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## A gift to the people Two ordained to the priesthood

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Father Jacob Runyon, left, and Father Fernando Jimenez, right, pose with Bishop John M. D'Arcy on the steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne after their ordination to the holy priesthood on Saturday, Oct. 31. The ordination fell in the Year for Priests, a year dedicated to the sanctification of all priests. "The priesthood ... is the love for the heart of Christ," Bishop D'Arcy said in his homily. Bishop D'Arcy assigned Father Runyon as associate pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend. Father Jimenez will serve at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw.

FORT WAYNE — The priesthood is a gift to the people. And that gift was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne as Bishop John M. D'Arcy ordained to the priesthood two young men — Father Jacob Runyon and Father Fernando Jimenez.

The ordination was historical in that Father Jimenez is the first Mexican-born priest to be ordained for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Mass began with the sounds of the richly blended voices of the cathedral choir as the procession of diocesan and visiting priests and seminarians, bedecked in the traditional celebratory white and gold vestments, processed up the aisle to the sanctuary. The two soon-to-be priests, took their places before the altar and the rite of ordination began.

The rite of ordination includes the election of the candidates in which the readiness of the candidates is affirmed, followed by the homily, then the promise of the elect in which both candidates declared their intention to assume the responsibility of the office of priesthood and promise their obedience and respect to the bishop and his successors.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy spoke of what is expected of the priest and what Jesus Christ will give to the priest if his heart is open.

This freely chosen is so demanding, yet so beautiful, Bishop D'Arcy noted, "through which the people receive the body and the blood of Christ, and their sacrifices are joined with the sacrifice of Christ so they are enriched and elevated to God through the Eucharist."

Bishop D'Arcy spoke of the Year for Priests, the

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## YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



### FATHER GLENN KOHRMAN

Why does a young man who likes golf, girls, billiards, motorcycles, family, and who has an engineering degree from Purdue University get off the bike, kiss the girls goodbye and say: "I want to follow Jesus"?

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## Mass for deceased priests celebrated Nov. 10

FORT WAYNE — The annual Mass for deceased priests and bishops of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 12:05 p.m. It will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by prayers in the crypt with just the priests.

As part of our Year for Priests, those who attend Mass and receive Communion will be offered a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

Those conditions include attending Mass and offering prayers to Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, that he might sanctify and conform the priests of the church to his heart. Likewise, any other good work done by the faithful that day should be

offered for this intention.

In addition to total detachment from all sin, including venial sin, the usual conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence are: sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist and prayers for the pope's intentions. These three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the prescribed work.

In a note to priests of the diocese, Bishop John M. D'Arcy requested that "every priest during the month of November, which the church traditionally dedicates to prayer for the deceased, to offer at least one Mass for all deceased priests and bishops of our diocese."

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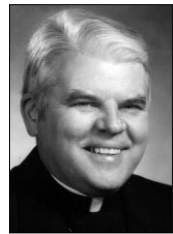
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# Privilege of ordaining a priest is something words cannot express



## NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

### A moment of Catholic history

The sun broke through in midmorning signaling a day never to be forgotten by those in attendance. I refer to the ordination of two priests. The historic and beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was full. There were 72 priests in attendance. I have always found the privilege of ordaining a priest as something that words cannot express. I try to pray more beforehand and maybe make a few small sacrifices and, if possible, receive the sacrament of penance, and pray that my heart will be made more pure. To impose hands on two young men who will be celebrating Mass, and preaching and caring for the flock long after I am gone to the good Lord, is a privilege and a joy, and the only fitting response is one of humility and unworthiness, along with trust in the love of Christ.

And then there is the presence of the presbyterate. Our cathedral, with its perfect setting for priests, lends itself to the true message of the presbyterate. Msgr. Bill Lester reminds me that it was Father Tom Jones, CSC, an exemplary pastor in this diocese during my years here who made the recommendation. Tom served on the committee, which gave advice on the cathedral. To be surrounded by priests and a full cathedral of the faithful, along with that magnificent music lifting our hearts to God. Many thanks to Mike Dulac, his wife Kathy, and the large cathedral choir taken from many parishes, which helped us to worship and pray.

### And the radio broadcast

It was all broadcast live on Redeemer Radio; and I had an interview afterwards with them. A special thanks to Father Daryl Rybicki who drove from his new pastorate at Corpus Christi, South Bend. Father Rybicki is a good communicator and he gave the commentary throughout. I did not hear it, but Sean McBride of Redeemer Radio, told me that Father Rybicki's commentary was knowledgeable, filled with good content and delivered with dignity. This is not surprising, as he was trained by the Benedictines at St. Meinrad's with their great tradition about the holy liturgy.

