

Saint Mildred

Catholic
Church

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you are a visitor to St. Mildred, we want you to know how welcome you are. If you are new to the parish, please call 678-5051 or stop by the parish office during the week to register in the parish!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Holy Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

CCD Program Sept.—May:

Sunday 11:25—12:25 a.m.

WEEKDAY HOLY MASSES

Please check bulletin inside

HOLY DAY MASSES

Please check bulletin or our website: www.saintmildred.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parent preparation by appointment.
Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Notification of intention to marry must be given six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage

The mission of Saint Mildred Parish is to foster spiritual growth and formation of the community through worship, educational endeavors, and cultural unity.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Carlos Andres Martinez

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Ben Horn

Deacons

Larry Cranfill

Gene Cheshire (ret.)

Director of

Religious Education

Karen Rowe

Music Minister

Marsha Smith

Office Manager

Marchetta McKinney-Turpin

Outreach Director

Mary Ann Guffey

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Thurs 9—4,
Fridays 9—Noon

OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS

Assistance by Appointment Only

Mon—Thurs—11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed Fridays

Call 606-678-4617

Clothing Center Hours

Tues and Thurs

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Avina, Chair

859-351-6770

Parish Council meets the

Last Wednesday of each

month at 7:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Grand Knight: Sandy Berenberg

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2025

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 AM—*NO OCIA*

9:45 AM—*ROSARY (in church)*

10:15 AM—**HOLY MASS-FATHER JIM SICHKO**

For all int. and for Hugh Whitaker by Mary Alice Whitaker

11:30 AM—*NO CCD CLASSES (Fall Break)*

1:00 PM—**HOLY MASS IN SPANISH**

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

6:00 PM—**60 MINUTES WITH JESUS-FATHER JIM SICHKO**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

NOON—**WORD AND COMMUNION**

6:00 PM—**60 MINUTES WITH JESUS-FATHER JIM SICHKO**

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:15 AM—**BIBLE STUDY**

NOON—**HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Juanita Garner by Eileen Thacker

6:00 PM—**60 MINUTES WITH JESUS-FATHER JIM SICHKO**

NO TUESDAY GAME NIGHT

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:30 PM—**CONFESSIONS (Fr. Ben)**

5:30 PM—**HOLY HOUR**

6:30 PM—**HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for the Appalachian Construction Crew by George Ziska, Jr.

6:00 PM—*NO YOUTH GROUP (Fall Break)*

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

NOON—**WORD AND COMMUNION**

6:00 PM—*OCIA*

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:15 AM—**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

NOON—**WORD AND COMMUNION**

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:15 PM—**CONFESSIONS**

4:30 PM—*Rosary (in church)*

5:00 PM—**HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for Max Cole by Stan and Gretchen Cole

6:30 PM—**HISPANIC BIBLE STUDY**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM—*NO OCIA (Fall Break)*

9:45 AM—*Rosary (in church)*

10:15 AM—**HOLY MASS**

For all int. and for James Pecci by Joanne Pecci

11:30 AM—*NO CCD CLASSES (Fall break)*

1:00 PM—**HOLY MASS IN SPANISH**

For all int. and for the People

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk



Our Parishioners: Robby & Ann Zelen, Pauline Pieroni, Betsy Perkins, Pat Taylor, Sandra Woodman, John Woodman,

Dottie Brant, Roland Snauwaert, Kay Iversen, Deacon Larry Cranfill, Jo Ann Pecci, Mary Ann Vedder, Fanny Ball, Marsha Smith, Louise Broderick, Pat Paluzi, the Andrews Family, Luis Ortiz, Judith Pfeiffer Kirst, Jose Hernandez, Elizabeth Oelker, Marty Heath, Robby Zelen, Louise Anderson, Melissa Gibson-Sexton, Jean Bianchi, Larry Young, Theresa Hranicky-White, Donna Butt, Helen O'Donnell, Heather Thomas Florian, Hope Rodriguez, Nancy Buttitta, Anne King, Richard Spurrell, Catrena Martella, Angelita Eugenio, Katherine King, Judy Schosser, Scott McCluskey, Jean Young, Alex White, Jim Thomas.

Please remember the prayer requests in the Outreach Office.

Please also remember these friends & family members in prayer: Mae Ciervo (Karen Rowe's mom), Cheryl Neary (Karen Rowe's sister) Ross Tempel, Thomas Smith, Jamie Wilman, Timothy Wilman, Sandi Stephens, Gage Ehringer, Cassie Acey Ackerman, Joyce Rowe, Kurt Koester, Jack Harrington, Maria Macatangay, Susan Schroeder, Freda Cundiff, Scott Floyd, Donald Coffman, Keisha Guffey, Cindy Mullins, Ron Wright, Steve Bumgardner, Brittany Woodman, Neta Sowder, John Escobar, David Lang, Chuck Faircloth, Ron Richardson, Nathan McCormack, Shelby Guffey, Rebecca Franco, Rebecca Brumett, Ginger Aronhalt, Allen Mullins, Sr. Fran Cavey, June Cuevas (father of Juvie Phelps), Romanito Tadeo, Reese Canady, Donald Poynter, Aelred Mezera, Jeff Richardson

Our offertory collection for
September 28 was \$4,089.00
Online Offertory was \$822.54
Online Outreach was \$33.69
Maintenance was \$50.00

Thank you for your generous giving!
*The offertory amount needed weekly to meet our
annual budget is \$7,505.89*



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FR. JIM SICHKO—

We are blessed to welcome Fr. Jim Sichko!

