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## Catholic groups are mobilizing to help



CNS photo/Richard Carson, Reuters

Interstate 45 is seen submerged from the effects of Hurricane Harvey Aug. 28 in Houston.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic dioceses and charities are quickly organizing to help in the aftermath of a Category 4 hurricane that made landfall with heavy rains and winds of 130 miles per hour late Aug. 25 into the Rockport, Texas area, north-east of Corpus Christi. The National Weather Service said in a tweet Aug. 27 that the rainfall expected after the hurricane and storm are over “are beyond anything experienced before.” The hurricane, named Harvey, is said to be the strongest one to hit the United States in more than a decade and perhaps the strongest one to make landfall in Texas.

Catholic Charities USA, as well as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services, announced early on Aug. 26 that they’re mobilizing to help an as-yet-unknown number of persons affected by the hurricane. The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops has a list of charities helping with the disaster listed on its website at <https://txcatholic.org/harvey>.

Authorities reported at least five casualties as of Aug. 27, but because of safety issues, not many emergency teams have been yet able to respond to the

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## University of Notre Dame Celebrates 175th Anniversary Mass

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On November 26, 1842, Father Edward Sorin and his brother companions of the Congregation of Holy Cross arrived at the snowy property in South Bend, Indiana. The next day, they celebrated Mass on the hallowed ground. Nearly 175 years later, the university celebrated in the same way with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in the beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The votive Mass on Friday, Aug. 25, was a special one of the Mystery of the Holy Cross. The readings and liturgical music were most appropriate to the occasion, such as “Lift High the Cross.” It also marked the end of the ND Trail, a 13-day pilgrimage which retraced Father



Barbara Johnston/University of Notre Dame

A pilgrim holds her rock outside the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier at the start of the ND Trail in Vincennes, Indiana.

Sorin’s “inspirational journey and intrepid spirit” from Vincennes to Notre Dame. Hundreds of alumni, friends and members of the Notre Dame family joined together for the pilgrimage.

There was a palpable feeling of excitement and jubilee in the Basilica that reflected well the zeal and gratitude of the faithful. Numerous priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross concelibrated with Bishop Rhoades, marking the anniversary. The setting sun of the early evening poured through the original, colorful French stained-glass windows illuminating the faithful in the nave as they prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament.

Dan Allen, Double Domer alum '07, '11 M.Div. and spirituality program director of the

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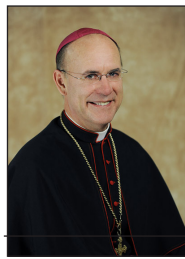
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# Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for Us!



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the text of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades on Aug. 27 at Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, at the parish's annual celebration, Peacefest:*

It was 100 years ago this year, in 1917, when World War I was raging, that Pope Benedict XV added to the Litany of Loreto, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the title and invocation "Queen of Peace." This Pope of Peace desired that the Catholics of the world pray through Mary's intercession as Queen of Peace for an end to the devastating world war. Forty years later, Bishop Pursley, in 1957, announced the founding of this parish under the beautiful title, Queen of Peace.

Today we celebrate your feast day and we invoke Our Lady as Queen of Peace to pray for us and for the world, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. There is so much violence, terrorism, discord, wars and threat of war, in the world today. We need to pray for peace. The Church engages in the battle for peace through prayer since prayer opens the heart not only to a deep relationship with God, but also to an encounter with others marked by respect, understanding, esteem, and love. Prayer instills in us the conviction and courage to be peacemakers, to live the Beatitude of Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

It is good to celebrate Mass with you as you conclude the weekend celebration of your annual parish Peacefest. I am glad that we have a parish in our diocese under the title of Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

Peace is a basic attribute of God. It was through sin that the divine order of peace was disrupted. We read in the book of Genesis, soon after the original sin, the story of Cain killing Abel. Violence made its appearance in the world. The world experienced the shedding of blood and division. Later in the Old Testament, we read of the great promise of peace associated with the coming of the Messiah, whom Isaiah calls the Prince of Peace, as we heard in the first reading today.

In the Gospel of the Annunciation, we heard the great announcement of the archangel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son, the Son of the Most High. Gabriel told Mary that the Lord God would give her son "the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." The Kingdom of her Son, the kingdom of the Messiah, is precisely the kingdom of peace. Jesus is our peace. He came and broke down the dividing wall of hostility among people, reconciling them with God. Jesus gave us the gift of peace, which is first of all reconciliation with the Father, and then reconciliation with our neighbors, our brothers and sisters throughout the world. He calls us to be peacemakers. Working for



Nick Stump

**At the end of the Queen of Peace Mass, Bishop Rhoades recognizes the ladies who underwent several weeks of preparation for the consecration of Jesus through Mary.**

peace is part of His Gospel.

Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is the fruit of justice and love. We are all responsible for promoting peace: in our families and communities and in the world. Peace must first be deeply rooted in each of our hearts and then it spreads to our families and others. An authentic culture of peace can only grow in the world when there is respect for justice and when there is love in people's hearts. Sadly, a couple weeks ago, we witnessed the opposite in the events in Charlottesville, Virginia. Hatred in people's hearts leads to violence. In the world in recent times, it explodes in terrorism. Hatred among peoples leads to war. War is a failure of peace. As St. John Paul II once said, "war is always a defeat for humanity."

It is good to remember today in our prayers the men and women of our armed forces. Legitimate defense justifies the existence of the military. They defend the security and freedom of our country, thus making an authentic contribution to peace. The brave men and women of our armed forces are called not to make war but to defend good, truth, and justice in the world. They are called to defend innocent lives and to defend our nation from acts of aggression.

It is also good today to pray for refugees, innocent people forced by war and violence to flee their homes and to seek refuge elsewhere. The Church is close to them. We must be committed to defend their human dignity and to encourage respect for their rights. We are called to be open to welcoming refugees, as Pope Francis so frequently reminds us. Here in our own diocese, I am so proud of our own Catholic Charities and its work in resettling refugees.

Here at Queen of Peace Parish, I call upon you and all the people of our diocese to recognize that the promotion of peace is an integral part of the Church's mission of continuing Christ's work of redemption on earth. In fact, the Church is, in Christ, a sacrament or sign and instrument of peace in the world and for the world, as St. John Paul once said. The promotion of peace is an expression of our Christian faith in the love that God has for every human being. In the popular prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, we pray: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." That's our mission as disciples of Jesus. It is the mission of this parish and every Catholic parish. And we ask Mary, the Queen of Peace, to help us to live this mission entrusted to us by her Son.

At the end of the Gospel of the Annunciation, Mary said to the angel Gabriel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The Queen of Peace is the one who wishes to serve, who wishes to serve the reconciliation and peace which Christ her Son brings to the world. The Mother of the Prince of Peace desires to serve and to intercede so that the peace of her Son will reign in our lives and in our world. And so we invoke Mary under this title which Pope Benedict XV added to her titles 100 years ago: Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Intercede with your Son, O Queen of Peace, for the gift of peace throughout the world, the peace our world so desperately needs!



# John Ankenbruck: Catholic gentleman, Fort Wayne legend

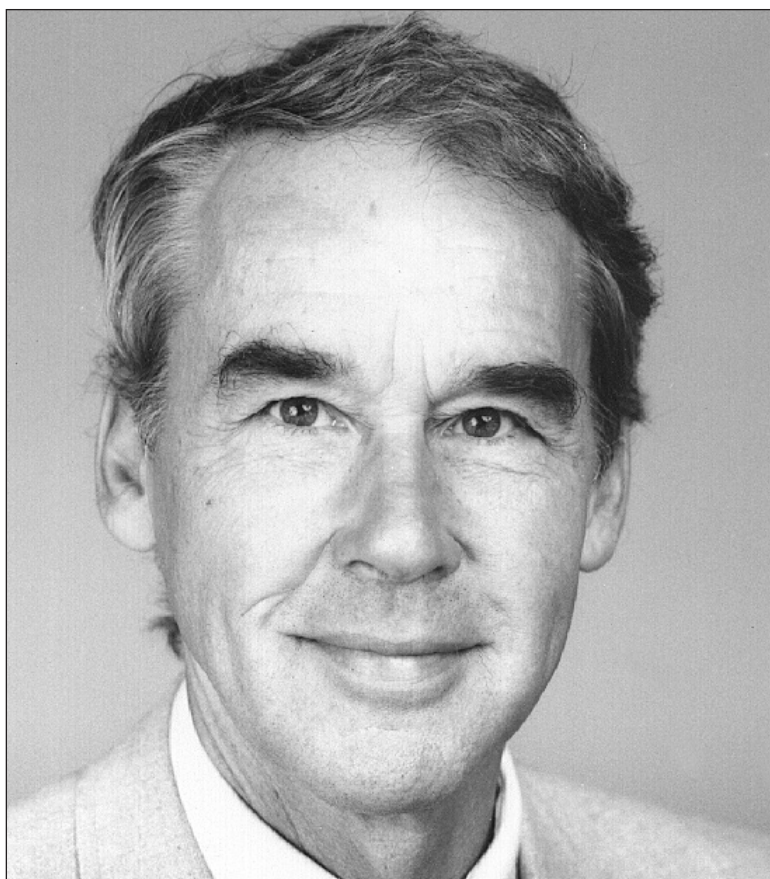
BY NICK STUMP

John Victor Ankenbruck is being remembered as a man who was always thinking, always digging for the deeper truth. Francie Hogan, page designer for *Today's Catholic* who worked with Ankenbruck for many years, remembers how he could often be found staring out the window in front of his manual typewriter — to the point where someone might mistake him for dozing off. But dozing off he was not. As a journalist, he was an advocate for the voiceless, and never settled for the story on the surface. As a historian, he sought the narratives that many others turned away from. Above all, Ankenbruck was a faithful follower of Christ.

Ankenbruck who passed away Aug. 21, in South Haven, Mich., was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 10, 1925. He was the son of Helen Margaret Nussbaum and Oscar Ankenbruck and the last surviving of their six children. In 1944 he graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, and entered the U.S. Navy Air Corps to serve his country in World War II. Following the war he attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1949. In 1956, he married LaVerne Alföldy, and their family lived for many years in Fort Wayne.

Ankenbruck worked at the Fort Wayne *News-Sentinel*, as writer and columnist. Eventually, he became the editorial page editor for the newspaper. By the time Ankenbruck left the *News-Sentinel* and took his expertise to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, he was a veteran in the business. He had an expansive knowledge and extraordinary journalistic skills from his years of experience. In August 1986 he became the editor of the diocesan newspaper, and served the diocese for 12 years — during which time he made it clear he was dedicating himself and his talents to serve the church. His faith, hope and charity during his time at *Today's Catholic* did more than prove his devotion.

There is a story that Ankenbruck was known to tell about naming *Today's Catholic* what it is today, and why he is considered by many



JOHN ANKENBRUCK

to be a founding editor of the paper. When he came aboard at *Today's Catholic*, he and the late Bishop John M. D'Arcy were discussing a new name for the paper — which at the time was called *The Harmonizer*. As the story goes, Bishop D'Arcy suggested "Catholic Today" and Ankenbruck countered

*Ankenbruck respected the power of the story; not the fictional tales read for entertainment, but the true stories of real people, as is evident from his works and accomplishments.*

with "*Today's Catholic*." The results speak for themselves.

Ankenbruck authored several history books on the Fort Wayne area, including "Five Forts, The Voice of the Turtle," and the "Twentieth Century History of Fort Wayne." He found the history behind the Great Lakes area to be of great intrigue, even though it was often bypassed in favor of other facets of U.S. history, such as

the westward expansion. Before he retired, Ankenbruck owned and operated Ankenbruck's Antiques in Albion. Considering his background, it seemed to some fitting that handling and selling antiques would be the final chapter of his professional journey. Nobody else could have appreciated the history behind the treasures that came and went through the doors of his shop like he did.

Ankenbruck respected the power of the story; not the fictional tales read for entertainment, but the true stories of real people, as is evident from his works and accomplishments. He told those stories in several types of written media — writing columns, articles and a book. What mattered was that the story was told. His articles on the treatment of the mentally ill, his books on the history of the area most textbooks simply neglect, all the stories and columns he has had a hand in over his long career as a writer and editor — they all came back to how important it is to tell a story.

A number of the people he wrote about may never have received any attention if Ankenbruck had not noticed them. Their stories, their histories, their very humanity may very well have been forgotten. But Ankenbruck saw their value as individuals who have played their role in God's plan. His influence is still felt at *Today's Catholic*, and his name is included in "Legendary Locals of Fort Wayne" for good reason.

The current editor of *Today's Catholic*, Jodi Marlin, had this to say about her predecessor: "Mr. Ankenbruck's name has long been synonymous with the foundational years of *Today's Catholic*, under that particular name of paper. I regret that I didn't have the opportunity to know him personally, but his legacy of telling the compelling and inspiring stories of the Catholic faith as it's lived in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend continues to inform the work we do every day."



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, September 3: 9 a.m. — Mass, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Lakeville  
 Tuesday, September 5: 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Parish Leadership Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God Church, Fort Wayne  
 Wednesday, September 6: 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw  
 Thursday, September 7: 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne  
 Thursday, September 7: 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Parish Leadership Meeting, St. Hedwig Church, South Bend  
 Friday, September 8: 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend

## Fall confirmation Masses

Confirmation Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades across the diocese this fall according to the following schedule.