### And the two ordained

Father Jake Runyon is a member of the rightly respected Tippmann family. There are hundreds of them. The original family — had 15 or 16 children, if you count one who came to live with them. They are inventors and managers and business men

and women, and the original family has hundreds of grandchildren. It is commonplace for a Tippmann to come home from Bishop Dwenger and say to parents, "I think I met a new cousin today." Father Jake is the second Tippmann ordained a priest, Father Larry Tippmann being the other. Jake grew up in St. Louis Parish, Besancon, and celebrated his first Mass there on Sunday morning, and then a later Mass Sunday evening at St. John's, New Haven, in the hope that at least a good portion of this huge family could be present.

### Our first local Mexican-born priest

Father Fernando Jimenez came to this country with his family in 1999, and is a member of St. Patrick's Parish. We hope that he will be only the first of many young Hispanic men who will enter the priesthood. The presence of all our seminarians was a great blessing, with only Zach Barry struck with the flu unable to join us.

Father Runyon will be assigned to St. Matthew's Parish, South Bend, and Father Jimenez will reside and serve at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and also at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw. Please keep them in your prayers.

### The Year for Priests

Surely, there will be many graces this year for the sanctification of our priests and for the calling of new young men to offer their lives to Christ as priests. It is the first time in the history of the church that there has been a Year for Priests. It is not to exalt us, but to give our hearts to a deeper holiness and to draw our people into prayer for priests — and for future priests.

### Speaking of Redeemer Radio

Last week, I had a routine medical checkup, and while waiting, a man came over to me asking if I was Bishop D'Arcy and holding a book. It was one of those volumes in which people who have entered or returned to the Catholic Church explained their reasons. I think this book was about 11 who have done so. It is defined under the category apologetics. You often hear such apologists on Redeemer Radio, answering questions and giving "reason for the faith that is in them." At any rate, this man sat down beside me and shared the book with me. Such events often happen to priests, and it is one reason why it is a blessing that priests in this country have retained their clerical garb. This man who had a serious cancer told me that he intended to return to the Catholic faith. He said he spoke about it to his wife, who is also a former Catholic, and she said she had been thinking the same thing. I asked him what has brought this about. There were several things. First of all, was the fact that he listened all day to Redeemer Radio (Catholic Radio 1450-AM on your dial in Fort Wayne). He said he found it very instructional and enlightening and it responded to all of his concerns. He had been raised Catholic and Redeemer Radio was God's

instrument in calling him back. He also said that he missed the holy Eucharist. He spoke about the fact that he found himself drawn toward the cross, which has the corpus on it, the body of Christ. He did not find this in other churches, and this was very important to him. He is in touch with a priest, and I was privileged to encourage him on his journey.

Redeemer Radio is a great instrument of evangelization. Several pastors have told me that they have had several similar experiences, people coming right in off the street to ask questions and seek counsel, because of something they heard on the radio. I think there are many people hungering these days for the truth of the Catholic faith, and we must look for ways to reach them. There is a similar station in South Bend, although they do not yet have a studio.

### A personal note

In celebrating the Mass of ordination, I used the chalice that my dear mother and father gave me when I was ordained a priest. Following the custom of that time, in the small Celtic cross, there was placed the diamond from my mother's engagement ring. The cross was fashioned from the high school rings of my three sisters. I have thought recently that this was too much to ask. The diamond ring that my father had given her in 1930 — she gave it up. When you are 24 and you are ordained, you do not know the value of things, but worst of all, you think you do. I thought of her while celebrating Mass, because I believe my parents were the main instrument in God's grace for my becoming a priest. I think it is good now that she has gone to heaven that this sign of her love for my dad and her family is present in that chalice. But it must have caused her pain at the time. When I do not have an outside Mass, I say Mass at home; and that is where the chalice should be.

My dear priests in this diocese gave me a chalice on my 50th anniversary, and I will keep that for Mass at the Cathedral. Such are the poignant thoughts of an old priest who thinks of himself as still young on one of the most sacred days of all, the ordination of two new priests.

I look forward to the religious education instructional day this Saturday, at which I am to give the keynote. The subject is the Year for Priests.

A beautiful country drive to St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, where I celebrated Mass for the installation of Rev. Francis Chukwuma, JCL, as pastor. He is a splendid, joyful, priest from Nigeria, a land "evangelized by Irish missionaries" as he informed his people during the reception. He is very beloved already by the people and is a blessing on that important town. He received a standing ovation from the parishioners. Father Francis is a trained canon lawyer who still assists in our diocesan Marriage Tribunal two days a week.

I will see you all next week.

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first time in the history of the church that the year was set aside for priests for their sanctification, for their holiness. The church, through its priests, has lived through much in its last 50 years, but now it seems, what John Paul II in a vision of faith declared to be the coming of a new springtime for the church and for Christianity. "It's coming especially to the priests."

