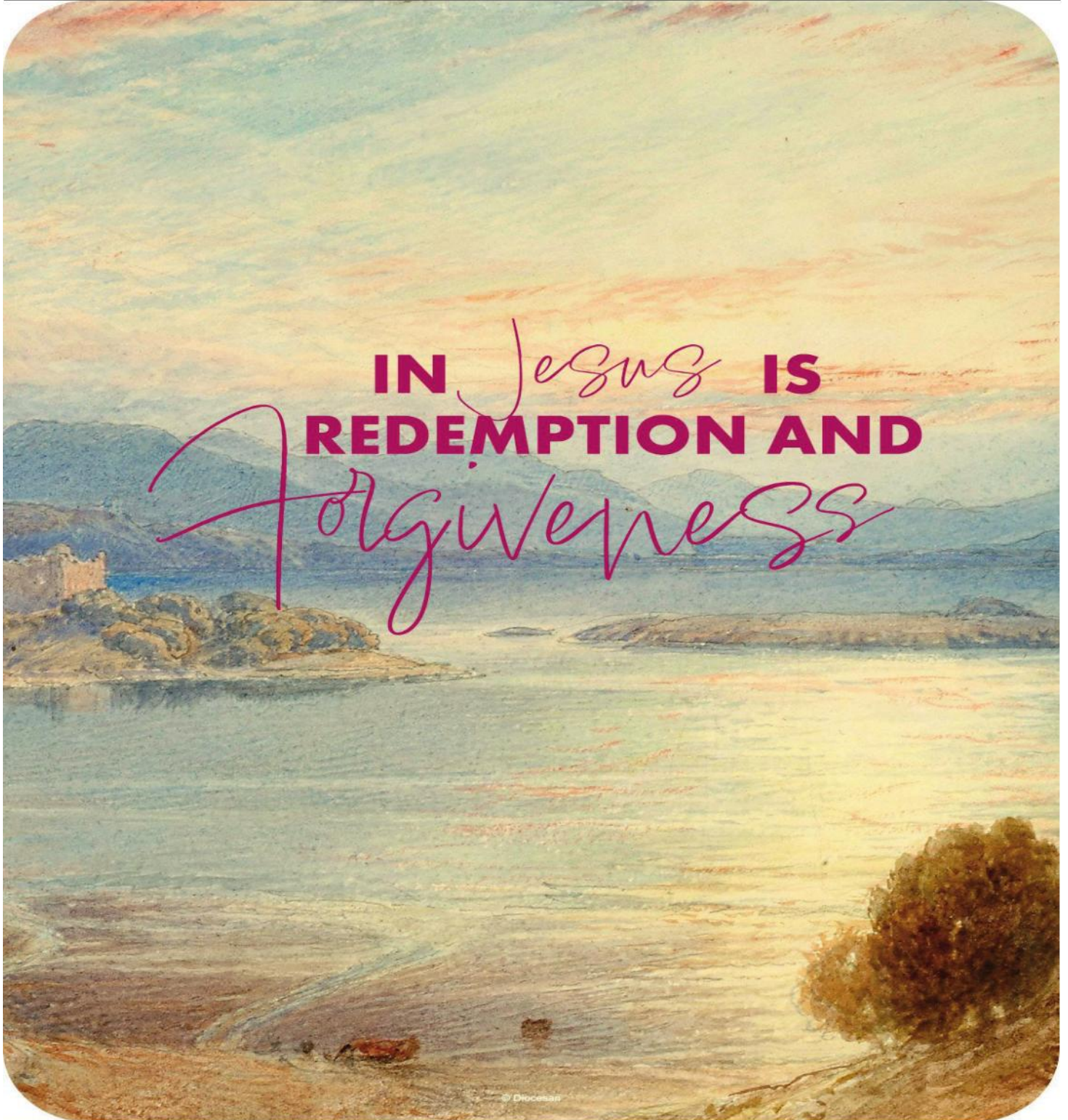




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July 14, 2024 • 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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July 13—July 17, 2024

Saturday, July 13

4:30pm + Phillip R. Murray

Sunday, July 14

8am + Carol White

9:30am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

11am + Mary Rorke

Monday, July 15

9am + Edward Butterbaugh

Tuesday, July 16

9am + Pat Ruettiger

Wednesday, July 17

9am + Ann Kulig

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday, following the 9am mass.

Let us Pray...

For all who are facing illness.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love.



For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence.

For all first responders and law enforcement officers, who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

For all active duty military service members who have been deployed, and their families.

For all veterans—past and present.

The Pope's Monthly Intention (July 2024)

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

A Prayer for our Summer Travelers

**Dear Heavenly Father,
Please protect those on their summer travels. Support them with Your strength and grace when they become tired or weary. Help them be mindful of Your presence in the world around them. Guide their time to be meaningful, full of laughter and memories. Bring them safely back to us.**

Amen.

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Bishop Hicks' Column July 2024



Summer Travels, Part I: Kentucky

Twice a year, all the bishops across the U.S. gather for meetings held by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). A few weeks ago, we met in Louisville, Kentucky. One of the committees I serve on made an unconventional decision to hold our half-day of meetings not in the hotel, but at the proto-cathedral in Bardstown, Kentucky.