- St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — Sept. 17, 11 a.m.
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen — Sept. 17, 6 p.m.
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen — Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
- St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne — Oct. 1, 4 p.m.
- St. Joseph Church, South Bend — Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph Church, LaGrange — Oct. 27, 7 p.m.
- St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne — Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne — Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
- Corpus Christi Church, South Bend — Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Church, South Bend — Nov. 5, 11 a.m.
- St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, Bristol — Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
- Christ the King Church, South Bend — Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka — Nov. 11, 10 a.m.  
 Including: St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka  
 St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka  
 St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka
- St. Jude Church, South Bend — Nov. 19, 10 a.m.
- St. Michael the Archangel Church, Waterloo — Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Cross Church, South Bend — Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame — Dec. 3, 11:45 a.m.
- St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, South Bend — Dec. 17, 4 p.m.  
 Including: Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne  
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I express my deep gratitude to each of you and also my willingness to lend strong support to your evangelization programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally so that I may assist you with any questions you may have or any other project proposals.

With assurance of my prayers for the Lord to bless you and the people of your diocese, I am,

Yours respectfully in Christ,  
 Rev. Maurice Henry Sands, executive director  
 Black and Indian Mission Office



# Peace and the just use of force

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In light of the escalation of tensions between the United States and North Korea, Stephen M. Colechchi, director of the U.S. bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace, answered these questions about Catholic Church teaching and war.

**Q: Does the Catholic Church have any formal criteria for when war is justified?**

**A:** Yes. Over the centuries, since the time of St. Augustine, the Catholic Church has developed a "just-war tradition" that allows for defense. It may be helpful to refer to the "just use of force," since modern wars are so much more destructive due to modern weaponry. We have a prior obligation "to work for the avoidance of war" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2308). The use of force must always be a "last resort." The catechism teaches:

"The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time: The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave and certain; all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; there must be serious prospects of success; the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluat-

ing this condition. These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the 'just-war' doctrine" (2309).

**Q: According to the church, are there limits to what is acceptable once war has been declared?**

**A:** Absolutely, the tradition rejects "total war," in which anything goes. The church lifts up the principles of proportionality and discrimination. The use of armed force must not bring about greater evils than legitimate defense requires, and the use of force must not indiscriminately kill combatants and civilians alike. "Noncombatants, wounded soldiers and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely" (2313).

**Q: Why doesn't the church just say that war is wrong?**

**A:** Pope Francis captured the essence of the church's teaching on war. "War always marks the failure of peace, it is always a defeat for humanity. Let the words of Pope Paul VI resound again: '... War never again, never again war!'" (Sept. 7, 2016). We must build peace. In the famous works of Blessed Pope Paul VI, "If we want peace, we must work for justice." In a fallen world in

which violence occurs, "governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed" (Catechism, 2308). At the same time, we should not underestimate the power of nonviolence

and nonviolent resistance to evil. Pope Francis dedicated his Jan. 1, 2017, World Day of Peace Message to "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace," a profound challenge in our day.

**Q: How does the church's teaching about war apply to nuclear weapons?**

**A:** The use of nuclear weapons is morally problematic due to their disproportionate and indiscriminate destructive power. The church today is working for a world without nuclear weapons. Quoting the Second Vatican Council, the catechism teaches: "Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation." A danger of modern warfare is that it provides the opportunity to those who possess modern scientific weapons — especially atomic, biological or chemical weapons — to commit

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such crimes" (2314).

**Q: Is a government allowed to unleash a pre-emptive military or nuclear strike when it fears attack on itself or an ally is imminent?**

**A:** This question is both simple and complex. The simple part concerns a pre-emptive nuclear strike. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, quoting Vatican II, declares: "(T)he magisterium has made a moral evaluation of the phenomenon of deterrence. 'The accumulation of arms strikes many as a paradoxically suitable way of deterring potential adversaries from war. ... This method of deterrence gives rise to strong moral reservations. The arms race does not ensure peace. Far from eliminating the causes of war, it risks aggravating them.' Policies of nuclear deterrence, typical of the Cold War period, must be replaced with concrete measures of disarmament based on dialogue and multilateral negotiations" (508). The first use of nuclear weapons is highly

problematic. As far back as the 1983 Peace Pastoral, the U.S. bishops raised serious moral questions regarding a first use of nuclear weapons.

The more complex question is the use of pre-emptive conventional forces. "Fear" of attack is not enough. There must be concrete evidence of an imminent threat. The "the damage inflicted by the aggressor ... must be lasting, grave and certain" (Catechism, 2309). Given human frailty, e.g. the failures of intelligence prior to the Iraq war, prudence would suggest that we be reticent to launch a pre-emptive attack. It is certainly unjust to launch a "preventive" attack against a gathering or vague threat. As then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now retired Pope Benedict XVI, noted before the Iraq war, the "concept of a 'preventive war' does not appear in the Catechism of the Catholic Church." We must always remember that we have an obligation "to work for the avoidance of war" (Catechism, 2308).

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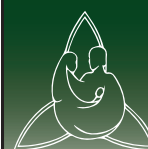
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# Oklahoma set for beatification of 'ordinary' native son

BY RHINA GUIDOS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics in Oklahoma have been preparing for a long time for this moment. Many, like Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, had faith it would come, but there's still a sense of awe, to think that a farm boy, one of their own, is about to take a step toward official sainthood.

On Sept. 23, Oklahomans will get a front-row seat to the beatification of Father Stanley Rother, an ordinary man from an ordinary town, who died extraordinarily as a martyr in Guatemala while serving in a mission. He knew well the dangers of the Guatemalan highlands, where government forces tortured and killed anyone suspected of dissent during the most politically tumultuous moments in the country's history.

However, Father Rother refused to abandon the community he so loved from 1968 until his 1981 assassination. Like many of the poor and persecuted he served, he died long before he had to at age 46, shot in the head in the parish rectory.

"People are justly proud of this native son, but one wouldn't expect something like this, such a recognition to be accorded to somebody from Okarche, Oklahoma," said Archbishop Coakley in a phone interview with Catholic News Service.

Okarche (pronounced oh-car-chee) is a small farming town with a lot of windmills, said Archbishop Coakley, and one that's increasingly receiving visitors and pilgrims wanting to learn more about the tranquil setting that was home to Father Rother. He left it behind because he wanted to serve the church in a place where priests were needed and, in the late 1960s, priests were needed in the remote highlands of Guatemala, where the Oklahoma City Archdiocese had a mission in the town of Santiago Atitlan.

"We weren't talking about the peripheries 30, 35 years ago when Father Rother was killed but certainly he had that missionary spirit," said Archbishop Coakley. "He had a heart for the people there. He recognized their dignity, he recognized that they were precious in the Lord's sight."

Some say Father Rother arrived "knowing 10 words in Spanish," but the agricultural skills he imported from Okarche and his kindness endeared him to the locals. Archbishop Coakley has visited Santiago Atitlan on a couple of occasions, once during a pilgrimage and also for an event honoring Father Rother.

"The devotion of the locals to Padre Ablas, as they call him, is amazing," he said. "He's venerated and honored as the beloved shepherd who laid down his life for them. We were there for the



A woman holds a booklet with a picture of Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese, during Mass in 2006 at a church in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Father Rother will be beatified Sept. 23 in Oklahoma.

their local dialect. A large banner that will be unveiled at the time of the beatification will display elements of Guatemalan culture, said Archbishop Coakley.

He said he wants Catholics to understand that a martyr and a holy person such as Father Rother can come from an ordinary beginning.

"There was nothing exceptional about him," said the archbishop about Father Rother. "But he was extraordinarily faithful to his calling, to his vocation, to grace. He's a witness to all of us that God chooses the humble, the lowly, as he always does, to accomplish great things for those who allow themselves to be used by God."

And God gave him the extraordinary gift of martyrdom because of Father Rother's fidelity and generosity, the archbishop said.

"Ultimately, if God calls a young man from Okarche, Oklahoma, to be a saint, to be beatified, to be a martyr, it reminds us that all of us, no matter our beginnings, our circumstances, are called to holiness as well," he said.

Because of Father Rother's

sacrifice, Guatemala no longer needs help from Oklahoma, Archbishop Coakley said.

"In the aftermath of Father Rother's death, the church's holy words proved to be true, that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians," said Archbishop Coakley. "The church (in Santiago Atitlan) really began to flourish after Father Rother's death and they've seen a number of vocations from the parish and, ultimately, the local diocese thanked us for our service there but said that they could now staff the parish."

In addition to the beatification, the archdiocese also is in the midst of its first capital campaign, which includes raising \$55 million — half will go toward a shrine honoring Father Rother.

"We have a master plan, an architect, we have a conceptual design. ... We're just beginning our fundraising for it," said Archbishop Coakley.

For now, the archdiocese is squarely focused on the September beatification, which has interest beyond Oklahoma, the archbishop said.

"He is being lifted up and being offered to the whole church as a witness of holiness and fidelity to the Gospel, a witness to pastoral charity, to inspire all people," he said. "We need these kinds of heroes in light of the many challenges that priests have had to deal with the last 15 years or so. This is good news that we have a holy heroic priest being lifted up and honored to remind us that all of us are called to holiness."

very special day of the anniversary of this death so there was a large festive Mass, a colorful event, processions.

"For many, many years, his heart has been enshrined in the back of the church, where people approach reverently and pray ... evidence of their esteem for him, their appreciation for him. Their devotion to him is really everywhere."

Though his heart, physically and otherwise, was left in Guatemala, the rest of his remains returned to Okarche. For years, people stopped by to pray at his grave at the Holy Trinity Cemetery in town, said Archbishop Coakley, even before he was declared a martyr by the Vatican in late 2016. His remains have since been exhumed as part of the beatification process and moved to a chapel in Oklahoma City, where the ceremony declaring him Blessed Stanley Rother will take place.

Though Oklahoma is not a predominantly Catholic state, there's a lot of interest outside of Catholic circles, particularly with the upcoming beatification. Archbishop Coakley said he has tried to meet with local groups eager for information about the event and recently gave a presentation to religious leaders of various faith traditions who wanted to know more about the priest and the significance of his beatification.

"Some of them undoubtedly plan to attend the beatification," he said. "It's touching people well beyond our Catholic community."

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Two of Father Rother's siblings as well as a delegation from Guatemala will attend the ceremony at the Cox Convention Center. Guatemalans from Santiago Atitlan will participate in the liturgy, which will include the prayers of the faithful in

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Cardinal Parolin visits Russia, focuses on ecumenism and peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although he said planning a papal trip to Russia was not on the agenda, the Vatican secretary of state said his visit to Moscow was designed to build on the meeting Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill had in Cuba in 2016. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the secretary of state, visited Moscow Aug. 21-24 and met with the patriarch and Russian President Vladimir Putin, as well as with leaders of Russia's Catholic community. The list of topics for the meetings ranged from ecumenical dialogue and interreligious cooperation to current world affairs and climate change, he said in a series of interviews before leaving Rome. Cardinal Parolin and Putin spent about an hour together Aug. 23 at the president's residence in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, according to the Vatican press office. The meeting included "an exchange of views on various themes, both international and

relating to bilateral relations." Opening the meeting, Putin told the cardinal, "I am very pleased to see that the dialogue continues between our churches," and he expressed his pleasure that Cardinal Parolin had met Patriarch Kirill. "There is no doubt that the common humanitarian values that the Holy See and the Russian Orthodox Church defend form the foundation for relations between the two churches and between Russia as a state and the Vatican," Putin said in his remarks.

## Racism 'remains pre-eminent sin of nation, church,' says Brooklyn bishop

NEW YORK (CNS) — Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn is forming a new commission to study the effects of racism in the Catholic Church and on the Brooklyn Diocese. He made the announcement Aug. 24 at a specially called Mass for Solidarity

and Peace to counter the recent display of racism in demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia. He said, "I am establishing a diocesan commission for social justice. ... In the coming months, we will design our commission to deal with the social and religious problems that racism — in all of its forms — presents to us." He said that the commission would be named for Msgr. Bernard Quinn, a white Brooklyn pastor who established parishes and services for African-American Catholics in the first half of the 20th century. His cause for sainthood is currently before the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes. Bishop DiMarzio pointed out that only a day before, the U.S. bishops had set up an ad hoc committee that will "challenge the sin of racism," listen to those "suffering under this sin," and encourage coming together in the love of Christ. He specifically mentioned the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, "alt-right," white supremacists and anti-Semites, as groups that have their roots in racism and need to be rejected.

## Famine threatens four countries in 2017

20 million people could be affected

### YEMEN

Famine is possible amid heavy conflict and deteriorating economic situation; globally, the largest food insecure population is in Yemen. A severe cholera outbreak has expanded to most areas of Yemen, with more than 185,000 suspected cases identified as of late June.



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# Minnesota Vikings coach brings faith to the field

BY MATTHEW DAVIS

MANKATO, Minn. (CNS) — Each morning, Pat Shurmur pulls out a laminated card with his priorities for the day.

"We as coaches laminate everything. You never know when you're going to get caught in the rain," said Shurmur, 52, the offensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings.

The card has prayers and reminders of how he wants to live out his Catholic faith. His card includes petitions to St. Patrick and St. Joseph, a coach's prayer and one his father, Joe, used during a terminal illness. The card also lists his family members' birthdays and includes a "be list," characteristics he wants to live by.