He said it is seen through the coming forth of priests of good quality, holy, approachable, joyful and near to Christ. And Pope Benedict XVI brought forth St. John Vianney as an example, the patron saint now of all priests. A statue of the saint was displayed in the sanctuary of the cathedral during the Mass.

St. John Vianney could not read or write at the age of 18 when he requested acceptance into the seminary. This teaches humility and holiness with St. John Vianney's extraordinary sense of the priesthood.

"The priesthood, he said, is the love for the heart of Christ," Bishop D'Arcy told the congregation. "In other words, you see a man giving himself totally in the full bloom of life for you — because they are not ordained for themselves, never, but for you — shows Jesus Christ loves you."

It was said of St. John Vianney, that every day he offered Mass, he offered himself to God, Bishop D'Arcy noted, "May this be true of us."

The ordination rite is like a great catechetical lesson, Bishop D'Arcy said. "It's also meant that you too, as you see these two young men prostrate on the sanctuary of this historic cathedral like so many before them — that you too — will offer yourselves to God."

Following the homily, the litany of supplication was sung, while the elect prostrated themselves as a sign of their complete submission to the will of God. The bishop and then the entire college of priests, laid hands on the heads of the candidates in accordance with apostolic tradition. Then with hands outstretched over the kneeling elect, the bishop prayed the prayer of ordination.

The prayer was followed by the investiture with the stole and chasuble and the anointing of hands. The palms of the newly ordained were anointed with chrism, which symbolizes wisdom and strength. Then deacons assisted the bishop in receiving the gifts of the people — bread and wine, the paten and chalice — delivered by the joy-filled parents of the two newly ordained, and the bishop extended these gifts to the new priests as they knelt before him.

In the rite the bishop said, "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate



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**During the Litany of Supplication, the priest elect, Fernando Jimenez and Jacob Runyon, prostrate themselves as a sign of their complete submission to the will of God.**

what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

As the ordination rite concluded, the bishop offered the fraternal kiss of peace and welcomed the new priests into the diocesan presbyterate. The entire presbyterate, along with visiting clergy, gave the fraternal kiss of peace to the newly ordained as serenity and joy radiated from the faces of each of the priests.

The two newly ordained priests took to the microphone to offer their heartfelt thanks to all who supported them as they worked toward this monumental day. Father Runyon expressed his deep satisfaction at the splendor of the day, saying, "I can't tell you how happy I am — finding out what God wants and to do it with all my heart makes me happiest."

He then thanked those in attendance for their love and support. "I thank my family, bishop, everyone, ... and to Almighty God for the gift of the priesthood. May God bless you."

Father Jimenez spoke first in Spanish, then English saying, "Today is a special day. A priest is for you to receive the gift of the love of God."

He thanked his family, friends and superiors for their prayer support and reminded those present to continue to pray for them, "that we will remain faithful to God for the rest of our lives."

Father Runyon returned to speak his thanks in Spanish as well.

Amidst applause in concluding remarks near the end of Mass, Bishop D'Arcy assigned Father Runyon to St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend and Father Jimenez will serve at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw.

"As a bishop it is a great honor to ordain these two men," Bishop D'Arcy said. "I always feel very unworthy of such a significant contribution, a moment in the life of the church in the most blessed enduring things a priest does."

The bishop asked all in the

cathedral to pray every day for priests and to pray for more good men of quality, from different cultures, to follow the two who were ordained.

Following the sacred Mass of ordination, the congregation was invited to attend a light luncheon held at the Grand Wayne Center, where the newly ordained Father Jimenez and Runyon were available for blessings.

Mary Runyon, Father Runyon's mother, who had dedicated him to God upon his birth said, "I am so excited for him. He is so happy." As for preparation for this day, she added, "Things went so smoothly. People were so kind. When they asked to help, I asked them to pray."

Father Larry Tippmann, the grand uncle of the newly ordained Father Runyon said comedically, "My replacement is here!" He added that he was thrilled for the family and his nephew.

Brigitte Sparks of Valparaiso came home to witness her childhood friend be ordained. The two neighbors traveled daily back and forth to high school and also shared the World Youth Day experience together in Denver growing up.

Sparks explained, "The ordination was absolutely awesome. It is so fabulous to see Jake become a priest. The Catholic Church cannot get enough Jake Runyons."

Fernando and Floinda Jimenez, parents of Father Jimenez, were proud and humbled by their first born son's ordination. "It's good. We thank God. We were ready for this day."

One young Hispanic family drove from Logansport to bear witness to their friend, Fernando Jimenez's special day, the first ordination they had ever attended. Eva Garfias, with her husband Alexander, said through her son Alexander's translation, "It is a real special day, a beautiful day. I feel so happy."

