payne
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Gerald Hood +
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Joe Bill Merimee +
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Catherine Riney McClish +
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Chris Carrico +
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Roger & Paula Morris Family
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Parishioners
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Joe Payne +

Our capital campaign receptions will be Oct. 13, 19, & 20 at 6:30pm in the gym. Please make sure to attend one session to learn more and ask questions!

Mary Johnson, Janette Ford, Jeanetta Ballard, Janice Payne, Roger Gilmore, John W Lanham, Stephanie Mattingly, Wayne Knott, Charlie Boy Lanham, John Wells, Lisa Mayfield, Margaret & Bobby Hamilton, Bernard & Lillian Haynes, Bob & Helen Ward, Chad Roberts, Chuck Winters, Edith Johnson, Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Allie Rickard, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Keilen Aud, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Janet Cecil Aud, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

October 3, 2021	**St. William envelopes**	**St. Lawrence envelopes**
Regular Collections	$ 8,520.00	$ 1,915.00
Loose	$ 41.00	$ 1.00
Children's	$ 4.00	$ 6.53
Online giving	$ 1,125.50	$ 200.00
Total	**$ 9,690.50**	**$ 2,122.53**
Weekly Budget	$ 9,700.00	$ 3,000.00
Collections Year to Date**	$ 123,354.70	$ 37,910.64
Budget Year to Date**	$ 135,800.00	$ 42,000.00
Over (Under) YTD**	**$ (12,445.30)**	**$ (4,089.36)**
Donuts		$ 38.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE		**$ 880,602.16**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE OCT 16-17

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4pm Andy Brown; Amy Brown
6:30am Jack Haycraft
8am Sarah Boarman
10am Janae Lanham

LECTORS
4pm Gail Niehaus
6:30am Jane Goodman
8am Kelly Lanham
10am Tara Moore

SERVERS
4pm Fish Family; Wyatt Lanham
6:30am Wayne Haycraft
8am Paige Roberts; Bailey Shown; Lucy Hallmark
10am Layla Payne; Collin Schwartz; Toni Isbill

SACRISTANS
4pm Eucharistic Ministers
6:30am Jack Haycraft
8am Eathan Johnson
10am Toni Isbill

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE CALL A SUB OR IF THAT DOESN'T WORK THE OFFICE AT 270-281-4802

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Thursdays 5-5:30pm. **St. William** Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Shijo at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

MERCY WALK/RUN
OCT. 16, 2021

8:30am begin at St. William
End at St. Lawrence
Transportation provided back to St. William
T-Shirts Provided
$20 individual registration
$50 family registration

Giving Tree!

Giving Tree Committee
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Marie Payne 270-316-3176

St. Lawrence & St. William parish assistance program sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee is back. Forms are in the back of the churches. Please take one if you know someone in need or assistance. Return by November 12, 2021 to the parish office or a Committee member.

If anyone would like to help, please call a committee member.

Whitesville Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Shoot: Sundays at 1pm from Oct. 3—Nov. 21 at Haynes Station Road

Join us for food, fun, and prizes. Prizes include turkeys, ham, cash, gift cards, 50/50 pots, and scatter board.

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Women's Volleyball

Open gym on Sundays from 6-8pm starting on Oct. 10th at Mary Carrico Gym.

Saints and Villains of the Bible: Avaran

To shake things up a bit, let us explore some stories of saints and villains in the Bible that you didn't learn about at VBS. To continue, let us turn to 1 Maccabees 6 and learn the story of the hero Eleazar also called Avaran, meaning "the piercer". Avaran was the fourth brother of the five sons of Mattathias. His other brothers were Judas Maccabeus (the hammer), Simon Thassi (the wise), John Gaddi, and Jonathan Apphus (the dissembler). Mattathias was a brave man who stood up to the pagan kings that forced the Jews to go against the laws of God. He killed the king's official who was forcing them to sacrifice to pagan idols, then ran away to organize a resistance force. His sons rose to lead the resistance with Judas Maccabeus as head of the army. Avaran isn't mentioned much until a great battle with Antiochus, the villain mentioned last week. Antiochus had a large and powerful army equipped with elephants, the tanks of the age. Elephants were equipped with saddles to hold multiple men and swords on their tusks. They then were given wine to drink to make them drunk and insensitive to pain. This would make them rage and run over the enemy. Avaran, a brave young man, saw an elephant that looked like the king's mount since it had royal armor and was bigger than the rest. He dashed courageously into the enemy ranks. He cut men down on his left and his right, killing so many that the enemy parted the way for him and none dared try to stop him. When he finally reached the elephant he ran under and stabbed it in the belly, killing it. The elephant died and fell on top of him, killing him too. Unfortunately the elephant did not have the king atop him, and the Jewish resistance retreated from this battle, but Avaran's name lives on as a devoted man who gave his life to save his people. As we saw last week, God eventually defeated Antiochus for the Jews. While we might not be able to relate to Avaran's physical battle courage, the spiritual life is also a battle. Do we gives our lives to save the souls of our people, our families, our communities? Do we have the courage to stand up for what is right, even though our culture will "kill" our reputation and mark us as crazy? Do we even see our faith, spiritual life, and the laws of God as worth dying for? Let us follow the example of Avaran and give our lives to God and offer up ourselves and our sufferings for the souls of others.