"It's just a reminder to be a good husband, a good father and good son, good friend (and a) good teacher," said Shurmur, a father of four who has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 27 years.

Shurmur takes those reminders into his work with the Vikings as he begins his 16th season coaching in the NFL.

"My Catholic faith influences really every facet of my life," Shurmur told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "I've always believed it's a terrific guideline for living and certainly has carried over to coaching."

Coaching is something in which he's seen his share of success. He's coached in Philadelphia twice, St. Louis, Cleveland and now Minnesota. He developed longtime Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb and helped other quarterbacks such as Nick Foles, Colt McCoy and Sam Bradford produce career-best seasons. Shurmur came to the Vikings as the tight ends coach in 2016 and later became offensive coordinator when Norv Turner departed in November.

Shurmur's success and rise to offensive coordinator with the Vikings doesn't surprise the team's Catholic chaplain, Father Michael Van Sloun. He said Shurmur has earned the trust of fellow coaches in the organization.

"I think that his faith helps guide his leadership and inspires his leadership," said Father Van Sloun, pastor of St. Bartholomew in Wayzata.

When Shurmur came to Minnesota, he got in contact with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda about finding a parish and a school for his youngest daughter, Claire. Shurmur also attended the archbishop's installation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul in 2016.

Shurmur and Archbishop Hebda became friends through a mutual friend, then-Msgr. James F. Checchio, who was the Philadelphia Eagles' Catholic chaplain in 2002-2003, then

left to serve as vice rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Now-Bishop Checchio heads the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

Bishop Checchio said Shurmur is a "man who appreciates the church and the Eucharist."

Shurmur visited Bishop Checchio in Rome, where he met Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, who at that time was archbishop of the U.S. Archdiocese of the Military Services. He is now grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher. The prelate gave Shurmur a prayer booklet for soldiers, where he keeps his laminated prayer card.

Shurmur's family makes Sunday Mass a top priority each week. He also attends Masses that Father Van Sloun celebrates for the team on Saturday evenings before games.

Shurmur prioritizes passing on the faith to his children, too. He noted that his adult children have kept the faith while excelling athletically. His son, Kyle, plays quarterback for Vanderbilt University, and his daughters, Allyson and Erica, swam at Boston College and Michigan State, respectively.

"Fortunately, they make good choices," Shurmur said. "Going to Mass and being involved in the sacraments, trying to live a good life and make the world a better place — those are all things that we tried to live as parents."

His last daughter at home, Claire, will swim at Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights this fall as a ninth-grader. She attended Our Lady of Grace School in Edina for middle school last year.

Shurmur takes time to share his faith beyond his family, particularly through Catholic Athletes for Christ, a nationwide ministry that encourages Catholic athletes. He also spoke at a retreat for 110 men at Our Lady of Grace in Edina, his parish, in January.

"It was funny, insightful and encouraging," said Dan Moran, a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace who attended the retreat. "He inspired us to live out our Catholic faith in the workplace and at home."

Shurmur said he sees a parallel between stepping away for a retreat to grow spiritually and football players going to training camp to develop their skills.

"I think it's important as we get busy — and sometimes too busy — that we step back and reflect on how things are going," Shurmur said of the retreat.

"That's a little bit of what happens when you go away to training camp," he added. "You have a chance as a team to build."

This year's Vikings training camp marked the final one in Mankato after 52 years. It will be held in Eagan next year.

For now, Shurmur and fellow

offensive position coaches will look to get the Vikings' offense back on track this year. Last season, the Vikings ranked 28th out of 32 teams in total offensive yards, and mustered 20.4 points per game, 23rd in the league.

Among the position coaches, quarterback coach Kevin Stefanski, also a Catholic, has a similar vision to Shurmur. Stefanski also attends Our Lady of Grace and has children at the parish's school.

Shurmur said it takes sticking to "core beliefs" and not worrying about external circumstances to navigate the challenges of life in the NFL. That can include working with players who have off-field issues.

Wide receiver Michael Floyd, a 2008 graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul, signed with the Vikings May 10. He had a DUI conviction last year, but Shurmur hopes to help him succeed on and off the field.

Shurmur will call plays on a laminated card to set his team up to do that on Sundays, hours after using his laminated prayer card to set his day up in service of Christ.

"I think you've got to pray every day, so I try to find time in the morning to pray," he said.

*Matthew Davis is from The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.*



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Athletic director selected for hall of fame

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School Athletic Director Debbie Brown has been selected for the American Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. The American Volleyball Coaches Association annually recognizes individuals who have reached the pinnacle of their profession and sport with the AVCA Hall of Fame.

Brown is a two-time winner of the Mikasa Award while at the University of Southern California for being the nation's best all-around player, and captained the Trojans to a 72-1 record and a pair of championships in those two years. She left the program after her junior year to join the USA National Team, where she served as co-captain of the 1980 Olympic team. In 1995, USA Volleyball honored Brown the "All-Time Great Volleyball Player" award, which is the highest honor handed out by the organization.

## Eucharistic procession at SJHS

SOUTH BEND — Students, faculty and staff of Saint Joseph High School participated in a school-wide eucharistic procession the week of Aug. 21. Participants lined the hallways, kneeling in prayer, as the monstrance processed throughout the building. "The eucharistic procession brings to the forefront the purpose of our school — to put Christ first in all that we do," said Tami Goy, director

## An 'eclipsing' event



Provided by St. Joseph School

On Monday, Aug. 21, the students of St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett rejoiced to the heavenly view of the solar eclipse. The teachers took full advantage of this often once-in-a-lifetime happening to make it a tremendous learning experience for them. Family members and friends were invited to view the eclipse along with the children, and parents served a free hot dog lunch for everyone.

of Pastoral Ministry for the school.

"He is the reason we are here and the motivation for what we do. The school building and the people that make up the community here will be blessed as the monstrance carrying our Lord passes through the school. By

beginning the school year with a eucharistic procession we hope that our students, staff and faculty are reminded of their own purpose and the purpose of Saint Joseph High school, to know, love and serve God and bring his love to all those we encounter."

## Redeemer Radio Bocce fundraiser



Daniel Flanagan

Supporters of Redeemer Radio, including Margy Kloska, above, gathered at St. Joe Farm in Granger Aug. 8 for a Bocce tournament to benefit the evangelistic work of the radio station. The ancient game, popularized in Italy, is a little bit like croquet but played without mallets.

# Annual Peacefest concludes with a call to be peacemakers

BY NICK STUMP

Although Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades could not make it to the Catholic trivia night this year at Queen of Peace parish's annual Peacefest, he was as enthusiastic to top off the weekend-long event with the celebration of the Mass and the parishioners were excited to have him.

Over the weekend, Queen of Peace parish in Mishawaka, celebrated its annual Peacefest. There were three days of festivities to attend and enjoy; from rummage sales to Wiffle ball to the always entertaining trivia night. The perfect end to a wonderful weekend could be nothing less than an outdoor Mass said by the Bishop and his concelebrants. The main message was not a hard one to guess, but it is an important one to understand.

"We are all responsible for promoting peace," Bishop

reminded a packed house, or in this case a packed tent, in his homily, "in our families and communities and in the world."

Bishop Rhoades addressed the violence going on in our very country and in the whole world. As he reminds us, it is more important than ever to remember that we are all instruments of peace. Armed with our prayers and leading by example, we are called to be the change we all want and need to see.

Sometimes, however, the brave men and women of our military are armed with more than prayers alone. Bishop Rhoades touched on the importance of our troops; how they, too, seek peace even though that may seem paradoxical. "They are called to defend innocent lives and to defend our nation from acts of aggression," he said. In that sense, it is a defense of what is good and just. It is an act of seeking peace in a way that seems exactly the opposite.



Nick Stump

Parishioners at Queen of Peace Parish take their mission to the world.

But as he stated earlier, "Peace is not merely the absence of war." Peace takes much more than that. Peace is much more than that. It is complex and difficult to achieve, but we are continuously called to work toward it.

The plight of refugees who were forced to flee their war-torn homes surfaced in the homily as well. Summoning the images of them to the forefront of our hearts and minds caused some uneasy shifting, especially as the volunteers for Peacefest started to fry up some delicious chicken close by. The lovely smell of a great meal wafting into the tent and causing stomachs to rumble in anticipation truly emphasized how blessed are those to be able to be there celebrating Mary, Queen of Peace, on a beautiful summer day.

While there is a lot of violence and absence of peace in the



# Holy Cross College sets a bold course for its future

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

Amidst significant changes throughout the spring and early summer, the campus of Holy Cross College is now filled with optimism and enthusiasm as faculty, staff and students look to the possibilities of a bright and exciting future.

Initial concerns arose over the departure of the college's former president, Brother John Paige, CSC, from the institution in April, as well as uncertainty regarding the overall financial state of the college located in Notre Dame, Ind. However, through newly appointed leadership and enhanced tri-campus collaboration, Holy Cross is eager to convey that its commitment to providing students with a thoroughly Catholic and transformational education is as strong as ever.

Father David Tyson, CSC, who on July 31 was appointed to a five-year term as college president, revealed his strategy and hopes for the future as the school seeks to define its identity and place within the community.

"My vision for Holy Cross College as we move forward is to become a Catholic academic community that is transformative for those who engage in it, is clearly distinctive in how it approaches a curriculum that is unified and coherent, and is rooted in the college's historical strength of preparing students for the next level of their lives." Father Tyson conveyed that achieving this requires "a faculty that instills in our students not only content, but also a seriousness of purpose about the value of study; confidence in their intellectual

capabilities, and a willingness to work hard in and out of the classroom."

Father Tyson further stated that "the critical piece of this vision of being transformative and distinctive is the context in which it takes place, one that is intentionally Catholic." This Catholic context "ensures that education at Holy Cross embraces the Catholic intellectual tradition in all aspects of the life of the college, including the curriculum in all disciplines; a context where the intersection of faith and reason can truly be experienced."

A newly appointed senior vice president, Dr. Michael Griffin, revealed more precisely what this indicates for Holy Cross in the upcoming years. He remarked, "We've always done well at bringing in students and providing a vibrant moral and spiritual formation in the Catholic faith. Now we will ensure that our Catholic identity involves a more rigorous intellectual formation as well.

He continued, "The deepest reason Holy Cross exists, and should exist, is to cultivate the Catholic intellectual tradition both inside and outside of the classroom as an institution of the church and of the Congregation of Holy Cross. These two identities are front and center in the way we form our students."

He indicated that this will take place through emphasizing the importance of a strong liberal arts program, which has been the heart of Holy Cross' curriculum since its inception, but also through incorporating principles of Catholic social doctrine into



Photo provided by Holy Cross College

**New Holy Cross College administrators walk across the campus. From left to right are Senior Vice President Dr. Michael Griffin, President Father David Tyson, CSC, and Provost Dr. Justin Watson. Holy Cross College is in Notre Dame, Ind.**

the fields of business, communications, science and others. To further provide a holistic education, these courses are then coupled with experiences in the local community, the global community (e.g. trips to encounter the work of Holy Cross religious in Uganda, India and Peru), as well as a professional internship, and a Senior Capstone project.

Griffin also revealed Holy Cross' plans for increased tri-campus partnership. He stated, "Father Tyson has emphasized his desire to grow and expand our collaboration with the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and the local community. Brother John Paige deserves a lot of credit for building up these relationships during his time as president. Some of the ways this has already begun

to occur include the continued opportunity for Holy Cross students to take classes at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, as well as Holy Cross' Dining Hall now being operated by the nationally acclaimed Notre Dame Campus Dining."

Griffin and the newly appointed provost, Dr. Justin Watson, who functions as chief academic officer, further elaborated on the college's plans to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. While Holy Cross has existed as a traditional four-year college since 2003, several motivated students in recent years have been able, in various ways, to obtain their bachelor's degree in less time. Holy Cross now offers an official track for students to obtain a bachelor's degree in three years, thus

significantly discounting the cost. Additionally, through collaborating with Notre Dame in the development of the Gateway Program, Holy Cross offers an honors curriculum for first-year students. Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year it will also offer a two-year honors track for students who will benefit from a rigorous and Catholic curriculum before transferring to a larger university setting.

Griffin explained, "Holy Cross first existed as a two-year liberal arts college; therefore a return to our roots, to what we have always done best, is a key part our mission. As the Latin axiom goes, "radix condit futum: our roots establish our future!"

In addition to its Catholic character and academic ethos, what has made Holy Cross distinctive and memorable for many of its students has been its close-knit, familial environment. Maintaining and enhancing this reality is another primary goal for Father Tyson.

"My experience at Holy Cross has revealed to me a community experience that is palpable across the constituents of the college," he shared. "While we can always do better, what is important at Holy Cross is that the quality of the life of the community and the welfare of the individuals which make up that community is a core value. This value is not just a primary emphasis of the Student Life division, it is a deeply held value of the entire college community. That makes it more than programmatic, it makes it cultural and anthropological. It makes us Catholic, it makes us Holy Cross."