On July 1 of this year Fr. Jim began his 9th year as a full time evangelist and Papal Missionary of Mercy for Pope Francis and now Pope Leo XIV!

Fr. Jim will be celebrating Mass with us at the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass and at the 10:15 AM Sunday Mass this weekend.

On Sunday night Fr. Jim will begin three nights of his mission talks—**“60 Minutes for Jesus”**. The talks will take place at 6:00 pm each night in the church. (Sunday, Oct. 5 through Tuesday, Oct. 7).

Each night of the mission is a different talk. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll sing, you will be inspired!



ROSARY—Beginning the first week of October, the rosary will be prayed in the church at 4:30 PM on Saturdays and at 9:45 AM on Sundays. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help.

ALL SAINTS DAY *The Vigil for All Saints Day*
DÍA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS *will take place on 10/31/25 (Halloween), at 6:00 PM.*

Immediately after the Vigil Mass, the Social Committee is hosting “Trunk of Treats” for the children.

The kids are invited to dress up as their favorite saints. For more information please contact the church office.

AN ARTICLE BY KAREN ROWE, Director of Religious Education

Do we have enough faith? Faith is a gift from God and a virtue given to us by God. Faith is certain because it is based on God’s word and faith and reason work together.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles to forgive others. The apostles respond by asking Christ to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that they have all the faith they need. Even the tiniest amount of faith can achieve monumental results.

Who are some of your favorite saints? How do they emulate the faith and inspire you?

On October 11, at noon, we will be gathering at the fountain in the square in downtown Somerset to pray the rosary. Please come and join us so we can proclaim our faith proudly and publicly to honor our Blessed Mother. October is the month of Mary of the Rosary.

On October 15, at 6:00 PM, Father Ben will be having a teaching Mass. Here is another opportunity to learn more about the faith and understanding exactly how Christ is present in the Eucharist. Do you have faith the size of a mustard seed? It is all that is needed.



We are entering our third week of our Diocesan Annual Appeal. A BIG THANKS to those who have responded.

Our diocese encompasses 16,423 square miles with 59 parishes. Almost 40 of those parishes cannot pay for their operational and salary expenses from their offertory collections and fundraisers alone. Many of our parishes are in rural counties where less than 1% of the population are Catholic. The Diocese of Lexington is committed to maintain an active and highly visible Catholic presence in these counties.

Please remember that no amount is too small to give and that participation counts! Please help us reach our financial and participation goal by sending in your pledge! Envelopes may be placed in the offertory basket, dropped by the church office or mailed directly to Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, 1310 W. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40508.

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is shown from the chest up, holding a white pregnancy test stick in her right hand. She is looking down at the test with a concerned expression. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a white shelf and some plants.

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION

Uniquely You

From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music. If you'd been born just 23 weeks after conception, your chance of survival would be 50-80 percent; by 25 weeks, it's over 90 percent, and that's still *months* before full-term birth.¹

Now, if someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; just minutes before birth, it's legal in many states and called abortion.

Abortion and the Law

The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand that was ushered in by the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. This regime was based on the indefensible view that the U.S. Constitution forbids government from protecting the preborn child in the womb from the violence of abortion. The Supreme Court in *Dobbs* concluded that there is nothing in the Constitution's text, history, American legal tradition, or the Court's precedents that justified the extreme holding of *Roe*.

In *Dobbs*, the Supreme Court returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the Federal and State levels. It will take time for the *Dobbs* decision to play out and there is great variation in how states treat abortion. In the

meantime, abortion is legal in more states than not, and more work is needed in the coming months and years.

Effects of Abortion

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like "cutting," sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems.²

Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child's father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt, grief, or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother's behavior and mental or emotional health.³

What the Church Teaches

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong.⁴ In April 2018, Pope Francis wrote: "Our defence of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development."⁵

The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. For example, a baby

conceived in rape is not an aggressor deserving death by abortion. She is innocent, like her mother. They both deserve compassionate care and support, not more violence. Abortion doesn't bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby.

Today, many babies diagnosed prenatally with a disability are aborted. Frightened parents, unsure of their ability to care for such a child, can trust that God gave *them* this child for a reason. Parents raising children with disabilities often write about the unexpected joys and transformative effect on their families.⁶

Even when the disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, “many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing.”⁷

Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother's life at risk—for example, because of a tubal pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer. It is morally licit to remove the threat to the mother's life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery.

But abortion—a direct and intentional taking of a child's life—is never morally permissible.

What Are We to Do?

Love them both! Support women who need help during *and after* difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan Respect Life office and local pregnancy care centers.

Educate yourself and others about struggles some experience after abortion, and find out where to refer those seeking help at www.hopeafterabortion.org. If you feel called to support your local ministry, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry office for ways you might help.

Stay informed about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting www.humanlifeaction.org and www.usccb.org/prolife. Stay updated on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life office.

Most importantly, pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

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Rosary Rally and Teaching Mass



When: October 11, 2025

Where: At the Fountain in the Square in Downtown Somerset

When: we will gather at 11:45 AM and pray the rosary at noon

Please join us!

**Father Ben will be doing a teaching Mass on Wednesday,
October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the church. Please come and
learn more about our faith and Mass.**



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