On a side note, the story of Avaran became very popular in the middle ages when tales of knights and chivalry were rampant. The medieval authors and artists loved the story and tried to depict it as best they could. The problem was that none of them had ever seen an elephant, but only heard about what it looked like. Therefore, many scenes of the story were produced with pretty funny results. It looks like they really got the trunk down pretty well, but weren't sure if it was more comparable to a horse, a lion, or a hog. Interestingly also, it seems the only methods of warfare they could imagine were their own, so all these soldiers of course had to be in towers, wear chain mail, and carry spears like they had.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

October 11-17

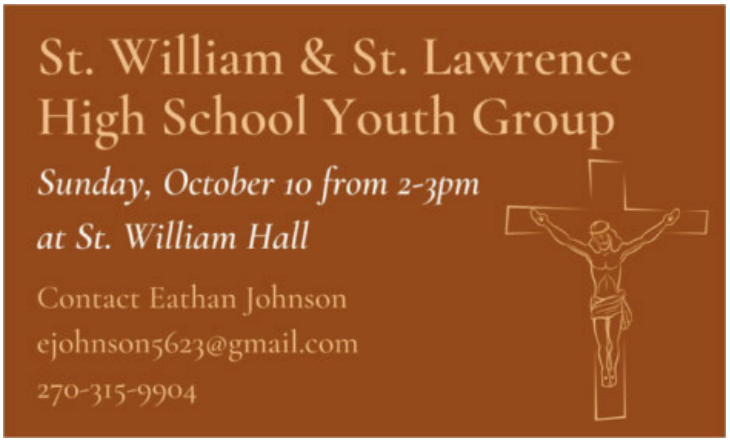
October 11 Bill & Mary Lou Hamilton	41 years	October 15 Terry & Dona Johnson	39 years
October 11 Brad & Tonya Smith	24 years	October 16 Clint & Shelly Lanham	22 years
October 12 David & Helen Higdon	48 years	October 16 Nicholas & Brittany Moorman	11 years
October 12 Roger & Paula Morris	42 years	October 17 David & Margaret Fulkerson	46 years
October 12 Cary & Trudy Mattingly	2 years	October 17 Martin & Clara Johnson	51 years
October 14 Brandon & Carla Shown	15 years	October 17 Jesse & Katelyn Kaysinger	6 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

October 11, 2021
MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE
Today's readings: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
He saw thee more clearly
The humble Pope John XXIII disliked the pomp and attention that came with his role, and he insisted on being called simply "the pope." Nearly 60 years since his pontificate, he is remembered in Italy as il papa buono, "the good pope." In the short time he was pope—less than five years before he died of cancer in 1963—he changed the Catholic Church like few others by convening the Second Vatican Council. On his deathbed, he said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better." We can always use the intercession of "the good pope" as we keep seeking to understand better what the gospel means in our changing times.
"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."
October 12, 2021
Today's readings: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Our pillar of strength
Today is the feast day of Virgin Maria del Pilar, a Spanish devotion commemorating the first official Marian apparition of the Catholic Church. According to tradition, Mary first appeared—while still alive—to the apostle James in the year 40, as he preached the gospel to the people of Spain. Saint James, despondent over his progress, prayed for reassurance, and Our Lady appeared to him in a supernatural manner, standing upon a pillar held aloft by angels. Because October is the month of the Rosary, honor Maria with the beautiful Hail Holy Queen prayer that's part of that devotion.
"I am not ashamed of the Gospel."
October 13, 2021
Today's readings: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
God to humanity: Can't buy my love
From at least the time of the Pharisees, important people in the eyes of the world often assumed they had the inside track on a pleasant afterlife. Pope Francis begged to differ in an Advent season homily several years back. At the Last Judgment, Francis said, Jesus will not say, "'You, come with me because you have given so much money to the church. You are a benefactor of the church. Come, come to Heaven.' No. You can't buy your way into Heaven. And He won't say: 'You are very important, you have studied so much and earned so many honors, come into Heaven.' No. Awards do not open the gate of Heaven," Francis said. "What will Jesus tell us to open up the gates of Heaven? 'I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was homeless, and you gave Me shelter. I was sick, and you came to see Me. I was in prison, and you came to visit Me.' Jesus is humility," Francis said. Close your purse or wallet, and open your heart!
"You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God."
October 14, 2021
MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR
Today's readings: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Patron saint of second (or more) chances
Saint Callistus I is inspiration to anyone who has made major errors in life. Callistus seriously messed up, not once but twice. Born into slavery, his master put him in charge of a bank that Callistus criminally mismanaged. After a while in prison, he was freed to earn back the money he owed. Instead, he was arrested for brawling in a synagogue. Strike two. Nonetheless, Callistus reformed himself, served the early church as a cemetery manager, and was eventually elected pope! Consider saying a prayer of thanks for a church that offers redemption (even the papacy) to people who have fallen hard.
"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."
October 15, 2021
MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Today's readings: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
Don't be afraid of the dark
The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross, describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself." Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course.
"Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."
October 16, 2021
Today's readings: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12
I was hungry
World Food Day was established in 1979 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is celebrated annually on this date in 150 countries. The theme for this year's celebration is, "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." The World Food Program (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the organization. As of 2019, the WFP has served 97 million people in 88 countries, and it was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and contribute to peace in conflict areas. Take a moment today to thank God for the food you eat and the people who produce it, and to support your local World Food Day celebration.
"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."