# Parishes called to learn a new 'language' of love

BY ALLISON STURM

"Let us remain with Christ — abiding in Christ — and let us always try to be one with him. Let us follow him; let us imitate him in his movement of love, in his going forth to meet humanity. Let us go forth and open doors. Let us have the audacity to mark out new paths for proclaiming the Gospel." — Pope Francis, "The Church of Mercy"

"During my deacon year I had the privilege to study for two weeks at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C." relates Father Bill Meininger, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver. "I completed the coursework for Level 1 ASL and returned to the diocese to complete my summer assignment at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw. In the following weeks, I was approached by the warden of the local county jail, which was located just a few blocks from the parish. She explained to me that they had a deaf man there who had been incarcerated there

for several weeks. Unfortunately, no one at the jail could communicate with him except through writing, which can be incredibly cumbersome and limiting.

"While the man was not a Catholic, the warden asked if I could stop by and visit him," Father Meininger continued. "I met with this man the next day, and while my skills in ASL are very limited, we were able to carry on a conversation about family, how he had grown up, how he ended up where he was and what he hoped for his future. I was humbled by the experience, for here was a man who was pouring out his interior self to a complete stranger; but because I was willing to try my best and accept my limitations in the communication process, it was as if we were old friends. While I never saw this man again (he was soon transferred to another facility), I will always remember how the simplest and smallest acts of kindness and stretching ourselves can have the greatest effect on the life of

another."

The patron saint for the deaf and hard-of-hearing is St. Francis de Sales. His desire for others to know God inspired him to devise a sign language to teach a deaf man about Jesus so that he could receive holy Communion. It is with the same desire that the Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, under the Secretariat for Evangelization in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, wishes to reach the deaf community in the diocese — even if it is just one person at a time. "We often ask 'who's missing at the table' because we know that when people are missing, our church is impoverished," said Mary Glowaski, secretary. With this in mind, the Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is renewing its efforts to connect deaf Catholics with parishes by co-sponsoring American Sign Language interpreters and helping parishes find funding to install the "Hearing Loop" system.

In conjunction with Deaf Awareness Month in September,

interpreters using ASL will be provided on the second Sunday of each month at both the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. It is a small step, but it can connect more deaf Catholics and their families to the church.

Msgr. Robert Schulte, pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, has been co-sponsoring an interpreter for the Secretariat for Evangelization since 2015. He shared: "One of our cathedral parishioners now faithfully attends this Mass once a month and sits close so that she can watch and understand the Mass more fully. I know that she really appreciates this service and it is beneficial. When Bishop Rhoades offers a special Mass, where visitors would attend who could be helped by the presence of an interpreter, this service is also appreciated."

The cathedral also installed the Hearing Loop in the past year. The Loop allows indi-

viduals to connect their hearing devices to the parish sound system and costs about \$6,000. Three other parishes in the Fort Wayne area have installed the Loop in the past year — often with donations from parishioners and those who understand that not hearing the word of God impedes a person's full participation. "There is a sincere desire for the Loop in all parishes throughout the diocese, but funding sources are few," said Glowaski.

Father David Violi, parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, shared: "At the invitation of Bishop Rhoades, Father Bill Meininger and I were blessed to have spent several years studying American Sign Language during our time in the seminary. This time involved with and learning from the deaf community was a true blessing in my priestly formation. As we enter Deaf Awareness Month this



# Bishop Rhoades announces a pleasant surprise

BY VINCE LABARBERA

Usually there are few surprises when Catholics attend Mass. But the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion who attended the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 26, were pleasantly surprised at the conclusion of the liturgy.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass and greeted the congregation with many people seated in the adjoining dining hall at the rear of the worship space. He remarked that he could see the overflow crowd and their need for a new church. He added that he might talk about the issue further after Communion.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades referred to the Gospel (Mt. 16:13-20) saying, "Jesus asked the apostles a very interesting question: 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ... People had all kinds of different opinions about who Jesus was. Maybe it's the same today when you think about it," he continued. "If people were asked this question, they might give different answers. 'Then Jesus asks the apostles another question, one much more personal. He says 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter, as he does so often in the Gospels, appears as the spokesman for the group and makes an astounding profession of faith: 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,'" Bishop Rhoades emphasized. "It is good to listen to Jesus asking you and me this question: 'Who do you say that I am?' How do we respond? To respond like Peter ... is not merely something we say with our lips, or assent to only with our intellects. It is something deeply personal, in our hearts, and changes the way we live," he said.

Ironically, Matthew's Gospel speaks of building Christ's church. Bishop Rhoades continued, "Today's Gospel does not end with Simon Peter's profession of faith. Very solemnly, Jesus then says to Simon: 'And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.'"

Concluding his homily, Bishop Rhoades said, "When we make the profession of faith made by



Photos by John Martin

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades announces final donations received which will allow construction of new church to begin — a surprise announcement. At left, bishop breaks ground for a new church.**

St. Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, we don't do so just as individuals. We do so as members of Christ's Body, the church. ... We thank God for our Catholic faith and for the church. May the Lord bless this parish named in honor of the sacrament that makes us one Body in Christ, the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament," he emphasized.

Following the Prayer after Communion, Father J. Steele, CSC, administrator of the parish since 2012 along with St. Joseph Church, LaGrange, addressed Bishop Rhoades, saying:

"It is with great joy on behalf of our parish that we welcome you to our church." He thanked Bishop Rhoades for his periodic visit, which was planned the previous February or March. "This is an important time for our parish," he continued, as he reviewed its brief history. "We built our first church in 1875. It was called Sacred Heart," he said, "consisting of about 12 families." That church survived until the late teens and eventually was dismantled and the wood used to build homes. "To make a long story short," he continued, "a new, small stone church was built on the Albion courthouse square in 1941." Many outdoor Masses were celebrated during the summer months but the county wanted the property for parking. "We realized this current property included more than six acres with plenty of space to build a new church, so we moved into this building."

Father Steele, who concele-

brated the Mass, said plans for a new church in Albion have been drawn up several times for nearly 25 years but the worship facility, literally, never got off the ground due to insufficient funds. The most recent plan was to break ground this past March but the money just was not there.

After recognizing two long-time families — the Moorhouses and the Mawhorters — whose respective area histories go back more than 150 years, Father Steele reviewed efforts to raise the \$700,000 for a new church. "As of last spring we had raised \$800,000, but the cost keeps going up," he accentuated. This past summer, the approximately 112 parish families raised another \$120,000 and "we really prayed hard that everything would come together. But as of last week, we are \$130,000 short of our goal," he lamented.

Bishop Rhoades then approached the ambo and said, "I can't believe that a parish your size has raised that much money. This past week," he continued, "several anonymous, major donors came forward, including one last night, and you've made your goal!"

After the cheers and applause died down, Bishop Rhoades said, "I hereby grant permission for you to build a new church. Not only that, I want to invite you at the end of Mass to follow me. I'm going to break ground and bless the land so that, hopefully, construction can begin next month. And I hope to be back next Easter season or perhaps on the feast of Corpus Christi to dedicate your new church."

opportunities to interact and form relationships with several of our deaf parishioners. Though my ability to sign is still very limited, I've been blessed to interact with these parishioners and, through their lives, see their faithful and loving witness to Christ."

The Secretariat for Evangelization welcomes the opportunity to work with parishes to provide ASL interpreters for Mass on a monthly basis, and is looking for priests who will offer

the sacrament of reconciliation (a written confession is considered valid) and to assist parishes in installing the Hearing Loop. The secretariat is also looking for trained ASL interpreters who desire to serve the deaf Catholics in their area.

**To learn more about the Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing,** contact Allison Sturm in the Secretariat for Evangelization at [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org) or at 260-399-1452.

Again, after the applause subsided, Bishop Rhoades added, "I've done a lot of groundbreaking but never a 'surprise' groundbreaking!"

During the groundbreaking ceremony with Father

Steele, *Today's Catholic* asked Parishioner Shelley Mawhorter if Bishop Rhoades' announcement was a surprise. "Oh, yes," she responded. "As of last week, we still needed the money."

## PEACE

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world today, there are actions we can take to change that. First, as Bishop stressed repeatedly, we can and must pray. The people who suffer, as a result of violence, the families that are torn apart, those who dare to defend our country, and especially those who have so much hatred in their hearts to commit violence, all need our prayers.

Second, we can all make our best efforts to lead by example. The parish picnic after Mass was an excellent place to start. After Mass concluded, parishioners worked together to transform the big tent from a church to a dining hall. Lines of tables filled up with families enjoying plates of some of the finest food ever blessed by Bishop Rhoades. At

first, each group gave plenty of space to one another. But as time went on, and as seats filled up, it became increasingly difficult to tell one group apart from another. It was like they were one huge family eating lunch together. In fact, they all are one big family. After listening to the homily of Bishop Rhoades, the picnic was a truly beautiful event; a step towards peace for the parishioners of Queen of Peace.

With that, another Peacefest celebration comes to an end. A year will pass before the next one, and today it is not clear where the world will be by that time. Until then, Catholics everywhere, not just those at Queen of Peace, are called to pray and work for a more peaceful world for us all to live in. Violence may not end before the next Peacefest, but until it does, our search for peace will not end either.

## LANGUAGE

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September, it is a great opportunity to increase our understanding of and celebrate the richness of deaf culture and to increase our unity with our deaf brothers and sisters in Christ.

"While ministering in our local parishes, I've had several

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# From Vincennes to Notre Dame



Barbara Johnston/University of Notre Dame  
**University of Notre Dame President Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC, joins the pilgrims for a 6 a.m. stretching exercise before making the 19 mile trek from Vincennes to Oaktown.**



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**On Day 2 of the ND Trail, pilgrims celebrate Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.**



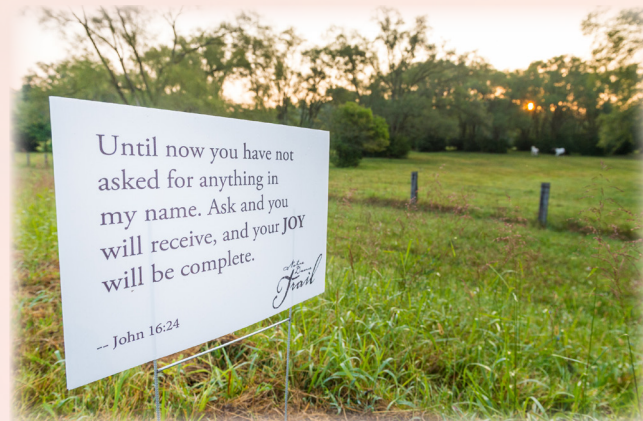
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**The pilgrims come together for a morning prayer before heading out on their bikes for Day 3 of ND Trail. They biked 23.2 miles and walked 7.8 from Pimento to Bridgeton.**



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**Pilgrims make the leg of ND Trail on Day 4 from Bridgeton to Crawfordville.**



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**At dawn the pilgrims begin the 41.4 mile leg of ND Trail on Day 5 from Crawfordville to Lafayette.**



Barbara Johnston/University of Notre Dame  
**On Day 6, pilgrims make the 15.6 mile trek on foot on the ND Trail from Lafayette to Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Battle Ground.**



Matt Cashore/University of Notre Dame  
**ND Trail Day 7, Lafayette to Logansport.**



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**Pilgrims walk near Logansport on Day 8.**



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**ND Trail Day 9 goes from Rochester to Culver.**



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**President Emeritus Rev. Edward A. Malloy, CSC, celebrates Mass at St. Pius X Church in Granger.**



Matt Cashore/University of Notre Dame  
**ND Trail Day 12 brings the pilgrims to South Bend.**



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**ND Trail Day 13: Pilgrims arrive at the Log Chapel.**



## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 175TH ANNIVERSARY – AUGUST 25, 2017

*This homily was given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the penultimate day of the Notre Dame Trail pilgrimage.*

We give thanks to God as we celebrate this year the 175th anniversary of the University of Notre Dame. A special welcome to all who have walked the pilgrimage of the Notre Dame Trail, remembering the journey made by 29-year-old Father Edward Sorin and the Holy Cross Brothers from Vincennes to South Bend in 1842. I hope the walk has been good not only as physical exercise, but as a spiritual experience, a pilgrimage of faith.

In preparing this homily, I thought it would be good to reflect a bit on the arrival of Father Sorin and the brothers here on November 26, 1842. You have probably read about the famous letter that Father Sorin wrote to Father Basil Moreau, the founder of the Holy Cross Congregation, just a week after his arrival here at this place that was called Saint Mary of the Lakes. Father Sorin wrote: "Everything was frozen over. Yet it all seemed so beautiful. The lake (he did not know there were two lakes), especially with its broad carpet of dazzling white snow, quite naturally reminded us of the spotless purity of our august Lady, whose name it bears, and also of the purity of soul that should mark the new inhabitants of this chosen spot. May this new Eden be always the refuge of innocence and virtue!" He ended the letter by saying: "Finally, dear Father, you cannot help see that this new branch of your family is destined to grow under the protection of Our Lady of the Lake and of St. Joseph. At least, that is my deep conviction. Time will tell if I am wrong."

I believe that Father Sorin and the brothers began Notre Dame on hallowed ground. The reason I say this is because of what took place and who lived here before Father Sorin's arrival. The only building on the 524 acres given to Father Sorin by the Bishop of Vincennes was the log cabin, the log chapel. It was built 10 or 11 years earlier by the missionary priest, Father Stephen Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States. Father Badin as a devoted missionary priest who served the native Potawatomi Indians. He built the log building here as a chapel and as a residence for himself. Today, his remains are buried beneath the log chapel. Originally, they were interred in the cathedral of Cincinnati, then

transferred to Notre Dame and interred beneath the floor of the newly finished replica of the log chapel in 1906.