**Kay Cozad** contributed to this story.

REFLECTION TO PRESBYTERATE FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Bishop D'Arcy offers reflection to presbyterate

*The following is a talk Bishop John M. D'Arcy presented to his priests at the fall presbyterate meeting Oct. 22 at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw:*

It is never right for a bishop to conclude a day with priests without offering some brief reflection on the beautiful life that we are privileged to live together. As the time remaining for me as bishop lessens, and indeed, my time in this life lessens, I treasure every day more and more. The gift of priesthood, which we share. So challenging. So beautiful. So filled with mystery and with opportunity.

In a few days, I will have the great privilege of ordaining two more young men who will join us, prostrate themselves on the floor of the sanctuary of our cathedral church, as you did so many years before. As I did in another cathedral. Twice, once to be ordained as a priest and once later in life, a bishop.

I am currently still involved in the installation of pastors, a journey, which began in midsummer and still continues. So I hear over and over again, Sunday after Sunday, the response of the priests renewing with a full heart the promise that they made on the day of their ordination, to offer the Eucharist, to pray for the people, to preach the word of God, to offer the sacraments and to be faithful to the church.

When I see coming along the young men, in which we find so much hope, at times I think I would like to ordain them — Andy Budzinski next year and then the two Coonans. But then again, I think how wonderful and encouraging it will be to the next bishop that he finds three young men of such quality, whom he will have the privilege of ordaining. Will that not give him great encouragement, and make him realize that there is a local church here with vitality and strength? It will, in a way, be a gift that you have given him — greater than any gift you might offer him or we might offer him, such as a miter or a crosier on the day he is ordained — but we should do that also.

I have consecrated some altars recently, two at Notre Dame. I have consecrated churches here and the focus is always on living stones. It is important, as is the beauty of the church; it is the living stones, the hearts and minds being offered to God, a sign of the true vitality of the church.

St. Gregory the Great said this, "What is God's altar, if not the souls of those who lead good lives? Rightly, then the heart of the just is said to be the altar of God." So as we watch two more young men prostrate themselves before the altar, we cannot let it become simply nostalgia or some kind of a romantic experience. Rather, this ordination during the Year for Priests is a call to all of us to renew and strengthen our offering of our love — to God. A call to fidelity.

The sub-theme of the year given by Pope Benedict XVI was "Fidelity of Christ, Fidelity of the Priest."

What is this fidelity, to which we are called and which we should renew at the sacred day of ordination in our diocese in our mother church — now only a few days away.

I would propose to you three aspects of this fidelity for us to ponder during the year.

First, it is a fidelity to love. Second, it is a fidelity to truth. Third, it is a fidelity to a life of prayer, for I do not think we can have the first two without the third.

All three make possible the fidelity of the priest — and all three are necessary if we are to experience the joy that comes from a total fidelity — none of these can be left out.

### Fidelity to love

Tonight, I am going to speak at Little Flower Parish. I was asked about a month ago, and I said I would speak on their patron saint. To her and to the saints there is given a realization, a conviction about the love of Jesus Christ for us. You all know about Therese's desire to be a martyr, an apostle, a missionary. She is the patron saint of missionaries although she never left her home area, except for her trip to visit the pope at the age of 15.

Here is what we find in her biography, which is considered a classic. Her great heart was filled with love and she wrote, "I feel within me other vocations. I feel the vocation of the Warrior, the priest, the apostle, the doctor, the martyr," and the commentator says, "What was missing in the core of her life at the Carmel could also be missing in the life of the priest and the life of the martyr ... Now turning from every particular ideal, be it a Carmelite, priest, apostle or martyr, Therese chose to 'be' love, right where she was..." — Patricia O'Connor, "The Inner Life of Therese of Lisieux."

"... The apostle explains how all the most perfect gifts are nothing without love. That charity is the excellent way that leads most surely to God."

"I finally had rest..."

"I understood it was love alone that made the church's members act, that if love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood..."

"Then, in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus my love ...

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That's what Glenn Kohrman, from New Haven did, and his explanation of his urge to follow the holy footsteps was because he observed that "Christ went to others to let them know how the Father had sent him to redeem us and open the doors of salvation to us."

Now, as a priest for 17 years and pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, where he offers Mass in Spanish and English, he feels that his priesthood is specially enriched by the Mass and confession and says, "... in confession, you can help people really experience the mercy of God in a very real and tangible way."

In response to the question, "What can be done to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life?" Father Kohrman says, "If we live our faith, it will be very attractive. God wants us to be happy and if we follow his

perfect will, we will simply be more perfectly happy. We must encourage everybody to seriously ask the question: 'What does God want me to do with my life, to serve my spouse or serve the church to be Christ's servant through religious life?'" He goes on to say, "Seminarians come from families, the best place to grow ... (seminarian comes from the word seed) seminarians are in good Catholic families."

