

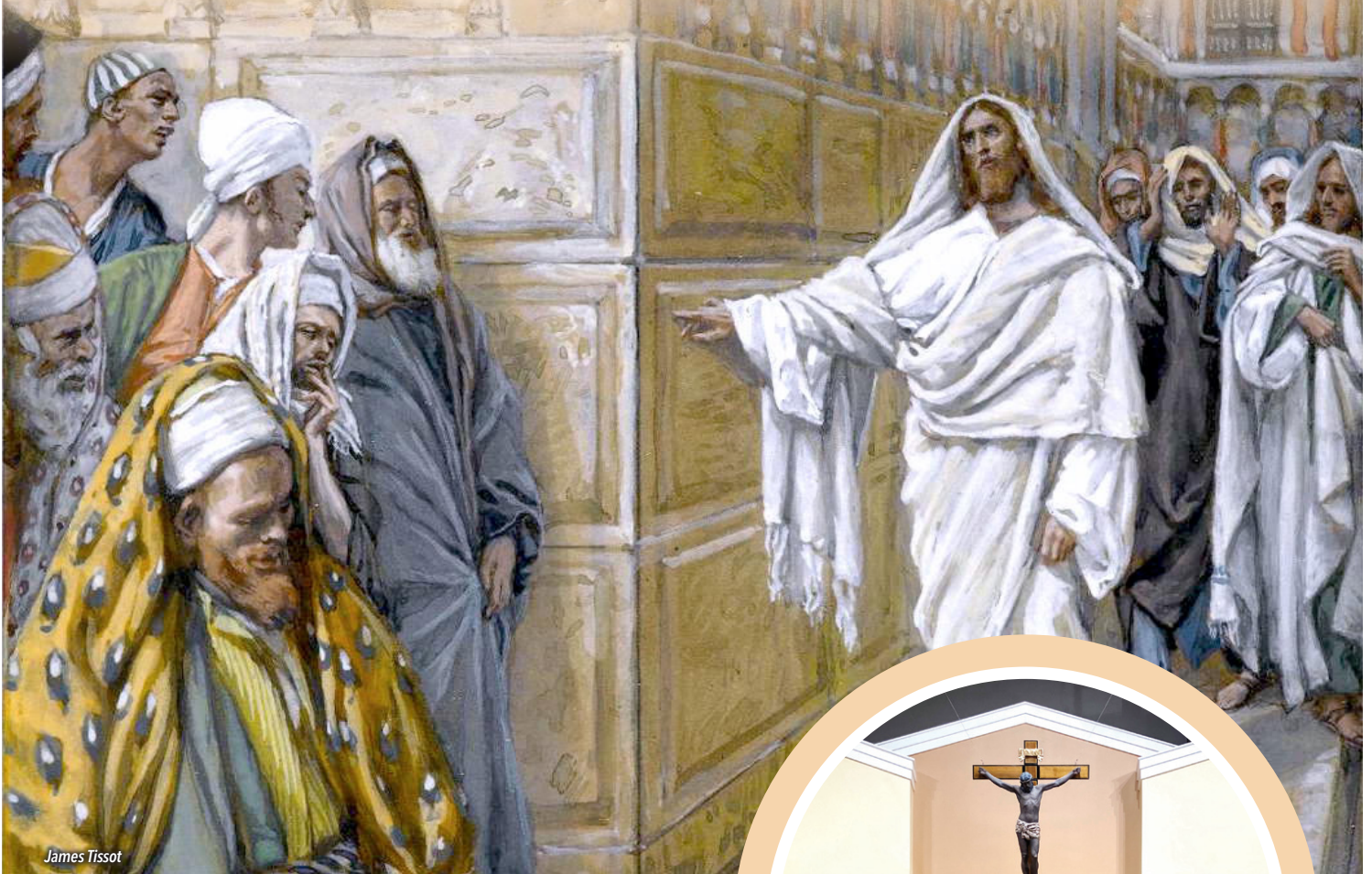
ST. PETER CLAVER

OCTOBER 4, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus said to them, *“Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.*”