The reason I say that Notre Dame was established on holy ground is especially because of the saintly priests who lived and served here immediately prior to Father Sorin's arrival. After the departure of Father Badin, he left in charge of the mission here a Belgian priest named Louis DeSeille. He lived in the log chapel and served the native Potawatomis with much love and devotion, striving to help the Indian congregations of the area who were threatened with deportation to the West. Father DeSeille, stricken by a fatal disease, died in 1837. In the log chapel, you can see the painting of Father DeSeille at the altar giving himself Viaticum at the altar with his beloved Indian faithful watching in prayer. Father DeSeille died shortly thereafter and was buried by the native converts in the floor of the chapel. His remains are still there today.

Father DeSeille was succeeded by another holy priest, newly ordained Benjamin-Marie Petit. His dedication to his Indian flock was amazing. When the militia rounded up some 800 Potawatomi people in late summer of 1838, the young Father Petit went with them westward along the cruel Trail of Death. By the time they crossed the Mississippi River, about a fifth of the people had died because of the terrible deprivations. 29-year-old Father Petit, worn out by fever and depression, died in St. Louis on February 10, 1839. I think this young priest can be called a martyr of love for the oppressed people he loved and served. He carried the cross with them. He was a shepherd who did not abandon his flock. Father Petit, like Father DeSeille and Father Badin, is buried beneath the log chapel. His body was brought back to Notre Dame by Father Sorin in 1857. In my opinion, the log chapel is the holiest spot on the Notre Dame campus, a special place to pray. Though not as beautiful or well known as this Basilica or the grotto, it



Matt Cashore/University of Notre Dame

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the 175th anniversary of the University of Notre Dame.**

is truly a hallowed place.

I mention this history today so that it will become more widely known. Father Sorin himself was inspired by these missionary priests and recognized that he had arrived on hallowed ground. In that first letter to Father Moreau, he testified to the fact of how moved he was by the examples of Father DeSeille and Father Petit.

The log chapel is also very important in the history of our diocese since it was the first chapel, the first little church, in the present-day Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The first worshippers here were the Catholic Potawatomi and Catholic, mostly French, immigrants of the South Bend area. And it was here, with the arrival of Holy Cross, that the first Catholic school was founded. Students began to arrive here shortly after Father Sorin and the brothers arrived. The humble school began in 1843, the first building constructed which still stands today, the Old College. The following year, the Indiana legislature granted Father Sorin the articles of incorporation for the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

Perhaps this has been more of a history lesson than a homily. But, in a way, I think the history of this place and its prehistory with the missionaries and the Potawatomi peoples is itself a homily, a reflection on God's presence and grace here, even before the arrival of Father Sorin, which made this place truly holy ground. Father Sorin, inspired by the missionaries here before him, began the holy enterprise of Catholic education in northern Indiana at this hal-

lowed place.

In today's Gospel, Jesus exhorted the crowd to walk in the light. He said: "Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overcome you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light." Like the missionaries before him and the first Catholics of this region, the Potawatomi Indians and the early immigrants, Father Sorin and the brothers and generations after them, have believed in the light and walked in the light, the light of Christ. Jesus is the true light in the darkness of this world. The saints are people who shine with His light and guide us along the path of life. The brightest light that reflects the light of Christ is the one to whom Notre Dame is dedicated, Our Lady. She is our mother. One of her titles is Star of the Sea. On the often dark and stormy sea of life, Mary is the brightest star, the human being who most perfectly and beautifully reflects the light of Christ in the world. She is the star who keeps us on the route, on the path of goodness and holiness. She is the greatest saint; in fact, we call her the Queen of All Saints. Her golden statue on the dome of the Main building is a constant reminder of Notre Dame's mission and of our call to holiness. May our Mother Mary, the Star of the Sea, continue to shine upon Notre Dame and guide all of us on our way, as she guided Father Sorin and all our ancestors in the faith here at her university!

## TRAIL

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ND Alumni Association reflected, "It felt fitting to have Bishop Rhoades celebrate Mass with the pilgrims on Friday evening as he blessed us before our final day on the trail. I was particularly touched by his remarks about the missionary priests, Stephen Badin, Louis De Seille and Benjamin Petit, whose holy lives and actions served as fertile ground for Father Sorin to establish Notre Dame. It reminded me that we all stand on the shoulders of holy people, some known and some unknown, who have come before us. During the trail, my fellow pilgrims and I certainly felt a sense that we were following in the footsteps of such giants, desiring to take our place as beacons of hope for those who will follow."

"Two lines from the Holy Cross Constitutions played repeatedly in my mind and heart," Allen shared. "The first was, 'A great band of men had passed this way, men who had made and lived by their vows, men who had walked side by side in their following of the Lord.' The second was, 'The footsteps of those men who called us to walk in their company left deep prints, as of men carrying heavy burdens. But they did not trudge; they strode. For they had the hope.' I have always appreciated those sentiments as an alumnus and friend of Holy Cross, but the opportunity to walk the trail gave me an unprecedented opportunity to cement forever the relationship between my faith, my fellow sojourners and my university."

The hallowed ground of the University of Notre Dame's campus was a focus of Bishop Rhoades' homily as he reminded the faithful of the sacrifices and prayers of the missionaries and spiritual predecessors. He highlighted Father Stephen Badin, the first ordained priest in America who originally purchased the land on which the university now stands and built the first building there, the log chapel. He also spoke of Father Louis DeSeille, a Belgian priest and Father Benjamin-Marie Petit who served the local Native American tribe of the Potawatomi Christians. The latter, Bishop Rhoades explained, was "a martyr of love for the oppressed people he loved and served. He carried the cross with them. He was a shepherd who did not abandon his flock. Father Petit, like Father DeSeille and Father Badin, is buried beneath the log chapel. His body was brought back to Notre Dame by Father Sorin in 1857. In my opinion, the log chapel is the holiest spot on the Notre Dame campus, a special place to pray."



# In MY diocese

## St. Monica, Mishawaka

## St. Joseph County

### St. Monica looks to grow in prayer

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

Often referred to as the parish on the park, St. Monica Catholic Church is situated north of downtown Mishawaka, just across the river.



FATHER  
JACOB MEYER

"St. Monica is very much a family," said Father Jacob Meyer, who has been St. Monica's pastor since June 2016. "The people are wonderful and it is nice to be in a parish that when people realize you are new they approach you and make you feel welcomed. Also, the church truly matches the people, beautiful! The choir is amazing, the different groups are growing and thriving. It is just a joy to be here."

Built up a hill, the red-brick church can be seen from far and wide.

"The church itself is stunning. Built in the Romanesque style, it looks like it was dropped into Mishawaka from Rome," Father Meyer said. "It is one of the only churches in the diocese that has a Baldacchino (canopy) over the altar made of marble and wood which makes the church unique amongst its Gothic neighbors. There is a large Italian population at St. Monica's alongside many German, Irish and Polish as well."

German and Irish Mishawaka residents founded St. Monica. However, shortly after it was built, a large influx of Italian immigrants came to Mishawaka.

"The southern Italians made their home on the north side of the river while the northern Italians made their home on the south side of the river (near St. Bavo)," Father Meyer said. "This



Provided by St. Monica Parish

St. Monica Church from across the St. Joseph River.

is, of course, a generality but it has remained culturally true of the Italians of the area to this day."

The school and old St. Monica church celebrated their 100th anniversaries this year, as both were consecrated on May 13, 1917 — the same day the first apparitions of Fatima took place.

At this time, the church was in the basement of the school. That way the parish could save for the much larger church that they use today, which was built in 1927. Since then, the parish has grown, building additions to the school in the 1950s and 1990s.

In the past, St. Monica was its own kindergarten through eighth-grade school; but since 2011 it became part of Mishawaka Catholic, serving as the campus for the middle school.

"Catholic Schools necessitate large sacrifices from the parishes that feed them," Father Meyer

said. "But it is completely worth it when we are able to see our kids not only grow in knowledge but, most importantly, in the Catholic culture and worldview."

The parish is also working to establish this type of relationship with young adults.

"It is a definite goal to get a young-adult program off the ground," Father Meyer

said. "There is also a number of young families that get together for those with children who are not yet school-aged, to allow them a chance to get to know one another. At the Aug. 20 event, they were able to sign up for dinner clubs and a mom's prayer group. My hope is to

begin a similar event for young adults in September."

Currently, the primary way the parish reaches out to young adults is through events such as trivia night and a euchre tournament.

Other parish groups include the Knights of Columbus, Sons of St. Monica, and Rosary Society.

"These three groups provide the backbone of support for all of the events that happen at the parish," Father Meyer said.

One of the most impressive aspects of the parish is that it has one of the largest choirs in the area, with over 40 current members.

The parish also has several annual events.

"On Feb. 2nd we have our annual blessing of candles and Candlemas procession when the whole school processes with candles to mark our Lord's presentation in the temple," Father Meyer said. "There is also an annual Lenten Series where we have talks, confession and adoration."

Each year there is also a parish festival and novena for the feast of St. Monica, which is Aug. 27. The novena is prayed for those who have fallen away

from the church. Each year there is also the Jean Ellen Brown Award dinner, which is an award given to a teacher and sacristan of St. Monica School and Church.

Of course, none of these parish events would be possible without its staff, which includes Sharon Priemer, organist and choir director; Vicki Zmirski, bookkeeper; Katie Rohrer, secretary; Doug Eley, Mike Klotz, Mark Taylor, and Ann Taylor, maintenance; and Antonio Marchi, Antioch youth minister.

Even though the school has several large annual events, a growing congregation, a rich history and a number of other accomplishments, Father Meyer and the parish staff are far from complacent.

"My spiritual goals would be to continue to grow the prayer opportunities for the parish," Father Meyer said, "increase a devotion and desire for the sacrament of confession, and have our school football team win the ICCL championship!"

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Holy Day: 8:15 a.m.,  
12:05, 6 p.m.  
Weekday: M-Sat. 8:15 a.m.  
Reconciliation:  
Sat. 9-10 a.m.



# In MY diocese

St. Bavo, Mishawaka

St. Joseph County

## St. Bavo: faith home of Mishawaka's Flemish community

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

St. Bavo Catholic Church is located in downtown Mishawaka. The parish strives to share their commitment to the Catholic faith through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, service and spiritual growth.



FATHER PETER PACINI, CSC

This July, the parish got a new pastor, Father Peter Pacini, CSC.

"When I visited St. Bavo for the first time, just two weeks before moving in as the new pastor, I was stunned by the beauty of the liturgy, especially the quality of the music at all the Masses," Father Pacini said.

"I have found this to be a very welcoming community. When I invited people to attend a 'Meet Father Pete Night' in my second week as pastor, more than 100 parishioners showed up, and we talked for two-and-a-half hours about various aspects of parish life."

Now that Father Pacini is pastor at St. Bavo, he and his team are looking to increase membership at the parish.

"The Evangelization Team is looking at various ways to grow our membership and promote the spiritual growth of our people," Father Pacini said. "This year, we plan to implement two programs for small faith communities, one during Advent and another after the New Year. Hopefully, those programs can



Photos provided by St. Bavo Parish

**A statue of St. Bavo graces the sanctuary of the church adorned with fall flowers and colors.**

serve to welcome new people to the parish and create more dynamism among those who are already here."

Other parish organizations are a Liturgical Committee and a Social Committee.

The parish was founded at the turn of the 20th century in 1903 to meet the needs of the growing Flemish-speaking population in Mishawaka.

The Flemish immigrants first

arrived in the area in the 1840s and, until St. Bavo was built, the majority of them attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mishawaka.

The construction of the church began in 1903 and was finished in 1906. Since then, the interior has undergone major alterations and the parish has added a school.

Today, the school at St. Bavo is a satellite campus for



### St. Bavo

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#### Mass Times:

Sunday: 7, 9 and 11 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:15 a.m.; 5 p.m.  
Holy Day: 8 a.m.; 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)  
Weekday: M and Th 5 p.m.;  
T and F 8:15 a.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturday 9-10 a.m. and by appt.

Mishawaka Catholic School and serves students in Early Childhood through second grade.

"The three parishes are still trying to figure out how to work together," Father Pacini said. "But all three pastors and the school administration are working cooperatively."

Helping Father Pacini is the parish's staff. They are Sue Alwine, parish secretary; Joe Higginbotham, music and liturgy; Gus Zuehlke, faith formation (includes RCIA, confirmation and first Communion); Anna Marie Clayton, religious education; and Toni Krakowski, parish nurse.

An interesting feature of St. Bavo Catholic Church is that it's one of the few churches named for St. Bavo.

"I'm told that this is one of

only two churches in the world dedicated to St. Bavo, Father Pacini said. "As a hermit, he might be happy not to have a big following."

Due to his hermitage, St. Bavo isn't as well-known as some of the other saints. He lived during the late 500s through the mid-600s and spent most of his life in what is now present-day Belgium. As a widower, he was moved to communion by the preaching of St. Amand. He gave all his worldly possessions to the less fortunate and is said to have died in the late 650s.

St. Bavo's service to the Lord is a powerful example for the Mishawaka community, which is lucky to have one of the few parishes that are named after him.



The St. Bavo campus of Mishawaka Catholic School serves students in Early Childhood through second grade.