As a challenge facing the church, Father Kohrman observes that many today confuse pluralism with denying that which is true. People are often afraid to proclaim the richness and the beauty of all the church's teachings. The only reason why something is sinful is because it hurts the person or hurts society; from abortion to contraception, these have done profound damage to the culture of life.

As to the greatest hope for the church, he sees what seems to be an awakening among the youth to the richness of the church and her mission and a tremendous vigor in areas of the church that are recapturing the beauty of the faith.

## Pope says November feasts highlight tie between living, dead

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Underlining people's connection with those who have gone before them, the annual commemorations of All Saints and All Souls remind Christians that "we are never alone," Pope Benedict XVI said. "We are part of a spiritual fellowship in which a deep solidarity reigns" through the prayers of the living for the eternal repose of the dead and through the intercession of the holy deceased on behalf of those still living, the pope said during his Sunday Angelus address Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

On the Nov. 2 feast of All Souls, the pope paid an evening visit to the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica where he knelt in silent prayer before the tombs of some of his deceased predecessors.

"How beautiful and consoling is the communion of saints," the pope told people gathered in St. Peter's Square Nov. 1.

The connection between the living and their deceased loved ones is a mysterious reality of sharing where the good one person does benefits all, the pope said. "It is a mystery that we can already experience to some extent in this world — in the family, through friendship and, especially in the spiritual community of the church," he said.

## BISHOP D'ARCY INSTALLS FATHER FRANCIS CHUKWUMA



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy installed Father Francis Chukwuma, left of bishop, as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton on Sunday, Nov. 1. Father Chukwuma is a member of the St. Aloysius, Yoder, Knights of Columbus who joined the celebration.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD



MARK WEBER

On All Souls Day, Nov. 2, Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated noon Mass in the Resurrection Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne, reminding a capacity crowd that Christ's resurrection is a promise of our resurrection and a time when every tear shall be wiped away. Following the Mass, the bishop led the way to the priests' section of the cemetery and is shown here offering prayers near the graves of Bishops Leo A. Pursley and Joseph R. Crowley.

## CHILDREN PRAY FOR ALL SOULS



PROVIDED BY ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL

All students at St. Aloysius Catholic School, Yoder, attended Mass on All Souls Day, Nov. 2, and then processed to the parish cemetery following Mass to pray for all of the departed who are buried there.

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My vocation, at last I have found it ... My vocation is love!"

"... In the heart of the church, my mother, I shall be love. Thus I shall be everything ..."

At last, this young woman said she found peace, "I will be love in the heart of the church." I am speaking here of a personal love for Jesus Christ, which overflows in service. It is the love that draws the priest to the cancer ward. The love that will bring him to the homes of those who are homebound. The love that will forbid him from turning that ministry over entirely to laity, and never himself entering the door of that home with the body and blood of Christ.

It is the love, which makes the priest realize that it draws him to intense preparation before preaching. To preach out of love for the word he is speaking and out of the love for the flock who are listening. As I mentioned in our conference last spring, St. Paul was very much aware that he did not speak with eloquence, "lest the word of God be emptied of its meaning."

### The second fidelity is to truth

I was struck by two recent experiences in our diocese about this fidelity to truth. Fidelity to truth for the priest means that he is willing to give the hard saying. Hard for himself, perhaps because he does not believe it strongly enough; because he thinks it is too hard for the people and they might reject it. Or a greater temptation, he may worry that they might reject him.

Two things brought this home to me. In early September, we had in this very city, some excellent speakers focused around a serious pastoral problem. The widespread use of contraception and contraceptives among Catholics, and a related problem among good women in good marriages. I refer to infertility. This conference was sponsored by our family life office, and there were over 100 people present — including many who work in ministries to families.

Two people, a man and a woman, spoke to me about fidelity. The man was Dr. Holly from St. Vincent's Parish. I knew of him. Fred and Lisa Everett have spoken to me about him and about his conversion, and they have worked with him. But it was his own words that were especially powerful. Dr. Holly had always prescribed contraceptives to Catholic women and indeed to women of all different faiths. How it had troubled him, and how when he went with his family to a Japanese restaurant, he was greeted by the restaurant owner saying, "Oh, big family, good Catholic family, good Catholic man."

A grace came. He said to himself, "I am not a good Catholic man; I am not a good Catholic doctor." Knowing it would cost him financially; he went to his office on Monday morning and told his staff he would never again prescribe con-

traceptives. He had heard the call of God to be faithful to the truth. Christ gives similar graces of courage to his pastors — if we are open to them — the courage to be faithful to the church — to truth.

