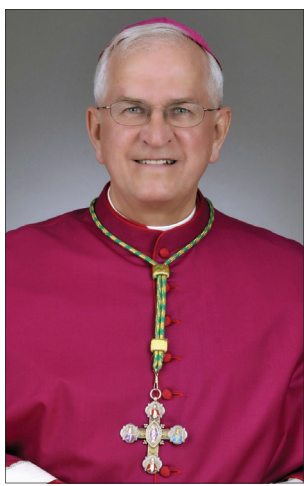


Holy Redeemer celebrates 50 years in Green County

On Saturday, April 6, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. will join the pastor, Father Joseph Thomas C.M.I., and the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish in Greensburg, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish.



Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

Archbishop Kurtz will preside at the Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m. CT at the parish. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the hospitality room of the Church.

Officially established as a parish in 1969, the Catholic parish of Greensburg in Green County began in the 1960s as a mission church. Services were held on Sunday mornings in the rear storage area of the Kentucky Utilities building. About 20 Catholics, in eight families, set up the altar, chairs and kneeling pads each Sunday morning before the late Father George Bowling arrived to celebrate Mass.

Assisted by the Louisville Archdiocese Mission Promoters, the small community built Holy Redeemer Church high on a hillside in 1966. Father Bowling described the site as "... close to Heaven. It makes one feel that way when you see these few people work together, and you realize how they are filled with the joy of knowing that their new church will be built next year."

Three large crosses on the site now overlook the south end of Greensburg.

The mission became a parish in 1969. Since then, a sequence of

hood for the Diocese of Allentown, Penn. in 1972. He served for 27 years in various roles within that diocese, including as a social worker, Catholic Charities director, pastor, and teacher. Pope John Paul II appointed Archbishop Kurtz as the Bishop of Knoxville, Tenn. in 1999, and Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as Archbishop of Louisville in 2007. In 2013, he was elected President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a three-year term that ended in November 2016. Archbishop Kurtz presently serves as the Chair of the Committee for Religious Liberty for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as on the boards of numerous local and national organizations.

Founded in 1808 as one of the early Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States and the first inland diocese, the Archdiocese of Louisville includes 24 counties in Central Kentucky.

priests and women religious have contributed richly by their presence.

Today, the parish provides religious education for the children and youth of the parish. As a result of the parish discernment process, the parish recently started a monthly adult education program. Holy Redeemer parish supports the local food bank and Family Resource Center, located at the local elementary school, which assists needy children and families.

This close-knit community of about 35 parishioners celebrates weddings, baptisms and confirmations and supports the families of departed members. Quarterly potluck dinners and meetings take place in the renovated hospitality/reception area.

Holy Redeemer Parish represents a welcoming Catholic presence in Green County.

The Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. has served as the Archbishop of Louisville since 2007. A native of Mahanoy City, Penn., Archbishop Kurtz was ordained to the priest-

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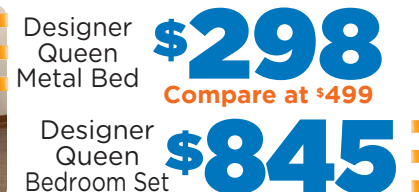
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