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# In MY diocese

## St. Joseph, Mishawaka

## St. Joseph County

### The oldest Mishawaka parish: St. Joseph

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

St. Joseph Church is the oldest parish in Mishawaka. It can be seen among other downtown buildings, thanks to its tall, green steeple.



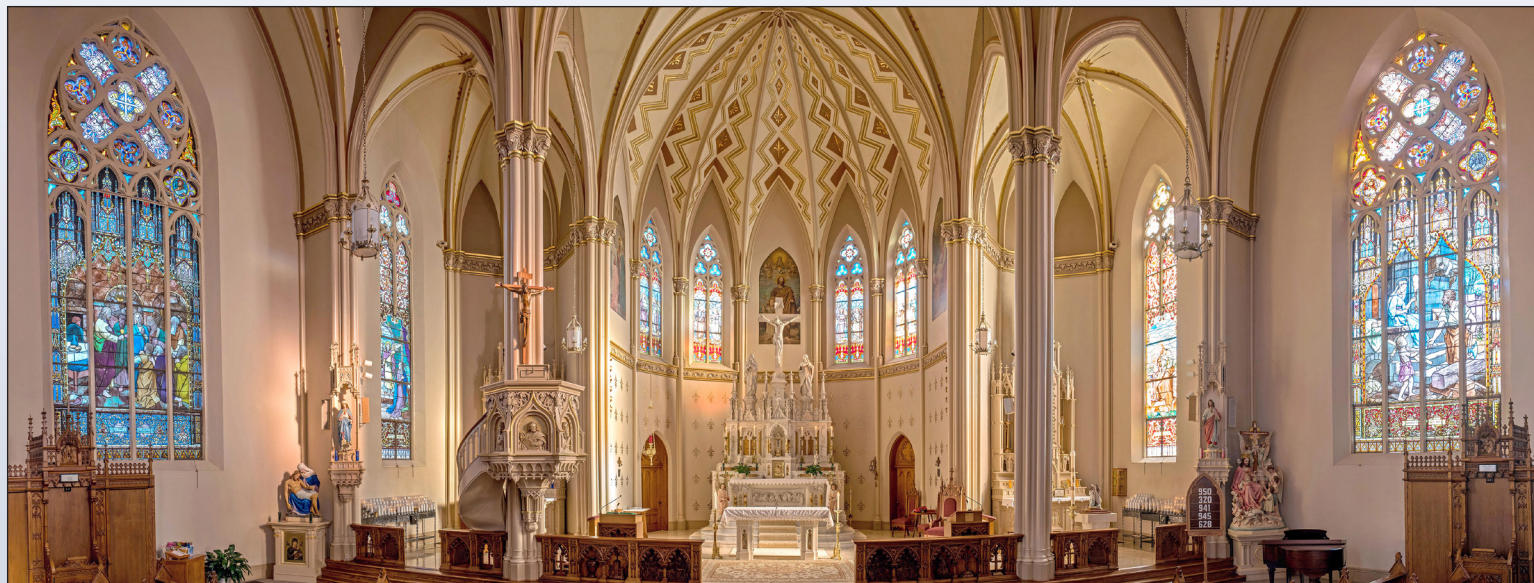
FATHER  
CHRIS LAPP

"I am grateful to Bishop Rhoades for assigning me here," said Father Chris Lapp, who has been at the parish for one year. "It's one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese, nearing its 125th year of continual use. The wonderful and kind people who have called this parish home for generations make it truly a generational parish — with old and young alike."

In fact, at St. Joseph it's common to see three generations of a family attending Mass together, a less frequent occurrence in today's society.

"The parishioners' hunger to be fed by Jesus, especially in the sacraments, helps to make a vibrant and well-attended daily Mass community," Father Lapp said.

In order to help nourish this need, St. Joseph has a number of groups that help people stay involved. One such group is the Knights of Columbus in Mishawaka, which has a number of members from the three parishes that make up Mishawaka Catholic School, who meet to discuss how they can collectively make charitable contributions. Other groups are the St. Joseph Choir, which has an annual BooZar event, Rosary Society and Antioch High School Youth Ministry.



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The care of such a beautiful church has inspired generations.

The parish also has a growing young-adult population.

"Many young adults have simply begun attending Mass at St. Joseph, often in small groups," Father Lapp said,

The beautiful sanctuary of St. Joseph Church.

"and are becoming active in the various facets of parish life. The pastors of the three Mishawaka Catholic School parishes are still hoping to collaborate on a young-adult group with particularly young-adult-focused offerings."

To help make these groups and the St. Joseph community thrive, Father Lapp has help from a number of individuals. His staff includes Carol Mertes, secretary and general parish operation; Rich Brubaker, director of facilities; Greg Wulle, director of religious education; Troy Gill, director of RCIA; Nancy Blake, interim director of music; and Jeff Deitchley, business manager.

The parish's origins date back to the 1800s to Holy Angels Catholic Church, which was one of the first Catholic churches in Mishawaka. The church was on the north side of the river, but in 1861, it burned down. That congregation chose to relocate downtown and eventually became St. Joseph

Catholic Parish.

"St. Joseph is the oldest of the Mishawaka parishes and was originally staffed by CSC priests commuting from Notre Dame to minister to the predominantly German immigrants," Father Lapp said. "Our current church, almost 125 years old, is actually the second church on our current campus; and part of the pipe organ in the current church came from the old."

"Our church was at one time only one of two consecrated churches in the diocese, the other being Sacred Heart Church at the University of Notre Dame (now the Basilica of the Sacred Heart). One of the longest-tenure pastors of St. Joseph Parish was Msgr. Curt Suelzer (1944-77), a cousin of the recently deceased Msgr. John Suelzer."

In addition to the church, St. Joseph Parish also has a school, which is currently the primary school campus for Mishawaka Catholic School.

"Primarily, I offer Mass for them and try to visit the class-

room as often as my schedule permits," Father Lapp said.

Although three Mishawaka parishes — St. Bavo, St. Monica and St. Joseph — make up Mishawaka Catholic School, this has only been the case since 2011; so the parishes are still working to grow together as one community.

"It's certainly a work in progress," Father Lapp said. "What's most important is unity; that we all are fully invested in the success of the school and working together. The school has modeled for the three parishes that when we pool our resources, we can do some truly great work. We have already begun to explore other areas of ministry for this, including marriage preparation and high school youth ministry. I have hopes that we can do some good work in evangelization, adult education and for young adults, as well."

There are more goals Father Lapp hopes to accomplish.

"First and foremost, to build up the families here and equip them to live the faith with vibrancy," Father Lapp said. "I hope to expand our offerings in adult education and to have more intentional efforts to evangelize and re-evangelize the people of Mishawaka. Also, there is the care of such a beautiful church and other parish facilities, which have already inspired generations of people to a deeper faith and will continue to do so provided we care for them with diligence."



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#### Mass Times:

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Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Holy Day: TBA

Weekday: 7 a.m.; Wed. 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: M-Sat. 7:30 a.m.;

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# Three parishes build community through one school

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

Mishawaka Catholic School was created in 2011. The school combines three former Catholic grade schools to create one kindergarten through eighth-grade school.

Together they combine over 300 years of faith-filled academic experiences, which helps the school foster Catholic values in its students. By joining forces, their goal is to form a more dynamic learning atmosphere that will strengthen the spiritual and educational needs of each student.

"All of our parishes are fully supportive of our school," said Father Jacob Meyer, the executive pastor of the school. "Catholic schools necessitate large sacrifices from the parishes that feed them. However, it is completely worth it when we are able to see our kids not only grow in knowledge but, most importantly, in the Catholic culture and worldview. When there is a need, the three parishes tackle it together."

The three parishes' ability to work together was put on display this summer.

"We needed to update our technology infrastructure and the three parishes held a drive to bring three new computer labs (one for each campus), as well as fund more technology in the classrooms [such as] Smartboards, flat-screen TVs, and more."

Each parish is considered a

satellite campus. The St. Bavo campus is for Early Childhood through second grade, the St. Joseph campus is for third through fifth grades and the St. Monica campus is for sixth through eighth grades.

"The best part of our multi-campus system is the resource of space and buy-in from three parish communities," Father Meyer said. "We have three gyms, three sets of meeting rooms, dedicated classrooms for our electives, three parish families to provide support and volunteers, and the list goes on."

All students in fifth through eighth grades are invited to participate in ICCL sports at Mishawaka Catholic. The league features sports such as football, volleyball, soccer and basketball. Even though the school usually fares well in athletic competition, winning is not their focus.

"It is our philosophy that athletics is an important component to overall ministry and education of our students," Mishawaka Catholic states on its website. "Cooperation from the parents to give their time and talent is vital to the success of our athletic programs."

The school has a number of staff members including Karen Salvador, principal; Beth Whitfield, vice principal; Tammy Christianson, business manager; Tony Violi, bookkeeper, as well as a number of teachers and support staff. The three parish pastors are also heavily involved with the school. They are Father Meyer, at St. Monica



Photos provided by Mishawaka Catholic School



Students gather on the playground to view the eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21.

Parish; Father Chris Lapp, at St. Joseph Parish; and Father Peter Pacini, CSC, at St. Bavo Parish.

"Each priest is present at all the campuses but most particularly at their own," Father Meyer said. "At the middle school, I teach every week in the religion classes, in addition to preaching the school Masses, which are Tuesday through Friday. I am also there to teach in the other subject areas when the church

has been influential, as well as simply being a presence in the halls."

The transition from three separate schools to one wasn't easy for the parishes at first but, by working together, they have been able to do some great things.

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cess of the school and working together. The school has been a model for the three parishes, showing us that when we pool our resources, we can do some truly great work."

The school's mission statement is to build "disciples of Jesus Christ through faith formation, academic excellence and service to others in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church."



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## Christ must be first: prioritizing in the seminary

Greetings and salutations from Mount St. Mary's Seminary! This is Daniel Niezer here, co-authoring this fantastic column on our "strange and joyful life." I want to thank my diocesan brother, Mark Hellinger, for taking the reins on the first three articles. If you are just tuning in for the first time, I encourage you to head online to [todayscatholic.org](http://todayscatholic.org) to catch up on our three previously written articles.

By way of brief introduction, I am currently in my third year of theology at Mount St. Mary's seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. By the grace of God and the discerning permission of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, I will be ordained to the diaconate at the conclusion of this school year. Following my diaconate ordination, I will return to the seminary for one final year of studies and formation before I return to our diocese to be ordained a priest.

If there is anything that I have learned in my five years of seminary, it must be that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the No. 1 priority in our lives. The seminary is a beautiful place for this very reason; it's a place where we learn to prioritize our lives and place Christ in the center.

When I started seminary five years ago I did not know how to prioritize my life according to Christ. I will never forget the time that I started to realize this, during the end of my first year in seminary. We all know about

final examinations in college: that at the end of each semester there are exams for every class. The seminary acts in much the same way, and I have always loved the week of final exams. No classes are scheduled; there are relatively few obligations; and, in the seminary, and a second daily Mass is scheduled later in the day in case we choose to study in the morning (or sleep in).

So there I was, ready to finish my first year of seminary only after one week of final exams. Having always received good grades throughout my life, I was relatively confident that I would have no problems finishing this particular semester. In the middle of the week, I took my Logic exam, turned it in and moved on to study for the next exam. The day after my Logic exam I received an email from the professor telling me that I had failed the exam with a score of 40 percent.

I immediately panicked, thinking that the professor had made a mistake; but after viewing the exam, I knew that it was in fact I who had made the mistake. Truly despairing over this "failure," I moved quickly to my formation advisor, the priest in the seminary who acts as a mentor for a particular seminarian. Making my plea to him, I apologized for my failure and told him how distressed, frustrated and angry I was over this particular grade. He patiently listened, put his hand on my shoulder and said very seriously, "Dan, good



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### THE STRANGE AND JOYFUL LIFE

job. I am proud of you." I walked away confused and still very much upset at myself.

It took me a couple of years to understand why my formation advisor seemed to lack care for my "woes." At the same time, it became increasingly obvious that my worry to get the "A" grade was much more important to me than my relationship with Christ; specifically, my time in daily prayer.

In the first article of this column Mark Hellinger talked about the many aspects of seminary life and how they can be applied to all of us, regardless of our state or vocation. This is certainly the case here — that while there are many great things in life, such as working hard to learn and receive good grades, we cannot allow these to be the priority over and above Christ. The seminary is a time to purify our priorities and come to the beautiful realization that Christ is going to satisfy our lives much more than a good grade. We should always do our best to learn and study hard, especially when we are in school, but at the same time we must realize that Christ must be first.

## History lessons: Embracing our ancient faith

Nicholas Owen was canonized 364 years after his death. Such is often the case with the Catholic Church, charged with curating a 3,000-year treasure trove of saints and stories, rovers and relics.

Owen's tale is unlike any other. Born in Oxford, England, in the mid-16th century, his devout family prepared him well for his remarkable life's work. His father was as a carpenter who taught him the trade. Two older brothers became priests, bringing the sacraments to a hungry community.

There was much to be done in Elizabethan England, a dark and frightening time when Catholics were persecuted and priests were incarcerated or hanged. A "papist" caught converting an Anglican could be charged with high treason.