There was a woman at my table from St. Pius X Parish, Granger. A convert to the faith, drawn to this meeting, because of the publicity concerning infertility, and because she had been referred to Dr. Holly who in turn referred her to Dr. Hilgers at Omaha, in the hope she could have a child. During the break, she told me some of her story. She said how good she felt, because she received support in this diocese and in her parish for fidelity to the church. But she spoke of how hurt she was and scandalized when she went to confession at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, shared with her confessor the anguish about not being able to have children, and how she was told to try in vitro fertilization. She told that to the group at the conference.

### Two people who were faithful

Two people who were faithful to truth, and one priest who was not.

The other incident was the presentation given to us by Father Bransfield at our study week, and how he presented, so beautifully, the church teaching on this issue. How it relates to the dignity of the woman and of the man, grounding it in Pope John Paul II's "Veritatis Splendor" and other church documents, such as the "Vade Mecum for Confessors," of which I have a copy for you today.

No one would dare prostrate themselves before the altar and rise up for the imposition of hands, if he did not believe and hope that the call was from Christ, through and in the church.

The church calls us, the church ordains us, the church gives us the mission, the church gives us the truth. We can never, in the confessional or the pulpit, give anything but the teaching of the church of Christ — or ever imply that we support going against it.

Yet there has been a massive failure of priests and bishops to express this truth in all its beauty. And it is beautiful. I want to repeat the story I told at the meeting and also at the priests' study week at Pokagon. Our teacher, on study week, showed us the beauty of the church's teaching on these issues. How it relates to the dignity of the human person, to the attractiveness man and woman find to each other, to children and the future of humanity. This requires study on your part and mine.

How many opportunities have been given to the parish priest to make this truth real in the confessional? In the high school classroom? To public school students? In the pulpit? In preparation of young people for marriage? In counseling of married couples? Of course, some will resist it. The culture is powerful — especially in this area.

Delicacy is called for, and also restraint, and understanding, and compassion. But today, more than this, courage is called for on the part of priests. Courage to proclaim the truth, in season and out

of season. I sometimes recall when I was in Rome as a student priest. It was during the late days of the Second Vatican Council and many people came to speak with us, including famous theologians. But the only one I really remember was the great Dorothy Day. Someone said to her "what is the role of the priest, or what do priests mean to you," or some question like that. She replied briefly, "My priest is the one who gives me the hard saying."

In the discussions during the study week, I mentioned what Pope John Paul II had told to us bishops during his recent pastoral visit to the old Spanish mission in California. Two nights ago, while preparing these thoughts, I went back and found the phrase that had struck me so much and prompted me to speak of it again at the "ad limina" visit with the Holy Father.

"It is sometimes reported that a large number of Catholics today do not adhere to the teaching of the church on the number of questions, notably sexual and conjugal morality, divorce and remarriage. They sometimes claim that the dissent from the magisterium is totally compatible with being a good Catholic and poses no obstacles to the reception of the sacraments. This is a grave error, which challenges the teaching of the bishops of the United States and elsewhere. I wish to encourage you in the love of Christ to address this situation courageously in your pastoral ministry, rely on the part of God's truth to attract assent and on the grace of the Holy Spirit."

"We must also constantly recall that the teaching of Christ's church, like Christ, himself, is a 'sign of contradiction.' It has never been easy to accept the Gospel teaching in its entirety, and it never

will be. The church is committed; both in faith and morals, to make her teaching as clear in understanding as possible; presenting it in all the attractiveness of divine truth... The revelation of God par excellence is found in the cross of Christ, which makes God's folly wiser than human wisdom."

What struck me then and stayed with me, which I presented to the pope later at the "ad limina" luncheon, was the term: attractiveness. It was only one word. How do we make it attractive, I asked him. Then he gave me that response that is forever written in my heart. He got very serious, like a philosopher, and said, "It is necessary to understand the soul of the woman. All these things, which are meant to liberate the woman: premarital sex, contraception and abortion, have they liberated her or have they enslaved her?" Keeping in mind the great Dorothy Day, I ask this question to you and to myself, have we been faithful to the truth and willing to give people the hard saying? My dear priests, I ask this question to myself in prayer and repentance and in truth, seeking only to know his will and to do it.

### The third and final fidelity, on which the other two depend, and from which they receive their life: The fidelity of prayer

In his beautiful book, "Jesus of Nazareth," Pope Benedict XVI speaks of prayer as central to vocations. He said the drawing of vocations is not like hiring employees, vocations are always founded in prayer. The prayer of the young man, himself. The prayer of his pastor. The prayer of his parents. Because if it comes from prayer,

then we know it comes from God.

Are we faithful to prayer? I refer to the fullness of prayer:

1. The Liturgy of Hours, the whole thing, every day. I find myself, if I start excusing myself, because I had a busy morning, or busy afternoon, or busy evening, I need not say a part of the Divine Office, then I would find that excuse every day. I believe we all have the obligation to say all of it, every day.