MATTHEW 21:42–43



James Tissot

ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Peter Claver we are a community of faith made up of parishioners who uphold the Catholic tradition. We believe in a community, which supports families and children, transcending racial, economic, and geographic boundaries for the purpose of worship, religious education, outreach and fellowship. St. Peter Claver promotes a worship environment that is visually and spiritually Afrocentric. The Eucharist is the source of the energy that moves us to community service and evangelization. This is done in concert with other Christian communities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH
485 West Fourth Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 254-0030
Web: spclex.org
Email: stpeterclaver@cdlex.org



Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After-hours Emergency
Fr. Damian Anumba • (609) 457-0034

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
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YOUNG ADULTS

SACRAMENTS
Infant Baptism
If you're interested in having your infant or child baptized, please contact the office at (859) 254-0030 for parent preparation class information. Classes are held as needed.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Sick can be received periodically at the Sunday Liturgy and upon request. For emergencies, please call Fr. Damian Anumba at (609) 457-0034. Please notify the parish office for visits or communion calls to the sick and shut-ins.

Address Change
If you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months, please give this information to the parish office (859) 254-0030. It's important to keep our data current.

Liturgy Ministers Attire
MALES: Suit or shirt & tie
FEMALES: Pant suit, suit, skirt & blouse or dress. Please, no miniskirt, low back, or spaghetti strap dresses.

Pastor
Fr. Damian Anumba, M.S.S.C. • Danumba@cdlex.org
Deacon
Deacon James Weathers • jweathers@cdlex.org
Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday & Wednesday: 5 p.m.
NEW MASS Thursday: Noon • Holy Days: 5 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
4th Saturday: (No Mass)
Sunday: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass; 1 p.m. (Congolesse Mass)

MASS LIVE STREAM
<https://tinyurl.com/yjh4ea67>



YOUTH CYO EVENTS
Elnoel Akwa
CHOIR MUSICIANS
Michael Elery (Choir Leader: (859) 619-8502)
Charles Little, Xana Plum.
FINANCE COUNCIL
Bobby Gantley, James Keene, Amy Smith, Hilary Jones, Maureen Peters, Tim Gaillard.
FUNDRAISING/FINANCE MEMBERS
James Keene, Amy Smith, Hilary Jones, Timothy Gaillard, Maureen Peters.
KNIGHTS & LADIES OF PETER CLAVER
David Young (Grand Knight)
Valerie Jenkins (Grand Lady)

Marriage
Parishioners planning to be married at St. Peter Claver should contact the parish office at least six months in advance.
RCIA/OCIA
Wednesday: 6-7:15 p.m.
This is a process open to adults and children interested in joining the Catholic Faith.
If interested, contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or jweathers@cdlex.org or Beth Ross • rossbt2@gmail.com
Maria Fischer-Boothe • mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries
First Sunday of each month, we recognize individuals and couples with birthdays or anniversaries for the month.
Eating & Drinking Policy
Your worship space is sacred and important to all of us. Eating and drinking is not permissible inside of church sanctuary.
No Smoking Policy
All churches in the diocese have a No Smoking policy. Please smoke only in the designated areas outside.

Confessions
Tuesday and Wednesday: 4:30-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays: 3:45-4:15 p.m.
Other times by appointment
Mass Intentions
Mass stipends are \$5 each. Call the parish office.

Bulletin Information
Send your information via Email to: jweathers@cdlex.org
BULLETIN DEADLINE SCHEDULE:
To be included in the **October 18, 2026** bulletin, please submit information **before or by noon on Friday, October 9, 2026.**
(We reserve the right to edit your ad size.)