Owen was determined to do his part to defend his beloved faith, despite considerable physical limitations: He was slightly taller than a dwarf, suffered from a hernia and had a crippled leg. Still, he embarked on the most dangerous of missions, building priest holes into Catholic homes across the country.

For 18 years, he constructed these hiding places to conceal priests from "pursuivants," as they were called — priest hunters who collected tips and searched exhaustively for men in



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

### TWENTY SOMETHING

Roman collars. Owen built priest holes in walls, under floors and behind wainscoting. He hid them in fireplaces, attics and staircases. Some took the form of an apartment or chapel in a secluded part of the house or in the roof space, where Mass could be celebrated, vestments could be stored and a priest could retreat in case of emergency.

The work demanded everything of Owen — the strength of his mind, his muscles and his convictions. He broke through massive structures and thick stones. He climbed through underground passages and discovered impenetrable recesses, enmeshing the priest holes in labyrinths.

He worked by night to reduce the chances of being caught, and he always alone. He used the alias "Little John" and accepted only staples of food or clothing as payment. He kept each place a secret, never disclosing to one the location of another.

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## Following the Lord requires sacrifice, but he is our help



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16: 21-27

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. Since Jeremiah was the son of a priest, Hilkiyah, he was reared amid great devotion to Hebrew religious tradition. A prophet for two generations, he was unfailingly outspoken, easily provoking opposition and controversy. Angry listeners even threatened to kill him!

Undaunted, he ignored all these criticisms. In the process he reinforced and repeated his denunciations of all that was occurring around him, and insisted that he had no other

choice if he were to be faithful to his role as a prophet. God had called him to the role of prophet, he earnestly believed.

He boldly spoke out for obedience to God, and let the chips fall.

Yet, even in this conviction, he did not fail to also say that he had resisted the divine call and frankly admitted that pursuing the call given him by God created all the misery and abuse that he experienced. Nevertheless, he never renounced his calling.

Like other prophets, he saw human misfortune ultimately as the result of human sin. He bluntly told the people that their disloyalty to God would reap for them the whirlwind.

Jeremiah is regarded as one of the major prophets. It is no wonder. The Book of Jeremiah is long in length, but the prophet's eloquence, drawn from his deep faith, makes it outstanding.

Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the second reading. In this reading Paul pleaded with his readers, the Christian Romans, to offer "their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and

acceptable to God." The language was very relevant indeed for the Roman Christians. The culture around them seethed with hedonism and gross sexual license. To be true to the Gospel, Christians had to exercise virtuous restraint.

Looming ahead, in not too much time, was actual persecution. Being a Christian soon became a capital crime, as Paul's own martyrdom would show. Christians would have to pay for their faith by surrendering their own bodies for torture and execution under terrifying circumstances.

For its last reading, the church this weekend presents a passage from St. Matthew's Gospel. It is a continuation of the reading from Matthew last week.

In this story, the Apostles remain with the Lord at Caesarea Philippi, the place that now is something of a resort, at the beginning of the Jordan River north of the Sea of Galilee. Earlier, the reading recalled Peter's fervent proclamation that he believed that Jesus was the "Son of the living God." It was

a glorious proclamation, and it raised the image of the Lord's glory and triumph. Easily following this image was the thought of victory over evil and oppressive forces, and vindication after suffering.

Jesus warned and indeed insisted that true followers of the Gospel must themselves endure much. They would have to carry their crosses in the footprints of Christ the crucified.

### Reflection

Many, many centuries have passed since the time when Jeremiah wrote, and almost 20 centuries have come and gone since the preaching of Jesus. While times have changed, little has changed in the fundamentals of human experience because human nature has not changed.

Sin still lures humans into confusion and heartache, and even into a state of eternal death. Sin leads to further sin. Our sin disorders our lives. Human sin deforms our entire world.

Christians must live amid this distortion and chronic sin. Therefore, it is important for us to realize that these ancient Scriptures have the relevance and immediacy for us.

In the end victory awaits, as it was the final outcome of Christian lives long ago. God does not forsake us. With the help and guidance of Jesus the Savior, we bring peace into our hearts and truly succeed in life.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9  
Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5,  
11-13 Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4,  
13-14 Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8  
Lk 6:1-5



# The company of good people

St. Bonaventure says in his little treatise *Bringing Forth Christ*, "Seek the company of good people. If you share their company, you will also share their virtue." With this thought in mind, we used to pay close attention to who our children's friends were.

We encouraged them to invite kids to our house, so we could make a close inspection. When they were old enough to do sleepovers, we had a lot of those. In 24 hours, you can learn a good deal about a child's table manners, personal hygiene, prayer habits, disposition, comfort around adults, intellectual interests and a dozen other things.

We sent the children to Catholic school not just for instruction in the faith, but also because the friends they made there would come from families whose faith mattered to them.

We volunteered to drive the carpool. Young passengers in the back seat tend to think of you as a kind of taxi driver, and the conversations you overhear are unscripted and revealing.

We got involved in school affairs, mostly for selfish reasons. Teachers we got to know would sometimes share tips on which children would make good friends and which were less eligible.

And, of course, we met the parents: They were the best measure of what the children were like. In the ideal case, we would find a three-way match: mothers, fathers and children would all

get along. These families are still our best friends.

I have been thinking about these relationships in a new way as our own children go through the same process. My mother once told me, when she was about 80, that you never stop being a mom. What she meant was that she was worrying about one of her children, and the exercise was not very different from what it had been when she was 40.

Recently, I have been paying close attention to the adult friends our children are making. I suppose I should have foreseen this, but only now has it dawned on me how important this is. When our children got married, we hoped they would find spouses they could lean on, to strengthen their faith. It is good to have friends who provide the same support.

But it's more than that. These friends are part of what we mean by the church. Our communion with them helps us fulfill our vocation as Christians. We learn from them the example of holiness. We discern it, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "in the authentic witness of those who live it" (No. 2030).

Our children face a greater challenge than we did in making the right kind of friends, for two reasons. One is that fewer families send their children to Catholic schools. It's harder to find and cultivate Catholic friends when they are not concentrated in one place.

The other is that even among



JOHN GARVEY

## INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

self-identified Catholics, attachment to the faith is a looser thing than it was a few decades ago. If you want to find friends who are not just baptized but in love with the faith, you need to be as intentional as you are about choosing a spouse.

What my mother didn't tell me was how much harder it is to help your adult children sort out things like this. You don't have good intelligence about suitable candidates for friendship.

You can't set up play dates. You can't enforce no-contact orders. All you can do is offer advice. And you shouldn't even do that unless you are asked for it.

The other thing she didn't tell me was that, once it's out of your hands, you just have to trust what you've done with your children. They may turn out to be wiser than you.

She probably didn't say that because at the time, it would have gone to my head. Today, it's a more humbling thought.

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Eventually, in 1606, Owen was captured and tortured to death.

Father John Gerard, a Jesuit priest whose escape from the Tower of London was masterminded by Owen, wrote fondly of the martyr: "I verily think no man can be said to have done more good of all those who labored in the English vineyard. He was the immediate occasion of saving the lives of many hundreds of persons, both ecclesiastical and secular."

No one knows just how many priest holes Owen made. Some may still be undiscovered.

Pope Paul VI canonized him in 1970. Today his name pops up randomly online, trending on places like Reddit's "Today I Learned" tab.

We can honor him simply by attending Mass, especially by taking advantage of the availability of daily Mass. To learn Owen's story is to appreciate Catholicism anew, to crack open its rich history and astounding breadth.

My friend Eileen made a concerted effort to do this by enrolling in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute here in St. Paul, Minnesota. For

two years, she and some 200 classmates met every Monday night to unpack the Catechism, absorb guest lectures and engage in small-group discussion. "I'm more sure that the Catholic faith is true," she told me, "that I'm Catholic because I really believe it, not just because I grew up in the church."

What a journey: teachings that underpin tales like Owen's, of faith and reason together, stirring the soul while igniting the intellect, prodding us toward our better, braver selves.

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Gregory the Great

## Saint of the Week

c. 540-604

Feast September 3

This patrician prefect of Rome is counted among the doctors and Fathers of the Church. After his father's death, he gave family estates to the church, founding seven monasteries, including the one he joined in his family home in Rome. Following ordination, he served as papal nuncio in Constantinople, 579-586, then was an abbot in Rome until 590, when he became the first monk elected pope. Gregory I reformed the clergy, sent missionaries to England, promoted monasticism and chant, wrote prolifically, and assumed civic duties in Rome in the face of natural disasters and the warring Lombards. He is a patron saint of choirboys, musicians, singers and England.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 3, 2017

Matthew 16:21-27

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: God's salvation plans revealed. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TO SHOW PRIESTS BE RAISED GOD FORBID HUMAN TO SAVE PROFIT	JERUSALEM BE KILLED ASIDE HE TURNED TAKE UP LOSE IT WORLD	ELDERS THIRD REBUKE HIM GET BEHIND ME FOLLOW ME MY SAKE REPAY
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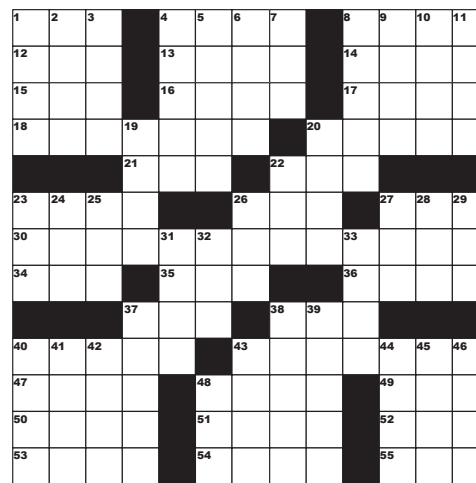
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## The Cross Word

September 3 and 10, 2017



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Sunday readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 & Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | 26 Least amount             |
| 1 And so forth                   | 27 Pounds per square inch   |
| 4 Disarrange                     | 30 15th cent. German artist |
| 8 Ding's partner                 | "Praying Hands" (2 wds)     |
| 12 "Where ___ or 3 are gathered" | 34 Livid                    |
| 13 Type of frost                 | 35 Steers horse             |
| 14 "___ this rock"               | 36 Laugh at                 |
| 15 Present                       | 37 BB association           |
| 16 Chic                          | 38 Watch chain              |
| 17 Insect in a cocoon            | 40 "Imprisoned in my ___"   |
| 18 States positively             | 43 Turning point            |
| 20 Attacked                      | 47 Lotion ingredient        |
| 21 Resort hotel                  | 48 Input                    |
| 22 Adam and Eve did when ashamed | 49 Gone by                  |
| 23 Statutes                      | 50 Mustard ___              |
|                                  | 51 "Love does no ___"       |
|                                  | 52 Priest title abbr.       |

- 53 "\_\_\_ and pleasing"  
54 Microscope viewer  
55 Compass point

- DOWN**
- 1 Volcano
  - 2 Deuces
  - 3 Guernseys
  - 4 Biting
  - 5 Asian nation
  - 6 Chews
  - 7 Sarcastic
  - 8 "You \_\_\_ me, O Lord"
  - 9 \_\_\_ Dei (God's work)
  - 10 Uh-uh
  - 11 Annoying insect
  - 19 Soviet Union
  - 20 The "power to \_\_\_ or loose"
  - 22 Strike target
  - 23 10 Commandments
  - 24 Wing (Latin)
  - 25 Compass point
  - 26 Boston Regional Airport
  - 27 Not amateur
  - 28 Part of a min.
  - 29 Make angry
  - 31 Recedes
  - 32 Central Intelligence Agency
  - 33 Convexity
  - 37 The poor and \_\_\_
  - 38 "Conform to this age" (2 wds)
  - 39 Squashed circles
  - 40 Hit
  - 41 Margarine
  - 42 Christmas hymn
  - 43 Cover with cement
  - 44 Sticky black substances
  - 45 "Rock of \_\_\_"
  - 46 "\_\_\_ your neighbor"
  - 48 Eastern state



# Silence of Mary Home offers refuge for those in need

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

As a wife and mother of eight children, Kim Wyatt never viewed herself as a likely candidate to be called upon to oversee an organization dedicated to the care and protection of the poor. That changed, however, in 2010, when she was approached by Sue Rudy, the founder of the Silence of Mary Home in the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, concerning the possibility of establishing a new house in Fort Wayne. That's when Kim discovered how significantly God's plans differed from her own.

Founded in 1999 by Sue and her husband Vern, the Silence of Mary Home began through the inspiration and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The organization's website explains: "In the Gospels, Mary is mostly silent; saying 'yes' to God's will and instructing others to do whatever He tells you. This is good advice, both then and now."

Rudy added that "their mission in following the advice of Our Lady is to assist those who are in the greatest need for however long they desire aid." She indicated that this attitude of hospitality leads men and women from all walks of life through their doors in search of refuge and assistance.

The first Silence of Mary Home started only a short distance away from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Harrisburg, where Father Kevin C. Rhoades, who had not yet been named Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, served as pastor. As a parish priest, and later as Bishop of Harrisburg, he was very supportive of the mission. "What we do is who he is," Rudy said. When Bishop Rhoades was transferred to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Rudy knew that God was calling them to open another



Provided by Silence of Mary Home

**The Silence of Mary Home, located near Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, serves as a haven for individuals and families struggling financially or materially. Based on the humble hospitality of Our Lady and the command of Jesus to serve him in the poor, it offers a safe place of welcome to all those in need. The property is entirely supported and maintained through the generosity of volunteers and local parishes.**

home in Indiana.