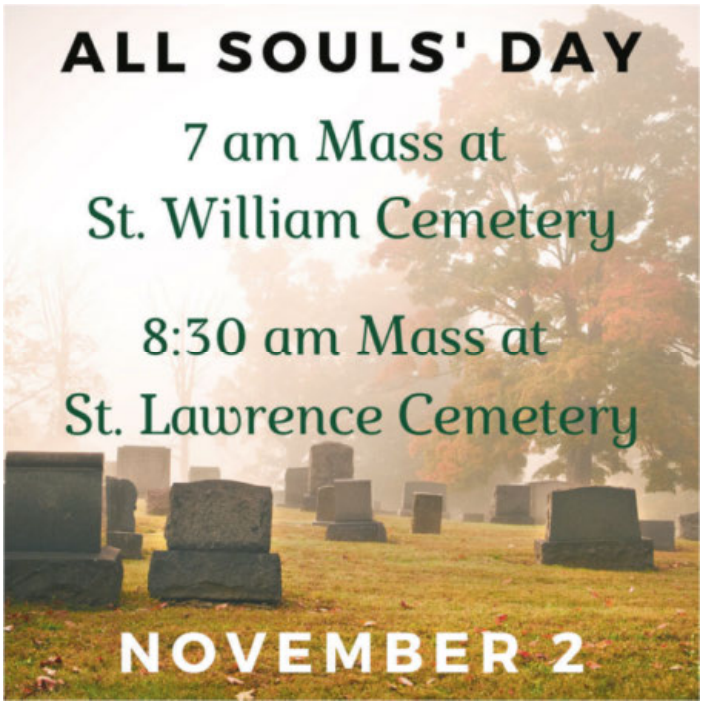
An old man was on his death bed, and wanted to be buried with his money. He called his priest, his doctor and his lawyer to his bedside. "Here's $30,000 cash to be held by each of you. I trust you to put this in my coffin when I die so I can take all my money with me." At the funeral, each man put an envelope in the coffin. Riding away in a limousine, the priest suddenly broke into tears and confessed, "I only put $20,000 into the envelope because I needed $10,000 to repair the roof of the church." "Well, since we're confiding in each other," said the doctor, "I only put $10,000 in the envelope because we needed a new X-ray machine for the pediatrics ward at the hospital which cost $20,000." The lawyer was aghast. "I'm ashamed of both of you," he exclaimed. "I want it known that when I put my envelope in that coffin, I enclosed a check for the full $30,000."

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 15, 2021, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org



Life-Giving Wounds
Are your parents divorced, separated, or otherwise not together? Are you struggling with the effects of that and looking for guidance? Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to supporting adults from broken homes, is running an online retreat from Sept. 30 to Nov. 11. During seven Thursday evening sessions, retreatants will meet others who "get" the pain of having your parents split up, and will hear from fellow adult children of divorce or separation on dealing with anger, anxiety, family boundaries, forgiveness, and more. You are not alone! Cost (which includes a Retreat Guide and journal): $150 early-bird, $225 after Sept. 20; $75 early-bird college students/consecrated, $100 after Sept. 20. More information and registration here: https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat

Counseling
Is the pandemic stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit owensborodiocese.org/counseling.



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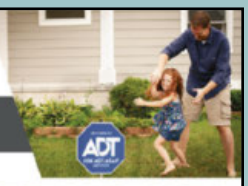

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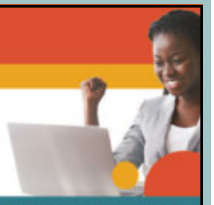

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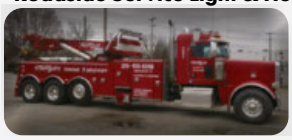

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