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Clergy to marshal St. Pat parade

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MCCARTYVILLE — The village of McCartyville is gearing up for its 35th annual celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

Grand marshals for the 2019 parade will be Catholic clergy from the McCartyville and St. Patrick area.

“We have been blessed in this area to have many men and women who have left their family and friends to serve God. We have invited 13 members from our community to be our guests at the fish fry and grand marshals of our parade. This is our way as a community to say thanks,” said event organizer Larry Huecker.

Erin Inman, daughter of Jeanne and Craig Inman, has been named queen of the festival.

The yearly event includes the parade, a fish fry, live entertainment, a putter golf outing and a foot race.

Invited to be grand marshals are the following:

- The Rev. Vince Hoying, a McCartyville native, attended Brunerdale Seminary in Canton and was ordained in 1958. He has served in Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa and in hospitals in Cincinnati, Toledo and Lima. He is now retired at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena.

- Sister Ann Catherine Lehmkuhl, a native of Minster, entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood in 1948, graduated in 1950 and made her final profession as a Sister of the Precious Blood in 1954. She was a teacher for more than 50 years in many parishes, including the McCartyville School.

- The Rev. Ken Pleiman, a native of Sidney, attended St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena and was ordained in 1970. He has served in Detroit, Columbus and Cleveland and currently serves the St. Joseph Parish in downtown Dayton.

- Sister Linda Pleiman, a native of Sidney, entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton in 1967. She was an educator in Catholic schools in Dayton, Cincinnati and Toledo and served as principal of Holy Rosary Parish in St. Marys. She is currently on the Leadership Team with offices in Dayton.

- The Rev. Ignatius “Brad” Schweitzer, a native of McCartyville, studied at the Dominican House of Studies Seminary in Washington, D.C., and was ordained in 2011. He spent six years in the Charterhouse of the Transfiguration Monastery in Vermont and is currently in school again at the Dominican House of Studies.

- The Rev. Gerald “Jerry” Bensman, a native of McCartyville, attended the St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati and spent seven years in the Propagation of the Faith Seminary in Rome. He was ordained in 1964. He has served parishes in Cincinnati, Fort Loramie, McCartyville and Sidney and is currently at the Transfiguration Chapel in West Milton.

- The Rev. Ethan Moore, a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, attended Mount St. Mary’s West Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained in 2015. He served the St. Peter Catholic Church in Huber Heights and currently serves the Chapel at Wright State University in Fairborn.

- The Rev. Dan Schmitmeyer, a native of McCartyville, attended Mount St. Mary’s West Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained in 2006. He has served the parishes of the Coldwater cluster and Sidney Holy Angels and is currently vocations director for the Cincinnati Diocese.

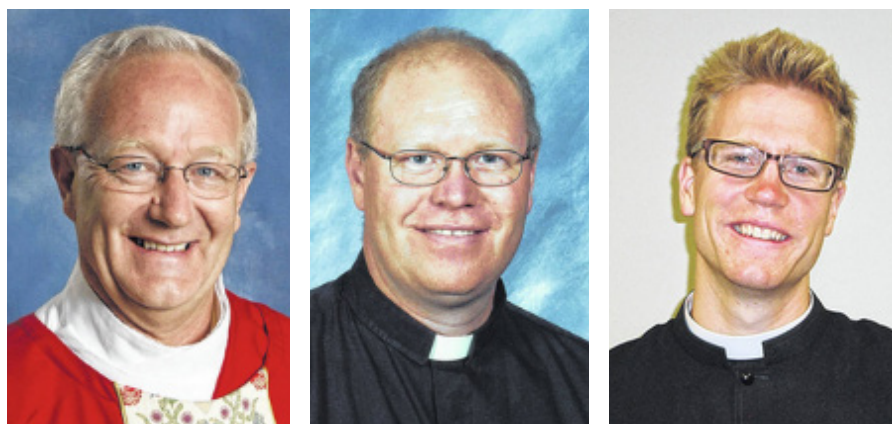
- Deacon Paul Luthman, a McCartyville native, attended Mount St. Mary’s West Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained in 1990. He currently serves the Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville.

- Sister Paula “Corrine” Huecker, a native of McCartyville, attended St. Clare Convent and made her first vows in 1962. She attended University of Dayton and graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in 1969. She worked for more than 30 years at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky, and is now retired and assisting at the Mother House in Cincinnati.

- Sister Marge Eilerman, a native of St. Patrick, entered St. Francis Convent in Tiffin and received her habit in 1958. She made her first profession of vows in 1960, served 10 years in rural parishes in Ohio and four years in Mexico, and has been at the Holy Family Church in Booneville, Kentucky for the last 40 years.

- Sister Jene René Hoying, a native of St. Patrick, attended Precious Blood High School-Fatima Hall in Dayton and made her first profession as a Sister of the Precious Blood in 1963. She taught elementary school for more than 30 years in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Denver, Colorado; graduated as a physical therapy assistant in 1996 and worked in Denver nursing homes until 2002; was the religious coordinator for elderly sisters at Maria Joseph Healthcare until 2013; and currently volunteers for Brigid’s Path.

- Sister M. Xavier “Sarah” Schulze, a native of McCartyville, studied at the Ohio State University and entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George Convent in Alton, Illinois. She made her first vows in 2015 and served at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C., and at parishes in Steubenville and Alton. She is currently performing missionary work in Cuba.



Top row (l-r), Luthman, Schmitmeyer, Moore; second row, Bensman, Schweitzer, K. Pleiman; third row, V. Hoying, Lehmkuhl, J. Hoying; fourth row, L. Pleiman, Schulze, Eilerman; fifth row, Huecker, Inman.