In 2010, Rudy made multiple visits to Fort Wayne with several Harrisburg volunteers, looking to see how and where they would plan to grow. She had a vision of who would be the lead administrator.

"I knew I needed to find someone close to God, someone who knew the poor and had a deep love for them, as Jesus does," she shared. It was at that time that Father Daniel Durkin, the pastor of St. Henry Parish, introduced her to Wyatt, the parish secretary at Sacred Heart. Rudy says that in Wyatt she saw, "a significant Marian devotion, a deep faith and a generous heart," which led her to present Wyatt with a proposal of leadership. Wyatt responded with surprise that she would be chosen to oversee such a project.

"I felt unworthy to do this, and asked myself 'why would God pick me?'" she said.

However, when she brought the idea to Bishop Rhoades, he offered his full support and conveyed his confidence in her ability to handle the new responsibilities. "He alleviated my fears and put me at ease," Wyatt said. After discussing it with her husband, Larry, they decided to accept the challenge.

Still somewhat of a hidden entity within the diocese, the Silence of Mary Home has quietly assisted many men, women and children over the last seven years in Fort Wayne. For both individuals and families, the Silence of Mary Home receives all those searching for shelter or aid with gracious hospitality. Those who come are welcome to stay for however long they may need.

Rudy and Wyatt emphasized that it is not a shelter, an institution or a group home. Rather, it provides those who are disadvantaged and at the highest risk



**Those who live at the Silence of Mary Home are asked to assist with household chores and duties, including the cultivation of the community garden. Local residents and parishioners, such as Kate Dinsmore, above, also come to work, pray and serve with those who live there.**

level with a family environment. Additionally, they emphasized that it is not just about giving them a place to stay; it also helps them with any other need they may have. They are given care, support and love, as well as independent living skills training, job opportunities, education, counseling, spiritual faith and other supportive services.

Located near Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne, the home is maintained by several volunteers and receives its financial and material support from the generosity of individual donors and nearby parishes. Wyatt said "the mission is to always remain small," which allows for needs to be addressed both personally and directly. Recent collaborations have included food drives from St. John the Baptist (New Haven) and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes, offerings of furniture from members of St. Joseph (Roanoke) parish, and a turkey donation from the Knights of Columbus at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

St. Vincent also raised money to help them make necessary repairs to the basement.

This grassroots type of approach helps bring the local community together and provides an opportunity to respond to the needs of the men, women and children suffering in our midst. Whether it is to bring items for the giving table, perform maintenance on the house, or cultivate the garden, the Silence of Mary Home offers to all an experience of personal communion focused on building communion.

"My biggest joy is knowing that I'm doing God's will by helping the poor and being there for them," Wyatt said. "The poor are the best people to ever be around. They are so grateful and happy for every little bit you give them." She also expressed her hope that awareness of the Silence of Mary Home will continue to grow throughout the diocese and that more people will come to participate in their mission with generous hearts and open arms.

The primary means of communication about Silence of Mary Home is through a quarterly newsletter and advertisements in local church bulletins. While there is information online at [www.thesilenceofmary.org](http://www.thesilenceofmary.org), Wyatt said that they are currently in need of some technical expertise to begin developing an online presence specific to the Fort Wayne-South Bend community.

Prayers and financial assistance are always appreciated, as are donations for making hygiene kits and managing the garden. At this time, they are specifically in need of food, linens, towels, deodorant, winter clothes, potting soil, garden pots and fertilizer. Anyone interested in assisting or contributing is invited to contact Wyatt at 260-267-8371 or [silenceofmarykim@pa.net](mailto:silenceofmarykim@pa.net).

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**Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society to meet**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, with Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel at St. Joseph Hospital, 700 Broadway St., followed by lunch and guest speaker, Father Andrew Budzinski, Director of Vocations.

**St. Adalbert Festival (Fiesta San Adalberto)**

**SOUTH BEND** — St. Adalbert Parish, 519 S. Olive St., will have a festival Friday, Sept. 8, from 5-8 p.m. Help the children of St. Adalbert Catholic School raise funds to upgrade the school's technology. Mass at 5 p.m. with Father Joe Corpora, CSC, will be followed by music, dancing, a silent auction, school tours and delicious regional food. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Beer will be available for purchase.

**Cars and cooks**

**FORT WAYNE** — Cars and Cooks will be Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Queen of Angels Parish, 1500 W. State Blvd. Car Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; revving contest at noon; kids wheels contest. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A BBQ cook-off and bake-off will be from 5-8 p.m. Love to grill chicken, pork, ribs? Love to bake pies, cakes? Have a fabulous side dish? Join in the fun. NO Entry Fees and meat will be provided. All food entered in competition will be sold, so come for a great dinner. Visit [www.fwbbq.com](http://www.fwbbq.com) for details, registration forms or contact Denny Jamison at 260-418-1139.

**St. Patrick summer festival**

**SOUTH BEND** — St. Patrick Parish will host a summer festi-

val Saturday, Sept. 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 308 S. Scott St. Family fun with kid's games, variety of ethnic food consisting of pulled pork, Polish, Vietnamese, Mexican, American hot dog, pizza, and ice cream. Featuring music, by the Mike Vaszari Combo Band and on display will be an old Fire Truck.

**Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima visit**

**FORT WAYNE** — The pilgrim statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis, will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., on Monday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The day will begin with a 9 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The rosary will be prayed hourly, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. The day will conclude with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**CCHS Class of 1967 plans 50th Reunion**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Central Catholic High School class of 1967 will have a pre-reunion gathering Friday, Sept. 15, at the Harrison from 7-9 p.m. The reunion will be Sept. 16, at the Grand Wayne Center at 6 p.m. Cost is \$50. For information contact Carol (Davenport) Lepper 260-639-6236; Kathy (Murphy) Brockway 260-489-8486; or Nancy (Romary) Dunfee 260-627-0288.

**Links Fore Life**

**FORT WAYNE** — The 6th annual Links Fore Life Golf Outing will be Monday, Sept. 18, at Autumn Ridge Golf Course. This Florida scramble starts with registration at 11 a.m., a shotgun start at noon, and dinner at 6 p.m. Individual registration is \$200 and teams are \$800. Registration includes 18 holes of golf and cart, 19th hole sponsored by Chops Steak and Seafood, beer cart, goodie bag, dinner and prizes. Various sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration and more information can be found at [www.ichooselife.org](http://www.ichooselife.org).

**Men's Cursillo #90**

**HUNTINGTON** — Cursillo is a three day weekend beginning Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St., offering a method to help find solutions to daily problems. Cursillo provides tools to help put Jesus Christ first. Cursillo offers companionship with brothers and sisters on the journey. Contact 317-753-6097 for details.

**St. Joseph Hessen Cassel fall festival**

**FORT WAYNE** — St. Joseph Parish, 11337 US 27 S., will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 23, featuring a mush ball tournament, 5K run/walk, volleyball tournament, kids carnival, silent/live auction, chicken and pork chop dinner from 4-7 p.m. by High's Rotary Grill and live music by Good Night Gracie. For

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Helen Marie Archacki, 96, St. Peter

Deborah J. Crooks, 63, St. Vincent de Paul

Robert Edward Kokenge, 87, St. Jude

Lois Hege, 85, St. Vincent de Paul

Mary Jane Millikan, 73, St. John the Baptist

Kenneth C. Locascio, St. Charles Borromeo

Jerome R. Vachon, St. Henry

Mary Louise Grace Dischner, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Granger**

Joyce L. Reid, 68, St. Pius X

Karen A. Riggs, 76, St. Pius X

**Mishawaka**

James Hoctel, 75, St. Monica

**Monroeville**

Jack Gilbert, 79, St. Rose of Lima

**New Haven**

Barbara R. Metzler, St. John the Baptist

**Notre Dame**

Charles Walter Roemer, 84, Church of Our Lady of Loretto

**South Bend**

Dolores Balderas, 93, St. Casimir

Dorothy Burzynski, 93, St. Casimir

John V. Ankenbruck, 91, St. Basil, South Haven, Michigan

information call Andy Litchfield at 260-450-6730.

**Bernie Westhues Memorial Golf Outing**

**NORTH LIBERTY** — This golf outing supports the Knights of Columbus 5709 Bernard Westhues Endowment Fund which aids qualified students of St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton. Reserve a spot by Sept. 10 by contacting Tom Walter at [deb-bieandtom73@gmail.com](mailto:deb-bieandtom73@gmail.com). Golf outing takes place on Saturday, Sept 23, at Whispering Pines Golf Course, North Liberty. Registration begins at 7:30

a.m., shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast and lunch provided along with prizes and 50/50 raffle. Hole sponsorships are also available. Contact 574-339-1131 for details.

**The Purduettes to perform at Vincent Fest**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Purduettes, Purdue University's renowned female vocal ensemble, will perform at VincentFest Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. in the St. Vincent School gym at 1502 E. Wallen Rd. There is no admission fee.


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# HARVEY

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aftermath and much of the damage is unknown. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declared the state a disaster area, which will allow federal money to help in reconstruction. Catholic groups said they want to help with the immediate needs of the communities affected.

"We will be sending in rapid-response teams to help our impacted St. Vincent de Paul councils and we are coordinating nationally with the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Malta and (Catholic Charities USA)," said Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Aug. 27 urged "all people of goodwill to closely monitor future calls for assistance for victims and survivors in the days ahead."

The cardinal also is the head of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, one of the hardest-hit areas.

"Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast in a catastrophic and devastating way this weekend, bringing with it severe flooding and high winds which have taken human life, caused countless injuries, and severely damaged homes and property throughout the region," said the cardinal in an Aug. 27 news release. "The effects of this storm continue to put people in harm's way, with horrific scenes playing out all around, such as those of people trapped on their rooftops as water continues to rise around them. Many dioceses of the church in the United States have been affected; many others will be as the storm continues."



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**Lisa Rehr embraces her four-year old son Maximus as they await to be evacuated Aug. 26 from Rockport, Texas.**

He asked for prayers but also for assistance for those affected. One of the first to pledge help was the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, where Bishop Daniel E. Flores authorized a second collection to be taken up at the diocese's local churches on the weekend of Aug. 26-27 to send to Catholic Charities in nearby Corpus Christi and "other places hardest hit by loss of power, storm damage, flooding."

It's been hard to communicate with other areas, said Bishop Flores in an Aug. 26 interview with Catholic News Service, so it's hard to gauge the extent of the damage. But he said his diocese wanted to get a head start to quickly divert help where it is needed and as fast as possible.

If the Rio Grande Valley, where Bishop Flores' diocese is located, was spared the major impact of Hurricane Harvey,

then the diocese had a duty to help their neighbors to the north, in the coastal areas of Corpus Christi and Galveston-Houston, which seemed to be hit hardest, he said. Hurricane Harvey seemed to enter near Corpus Christi and affected seven coastal counties in Texas and one Louisiana parish.

"We continue to pray for every for everyone affected by the hurricane and those who are at risk as the storms continue," said Bishop Flores in a statement.

Though the brunt of the hurricane's winds has passed and Harvey was downgraded to a tropical storm hours after landfall, heavy rains and "catastrophic flooding" are expected for days, said the National Hurricane Center.

"We have to remember ... the families affected by flood damage in the next few days in other

parts of the state will be in need of relief," said Bishop Flores. "We will assess better how we can help as we get further information about the needs from the (Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops) and Catholic Charities."

In an Aug. 26 statement published by the Galveston-Houston archdiocese, Cardinal DiNardo said powerful winds and heavy rainfall have already impacted many lives and homes throughout the region, and many in the southern counties of his archdiocese have already suffered substantial property damage and losses.

In Houston, the country's fourth largest city with 6.6 million residents, many struggled seeking safety in flooded residential streets, which are expected to get up to 50 inches of rainfall by the time the rain stops sometime at the end of August.

"Numerous homes in these communities are currently without power. Several forecasts anticipate additional storm damage and flooding in the coming days, along with high winds and tornado activity," Cardinal DiNardo said.

Up to 250,000 have been reported without power in Texas, a number that's expected to rise.

San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller said in a statement that the archdiocese pledged its support to recovery efforts that will start after the rain and wind subside.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the people of the dioceses of Corpus Christi and Victoria, as well as the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, as they cope with the damaging effects of Hurricane Harvey," he said. "The people of San Antonio have opened their arms to welcome evacuees of this historic hurricane, and Catholic Charities of the archdiocese has been assist-

## EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

**Bishop Rhoades, along with Bishops throughout the United States, has directed that a special collection be taken up in all parishes of the diocese on the weekend of Sept. 16-17 for the victims of the devastating hurricane and floods in southeast Texas and potentially Louisiana. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. Bishop Rhoades asks for everyone's prayers for those who have died and for their families as well as for those who have lost homes and businesses.**

ing and will continue to assist in a variety of ways those impacted by this natural disaster."

Bishop W. Michael Mulvey, of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, said he was grateful to the bishops who reached out to him and to his diocese. He said the true damage around the diocese still is not known and officials are waiting for conditions that will allow a better assessment of the damage.

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo asked for prayers for emergency personnel and volunteers who are out and about in dangerous conditions and also "for those residing in our archdiocese, in Texas and along the Gulf Coast, be safe and may God have mercy on those affected by Hurricane Harvey."

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