2. Fidelity to offer Mass every day, keeping in mind what Pope Benedict XVI said in his letter on the Year for Priests about John Vianney, that he offered his whole self afresh to God at every Mass. Also quiet prayer and adoration, the prayer of love.

3. The sacrament of penance every month, a good confession, honest and true.

Prayer is a communion of love every day between the priest and the heart of Jesus Christ. It is no wonder that the Year for Priests started on the feast of the Sacred Heart, for it is in that mystery that we find the meaning of the priesthood. John Vianney said it, "The priest is the love of the heart of Christ." That word of his is quoted in the catechism of the church.

When we pray, we offer ourselves to God afresh, then we will go to those in need, even when we prefer not to. Then we will be faithful to the Word of God. Then love will be a reality, and so will Jesus Christ.

May I close with the words of Pope Benedict XVI.

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## USCCB distributes bulletin inserts on health care reform nationwide

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent bulletin inserts to almost 19,000 parishes across the country in an effort to urge Catholics to prevent health care reform from being derailed by support for abortion funding. "Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them," the insert states. It urges readers to contact Senate leaders so they support efforts to "incorporate long-standing policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights" in health reform legislation. "If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed," it adds. The insert highlights an amendment sponsored by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., which "addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights." "Help ensure that the rule for the bill allows a vote on the amendment," the insert states. "If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed." The insert also directs Catholics to the Web page [www.usccb.org/health-care](http://www.usccb.org/health-care). Parishes also were receiving suggested pulpit announcements and petitions in support of this effort.

## Legionaries of Christ barred from ministering in Miami Archdiocese

MIAMI (CNS) — Miami Archbishop John C. Favalora has barred the Legionaries of Christ from exercising any ministry in the archdiocese, effective immediately. In a letter addressed to all the priests in the archdiocese, Msgr. Michael Souckar, archdiocesan chancellor, said the decision was made because the order had not adhered to the condition set by the archdiocese that they minister only to their own members. "Because the Legionaries of Christ have not abided by the restrictions, Archbishop Favalora has barred them from any ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami," the priest said. "In the past, (Legionaries of Christ) priests were given individual approval by the vicar general each time they wished to come to the Archdiocese of Miami but their ministry was restricted to their own members," he said. Jim Fair, Legionaries of Christ spokesman, told Catholic News Service Oct. 30 the order was "surprised and disappointed" by the news but would obey the archdiocese's wishes and hoped to restore a working relationship with the archdiocese in the future. Mary Ross Agosta, archdiocesan director of communications, said that "from time to time the archdiocese will issue statements of clarification, often when we receive phone calls, letters or e-mails inquiring about issues, programs, visitors, speakers, etc. Such statements are

# NEWS BRIEFS

## DETROIT ARCHBISHOP BLESSES SHRINE IN SALT MINES



CNS PHOTO/JARED FIELD, MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit blesses a new shrine to St. Barbara, patroness of miners, Oct. 22 in Detroit's salt mines 1,200 feet below ground.

not unusual, as they provide clear communications for clergy, parishioners and the south Florida community."

## German cardinal stresses Catholic role in toppling Berlin Wall

COLOGNE, Germany (CNS) — A German cardinal said various commemorations of the collapse of the Berlin Wall ignore contributions by the Catholic Church. "It is simply untrue, as many critics maintain, that the church was introverted — just the opposite," said Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne, who served as bishop of Berlin 1980-88. "Throughout these years, Christians formed a living protest against this inhuman system," said the cardinal. "Yet in the many declarations, speeches, interviews and books appearing for the 20th anniversary, the church's role is being evaluated and covered only very superficially, even by Catholics." On Nov. 9 Germans will commemorate the 1989 fall of the wall, which divided West Germany from the communist-ruled East Germany for 28 years. The anniversary will include a "Festival of Freedom" in Berlin, during which 1,000 giant foam dominos will be toppled along the route of the wall. In an Oct. 26 article in the *Die Welt* daily, Cardinal Meisner said that under communist rule the Berlin Diocese never adjusted its boundaries, and church officials refused to participate in state ceremonies. Berlin became an archdiocese in 1994.

## CCHD collection focuses on helping families struggling in bad economy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Families are struggling. Faith is calling" is the theme for this year's national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which will be taken up in most U.S. Catholic churches the weekend of Nov. 21-22. "This year, our call as Catholics to bring glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free is more important than ever before," said Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., who is chairman of the U.S. bishops' CCHD subcommittee. He made the comments in a letter to parishes asking Catholics to be as generous as possible during the annual collection that is the primary source of support for the U.S. bishops' domestic anti-poverty program. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds support projects in the diocese where the funds are collected. "The mission of CCHD is crucial in 2009 — to uplift and embolden all who are one layoff or one medical scare away from the poverty line — and all who are already there," the bishop said. The nation's current economic crisis has left many families and individuals without the security of a job, health care or a sufficient retirement fund, a press release on the collection noted.