NULLITY FIELD ADVOCATES
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Chris Weathers, Elmer Ellis, David Young, John Gerton
FACILITY MANAGER
Greg Gerton
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2026-2027)
Elmer Ellis, John Gerton, Charlene Young, Felecia LaPrelle-Leach, D'Jakarta Ellis, Elnoel Akwa, Ima Ebong, Steve Cocanougher, James Gerton, David Young.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the parish office or through the website. Active membership is determined by the following:
1) Completed registration form.
2) Faithful attendance at Mass on Sunday and Holy days.
3) Support of the parish through time, talent and treasure.
CCD SACRAMENTAL PREP
Please contact Deacon James Weathers at (859) 254-0030 or jweathers@cdlex.org or Maria Fischer-Boothe at (859) 227-2319, email mgfischerboothe2012@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING:
Offertory, Building Fund, St. Peter Claver Legacy Tree of Life, Christmas Outreach Donation.
Go to our website spclex.org, click on the DONATE button to go to the Donation page. You may also use your smart phone to scan in the QR code.
If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up your online giving, please contact our Business Manager, Christina Weathers at (859) 254-0030.



MAKING HISTORY

Mary Burnett Talbert — Civil Rights Activist and Suffragist

Mary Burnett Talbert (born Mary Morris Burnett; September 17, 1866 – October 15, 1923) was an American orator, activist, suffragist and reformer. In 2005, Talbert was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Mary Morris Burnett was born in Oberlin, Ohio in 1866. As the only African American woman in her graduating class from Oberlin College in 1886, Burnett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She entered the field of education first as a teacher in 1886 at Bethel University in Little Rock, then as an assistant principal of the Union High School in Little Rock in 1887, the highest position held by an African American woman in the state. In 1891, she married William H. Talbert and moved to Buffalo, New York, where she joined Buffalo's historic Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

Talbert earned a higher education degree when a college education was controversial and rare for women and people of color. When women's organizations were segregated by race, Talbert was an advocate of women of all colors working together to advance their causes.

Described by her peers as "the best-known colored woman in the United States," Talbert used her education to take part in anti-lynching and anti-racism work, alongside supporting women's suffrage. In 1915, she spoke at the "Votes for Women: A Symposium by Leading Thinkers of Colored Women" in Washington, D.C. During her national and international lecture tours, Talbert spoke to audiences about oppressive conditions in African American communities and the need for legislation to address these conditions.



Mary Burnett Talbert statue in Buffalo, New York

As a founder of the Niagara Movement, Talbert helped to launch organized civil rights activism in America. The Niagara Movement was radical enough in its brief life to both spawn and absorb controversy within the black community

and prepared the way for its successor, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Central to the efforts of both organizations, Mary Talbert helped set the stage for the civil rights gains of the 1950s and the 1960s.

Talbert's long leadership of women's clubs helped develop black female organizations and leaders in New York and the United States. She served as the President for the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs for four years (1916-1920), succeeding Margaret Murray Washington.

Talbert saved the Frederick Douglass home in Anacostia, D.C. after other preservation efforts had failed. Buffalo's 150-year-old Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, to which the Talbert family belonged, has been named to the United States National Register of Historic Places. Many prominent African Americans worshiped or spoke there. The church also had a landmark role in abolitionist activities. In 1998, a marker honoring Talbert, who served as the church's treasurer, was installed in front of the Church by the New York State Governor's Commission Honoring the Achievements of Women.



Mary Burnett Talbert



Thirteen Presidents of the NACW (National Association of Colored Women), 1922. (MARY BURNETT TALBERT IS THE THIRD WOMAN FROM THE RIGHT)

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

African Attire.....	First Sunday of each month	Youth Group/Choir	Seasonal
Bible Study.....	Thursday, 5:45–7 p.m.	Knights of Peter Claver.....	First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass
Liturgy Committee	Quarterly	Ladies of Peter Claver.....	First Sunday, after 10 a.m. Mass
Parish Council	Fourth Thursday, 4:30 p.m.	RCIA/OCIA.....	Every Sunday, 8:30–9:40 a.m.
Adult Choir & Men’s Choir	Thursday, 7 p.m.	CCD/CYO	First & Third Wednesdays, 6–7 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.: Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation invites you to *Stallions, Sips and Savories* at Taylor Made At Diamond A Farm (5506 Steele Road, Versailles, KY 40383 (see ad on page 7 for more information).