What is a proto-cathedral, you might wonder? Generally, a proto-cathedral is a church that functions as the temporary cathedral of a diocese until a more suitable cathedral can be built or until the existing cathedral can be repaired or renovated. Bardstown's cathedral was designated a proto-cathedral because it is the first or original cathedral, completed and opened in 1819, in what is now the Archdiocese of Louisville.

So, ten bishops, plus USCCB staff members, climbed into a van and drove past horse farms and distilleries for about 30 minutes until we arrived at the Basilica of Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Kentucky. When we arrived, the exterior and façade immediately reminded me fondly of the Chapel at Mundelein Seminary with its use of red brick and stone in the Early American tradition. We were promptly treated to great Kentucky hospitality with a lunch that included homemade pot roast with potatoes, carrots, celery, and rice krispie treats for dessert (yes, I have a sweet tooth!).

We conducted our normal course of business which was enlivened by a tour of the Cathedral guided by the Rector. He began with an interesting history lesson. The Diocese of Bardstown, Kentucky, was established on April 8, 1808, along with the Dioceses of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. As one of the earliest dioceses in the United States, it was created to serve the growing Catholic Church population, particularly west of the Appalachian Mountains. The territory included most of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. (To keep things in perspective, here in the Diocese of Joliet we are celebrating our 75th Jubilee while the Diocese of Bardstown was established some 216 years ago; such a rich history!).

To build the church, bricks were baked nearby, and poplar trees were positioned in a circular pattern to form the majestic columns inside and out. The foundation was built with limestone, which is so solid that the walls have never cracked. Exquisite religious paintings adorn the interior space, donated mostly by European royalty.

People had originally arrived in the Kentucky area by horse and wagon, so the diocese was established inland. However, with the popularity of the steamboat, the city of Louisville swiftly grew alongside the banks of the Ohio River. With this population shift, in 1841 the Diocese of Bardstown was transferred to Louisville, and St. Louis Church, now the Cathedral of the Assumption, became the new cathedral. The Diocese of Louisville was then elevated to an archdiocese in 1939. Even with all these changes, the proto-cathedral of Bardstown still functions as a Catholic parish church.

How delightful it was to travel and learn something new about the history of the Church in the USA. It also caused me to reflect on the fact that change in the Catholic Church is not something new. As you know, we in the Diocese of Joliet are in our third and final phase of targeted restructuring. It struck me that the Catholic Church has always had to respond to and even adjust to new demographics and shifting realities. When they laid that magnificent cornerstone in Bardstown in July 1816, I am sure no one was predicting that one day their very diocese would be relocated to Louisville. Like them, we continue to trust in the Holy Spirit and adapt to the changing times to embrace a Church that is always on the move and yet still beautifully thriving.

As I shift gears and travel to Indianapolis later this month for the National Eucharistic Congress, I look forward to sharing my experience and reflections in next month's "Summer Travels, Part II: Indianapolis" article. Until then, enjoy the summer, be safe, and may God bless you along the journey.



July 14, 2024 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:13-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

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Have you ever considered the task before you and thought, *No way am I equipped for this?* There are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than we are prepared for. The prophet Amos never expected to be God's mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a "dresser of sycamores." Yet, Amos listened when God *chose him* "from following the flock" and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. "Do you really mean *me?*" we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner; Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role they were called to, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

PRAY Today's Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ in us that we can accomplish all things for his glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.

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In this week's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them *his authority*. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things – "preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick" – not through their own power, but through the authority they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts he gave them. This is a lesson for all of us – to heed the commands of Christ and rely on his authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: "In him *we were also chosen*, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ."

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July 14—July 20, 2024

Sunday, July 14

12:30pm Baptisms in Church

Thursday, July 17

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

5pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church and Narthex

Friday, July 18

2pm Wedding, Church and Narthex

Saturday, July 20

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

4pm Mum Sale, Narthex

See the parish website for all upcoming event information;
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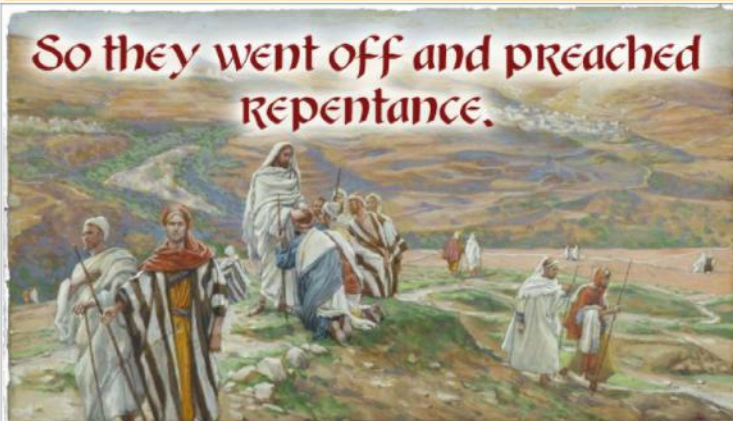
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Amount Pledged	\$132,068	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$121,314	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$10,754	\$2,230
Donor Count	314	350
2024 Rebate	\$15,620	\$26,949



Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 9am

Weekend:

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

Weddings

Please contact the parish office

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Friday 8am to 1pm

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Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	162	\$17,853
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Total June Collection	492	\$82,607
Special Collections - June 2024		
Mortgage Donations		\$2,757
Diocesan Priest Care		\$3,436
Peter's Pence		\$1,160

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024		
YTD Budget		\$975,000
YTD Sunday Collection		\$970,196
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