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 3 p.m.: Sign up to walk in the *2026 CROP Hunger Walk* (see ad on page 8 for more information).

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 10:30 a.m.: Join *PHOEBE Forum*, St. Paul Women’s Spirituality Group (St. Paul Parish, Ave Maria Hall) (see ad on page 7 for more information).

October 13–14, 2026: *SPC pictorial directory sessions* (see ad on page 6 for more information).

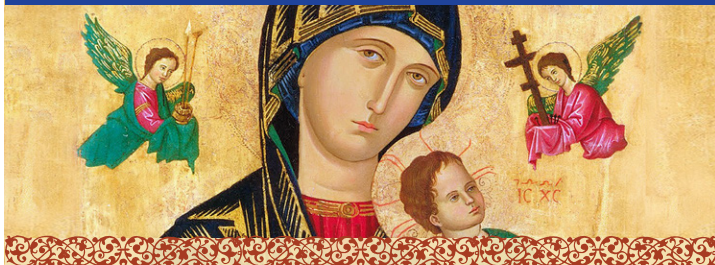
NEXT WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE: October 10–11, 2026 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	Sunday, October 11: 10 a.m. Gospel Mass
Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>	Presiders: <i>Fr. Damian Anumba, Dcn. James Weathers</i>
Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Alyce Graves, Colby Blair</i>	Eucharistic Ministers: <i>Felecia Leach, Pat LaPrelle</i>
Ushers: <i>Cazzie Zumwalt, Alyce Graves</i>	Ushers: <i>James Keene, James Gerton, David Young, Elmer Ellis, Chuck Bond</i>
Server: <i>Eli Blair</i>	Servers: <i>Thérèse Boothe, Arabella Floyd, Alex Riggle</i>
Lector: <i>Cheryl Bogarty</i>	Lectors: <i>Kim Riggle, Priscilla Johnson</i>
Response: <i>John Gerton</i>	Response: <i>Michael Elery</i>
	Gift Bearers: <i>Tim & Pam Gaillard</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 4: *Albert Fogle* • **Tuesday, October 6:** *Butch Wainscott*

OCTOBER DEVOTION TO MARY & PRAYERS FOR PEACE



October has been set aside for Devotion to Mary and Prayers for Peace.

Fr. Damian will have Adoration on Friday, October 23 • 5–6 p.m.



The Health Ministry & The Golden Ministry are
PINKING THE PEWS
on **Sunday, October 25**
to create awareness for breast cancer.

We are asking everyone to wear pink.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

Meet the Bensons

BY NITA CLARKE

You probably remember him lecturing at Sunday Mass, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, or her putting butterflies on a Christmas tree in honor of Father Norman. He is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and she is a member of the Arts and Environment Committee. They have both served in Build and CRHP. They are the Benson’s!

Her full name is Mary Helen DeVries Benson. But she has been called by her nickname since shewas a few months old. “Boo came from the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which was one of my dad’s favorite books the year I was born. Nearly everyone calls me Boo except for the nuns who were my elementary school teachers.” Boo said.

Ned grew up in Richmond, Kentucky in the Saint Mark Parish. Boo grew up in Brandenburg Kentucky in the St. John the apostle parish.

“We both attended our parish elementary schools.” Ned added.

Ned and Boo both graduated from the university of Kentucky where they met.

“We both worked our way through college by being resident advisors and Hall directors.” Boo said. “We started dating when I was the Hall Director at Patterson Hall and he was the Hall Director of Keeneland Hall.” Boo continued.

They were married in 1987 at Christ the King Cathedral. Their ceremony was conducted by Fr. Greg Schuler.

After Ned graduated from law school, he joined the US Air Force as a JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer.

“We were assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado, where we lived for five years. I taught at Aurora Central high school and earned a masters degree from the University of Colorado in special education.” Boo continued.

When the two moved back to Lexington in 1993, they returned to Christ the King. They were active members at Christ the King; running the Sunday nursery, serving as a lead couple for the marriage prep program, co-chairing Oktoberfest for three years, and co-chairing the casino tent for many years with their friends Deuce and Joellen Kuhn.

“Our son, James Xavier Benson, aka Jax was born in 1998. Because Ned had testicular cancer when he was a teenager, we could not have biological children but we were able to adopt him at birth.” Boo said.

Jax attended Providence Montessori, Christ the King and Lexington Catholic high school. He graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati and from Indiana University Mauer School of Law in 2024. Jax now practices law with his father.



Ned and Boo Benson

“I have practiced law since 1988.” Ned stated. “I started off as a JAG officer in the Air Force, and then went into private practice for two law firms in Lexington. I was the general council for the University of Kentucky Healthcare system.”

In 2015, Ned opened Benson Law Offices to focus primarily on Healthcare defense. Boo serves as his office manager and bookkeeper.

“We have a true family business now that Jax has joined the firm.” Boo said.

Boo retired from public education in 2024 after 37 years.

“I was a special education teacher for 20 years and an instructional leader for the last 17 years.” Boo said. “I spent most of my career in fayette County public schools.”

About 15 years ago, the Benson’s friends, Leesa and Keith Moorman invited them to attend Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church.

“We immediately fell in love with the community and felt welcome from the very beginning. We truly love our Saint Peter Claver family.” Ned said.

“SPC is my spiritual home.” Ned said. “I am devoted to the Eucharist and the SPC community.”

Boo concluded by saying “When I come to mass at SPC, I feel that we are truly CELEBRATING the mass in a joyful spirit and in communion with each other. I love my SPC family.



Ned, Jax and Boo Benson



Ned and Boo Benson and Father Norman Fischer, Jr.

St. Peter Claver Pictorial Directory

SPC is doing a new pictorial directory!

We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our directory will be complete.

Photo dates: October 13–14, 2026.

You can make your appointment online by scanning this QR code or call the office at (859) 254–0030.



You will have a professional photography session, see your proofs, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends.



Remember CHURCH DIRECTORIES

One more week to sign up for your photo session!

The Neighborhood Voices Initiative

A discussion with First District Council Member **Tyler JR Morton**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 • 2 P.M.
ST. PETER CLAVER

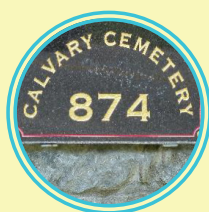
The Neighborhood Voices Initiative

is a council-led pilot project created by Council Members Tyler Morton and James Brown to address the pressures of growth, particularly displacement and gentrification, in vulnerable neighborhoods.

The initiative seeks to preserve the history, culture, and identity of communities through three key areas: policy, strategic capital investments that honor neighborhood history and culture, and resources that support residents' ability to remain and thrive in their neighborhoods.

At its core, this initiative is guided by the voices of the people who know these communities best residents, both past and present, and neighborhood stakeholders. The goal is to ensure that growth does not come at the expense of the people and culture that have shaped these neighborhoods for generations.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event!



Calvary Cemetery NEWS

Sunday, October 11, 3 p.m.: St. Joseph Hospital 4th Annual Walk to Remember (begins at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum).

Wednesday, October 14: Feast day of St. Callistus I, patron saint of cemetery workers...pray for us.

Thursday, October 15: National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Day (since 1988)

Saturday, October 17: Coldspring of Minnesota's first National Cremation Placement Day

CALVARY CEMETERY

The Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

874 West Main Street, Lexington, KY
(859) 252–5415 • ccmeter@cdlex.org



NOTICE

During the Priest Retreat (October 19–23, 2026), the Cathedral of Christ the King will have a Mass offered each day at the following times with the following presiders:

Monday, October 19
8 a.m.: Fr. Derek Van Daniker

Tuesday, October 20
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Dennis Knight

Wednesday, October 21
8 a.m.: Fr. Larry Hehman

Thursday, October 22
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Dennis Knight

Friday, October 23
5:30 p.m.: Fr. Mariya Doss



As **ELECTION DAY** approaches, we want to remind you of some important dates.

Monday, Oct. 5 – Deadline to register to vote in this year's election. Registration must be completed by 4 p.m. online or 4:30 p.m. in person.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 through Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Absentee in-person voting with an excuse.

Thursday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Oct. 31 – Early voting

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Election Day

PHOEBE Forum

WOMEN, SERVICE, AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join St. Paul Women's Spirituality Group for one of three opportunities to learn about the Church's newest teaching on women.

Discover how **you** can contribute to the ongoing discernment about women's participation and ministry during the Vatican's Synod Implementation Phase.

St. Phoebe, pray for us!



PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 9TH

FOR REGISTRATION
CLICK LINK OR SCAN QR CODE

REGISTER
HERE



Tuesday, October 13th, 10:30 am (after 10 am Mass)

St. Paul Parish – Ave Maria Hall
425 West Short Street, Lexington, KY 40507

Monday, October 19th, 6:30 pm

Catholic Center – side door "G"
1310 West Main Street, Lexington, KY 40508

Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 pm via ZOOM
link will be sent after registration



QUESTIONS: KATHYMATTOE@GMAIL.COM

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FINDING HOPE THROUGH GRIEF

A Faith-Centered Grief Care Workshop

Join us for a compassionate workshop created especially for older adults navigating loss. Together, we will make space for reflection, connection, and healing - grounded in faith and guided by caring professionals.

WHERE: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 2026

TIME: 11:00 AM

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, feel free to contact Martha Crumbie @ 859-396-5178.

MEETINGS

GOLDEN MINISTRY

Meetings are on Thursday • St. Peter Claver, Church Hall

1st Thursday: Community Service off site.

2nd Thursday: 10:30 a.m. – Noon

3rd and 4th Thursday: 1:30 – 3 p.m.

If there's a 5th Thursday: 10:30 a.m. or a planned outside activity.

Contact person: Patricia Laprelle

Patricia.laprelle1@icloud.com; (859) 321–8124 call or text

HEALTH MINISTRY

Blood Pressure checks on the First Sunday of every month; **November 1, 2026 (Misti)**, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons:

Martha Crumbie • mjcrumbie@aol.com • (859) 396–5178

Kris Miller • ck2304@aol.com • (859) 351–4253

Please Join Us

Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation invites you to

Stallions, Sips and Savories

Saturday, October 10, 2026

10:30am-1:00pm

Taylor Made At
Diamond A Farm
5506 Steele Road
Versailles, KY 40383

Please visit ceoflex.org
for more information

Proceeds to benefit the
CEOF Equine Fund



Greater Lexington 2026 CROP HUNGER WALK

WE NEED
TEAM
MEMBERS

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 3 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church • 460 East Main Street • Lexington

SIGN UP
TO
WALK

What is the CROP Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.



Local
IMPACT



Global
IMPACT



3 THINGS You Can Do to Help CROP Hunger Walk

- 1) **Sign up online to be a team member** to walk on October 11. (We will also have a sign up table on September 19, 20 and 27 after Mass)
- 2) **Donate money online**
- 3) **Donate canned food** on October 3 & 4 (canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans or dried beans, boxed/powdered milk, nutritious cereal, canned fruits).

Go to this link or scan the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybwj8nsb>



SUPPORT TEAM ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CWS

Make a Donation

Join The Team

YOU MAY ALSO DONATE BY CHECK

Make check payable to CWS/CROP WALK. • **In the check's MEMO line put St. Peter Claver** so SPC gets credit. • Please turn in ALL FUNDS by November 30. MAIL check directly to Nathan Lee at 401 Clinton Rd., Lexington, KY 40502-2355



Let's Beat Last Year's Contributions!

- Last year team St. Peter Claver Catholic Church brought in 90% of the total 444 lbs. food items collected on Walk Day!
- We had a team of 11 walkers & \$1,224.57 in donations. Our goal this year is \$3,000!



The impact of your gift!

Each step you take makes a life difference! Thank you for walking! 25% of proceeds will benefit Local Hunger Fighting Agencies. 75% of proceeds will benefit Church World Service.

For more information, contact us at:
spc.justice.ministry.network@gmail.com