## Archdiocese opposes legalizing gay marriage in District of Columbia

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Washington Archdiocese said in written testimony Oct. 26 that it opposes legislation to allow same-sex marriages to be performed in the District of Columbia and is concerned the bill "would restrict the free exercise of religious beliefs if it is passed as drafted." The archdiocese said it "opposes this legislation and any effort to redefine marriage as other than that between a man and a woman." It said, "Besides overturning the definition of marriage," the bill has no exemptions for churches and faith-based organizations that oppose gay marriage for religious reasons but provide services to the general public or rent space to individuals or groups outside their faith. Citing the Knights of Columbus and religiously-owned nonprofits such as Catholic Charities as examples, it said that under the measure they would be forced to offer their facilities and services to same-sex couples or face a lawsuit. The archdiocese's testimony was presented during a hearing of the district's Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary. Hundreds of district residents spoke out on both sides of the issue. A coalition of groups has filed a request with the district's Board of Elections and Ethics that there be an initiative on the ballot next year to define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

## Pope appoints pastor to be auxiliary bishop for Diocese of Joliet

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Father Joseph M. Siegel, a pastor in Elmhurst, Ill., to be an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. The appointment was announced in Washington Oct. 28 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Siegel, ordained for the Joliet Diocese in 1988, has been pastor of Visitation Parish in Elmhurst since 2004. At age 46, he will be one of the youngest bishops in the U.S. Catholic Church. His episcopal ordination was scheduled for Jan. 19 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, the church where he was baptized and ordained a priest.

## Archbishop: Claims of new Knock apparitions could mislead

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — A Catholic bishop in western Ireland has warned that recent claims of new apparitions at a renowned Marian shrine "risk misleading God's people and undermining faith." Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam, the archdiocese where the famous Knock shrine is located, added: "For this reason such events are to be regretted rather than encouraged." However, a Dublin-based clairvoyant, Joe Coleman, reacted angrily to the archbishop's statement, insisting that he was among thousands of people who witnessed an apparition at Knock Oct. 11. "While it may be difficult for someone of the archbishop's stature to comprehend such events, the reality is that thousands of people have now borne witness to such apparitions during September and October of this year," Coleman said in a statement. "Many of these people have photos, videos — images are even on YouTube — and yet the people who disbelieve the most are the clergy," he said.

## Notre Dame professor emeritus wins top prize of astronomical society

NOTRE DAME (CNS) — Michael J. Crowe, who taught at the University of Notre Dame for nearly 50 years, has been named winner of the 2010 LeRoy E. Doggett prize for historical astronomy by the American Astronomical Society. Crowe, who was chairman of the university's liberal studies program and founding chairman of the graduate program in the history and philosophy of science, will receive the award and deliver the plenary address at the society's 2010 meeting Jan. 4 in Washington. The Doggett prize is awarded biennially to an individual "whose long-term efforts and lifetime achievements have had significant impact on the field of the history of astronomy."

## St. Henry's Children's Choir accepts members

FORT WAYNE — A children's choir meets each Thursday from 6-7 p.m. in room 2 of the St. Henry Community Center at 3029 E. Paulding Rd. Ages range from seven to 18 years old, and younger if accompanied by an adult. New members are welcome. Parking is available in the back parking lot facing Hessen Cassel Road.

The choir will participate in several Sunday services with Father Dan Durkin at St. Henry, senior citizen centers, community functions and other venues.

Parents may register their children at their first rehearsal, or pre-register at the St. Henry Thrift Shoppe. For more information contact Choir Director Teresa Tarango at (260) 704-6637.

## USF lecture to examine the Holocaust

FORT WAYNE — Dr. John Bequette, assistant professor of theology at the University of Saint Francis, will deliver a lecture titled "Christians, Jews and the Holocaust: Coming to Terms with a Troubling Past," on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Among other issues, Bequette will examine such questions as: How did the Holocaust happen in a "Christian" country? and How do Jews and Christians theologically understand the Holocaust?

This free public lecture is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Saint Francis. Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact Angie Springer at (260) 399-8066 or e-mail [aspringer@sf.edu](mailto:aspringer@sf.edu).

## Bishop Dwenger holds open house

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will hold its annual open house on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity to explore the academic and athletic programs, and other co-curricular activities the school has to offer. Parents and students will be able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators, and take tours of the school guided by Bishop Dwenger students. The open house is open to all current fifth-through eighth-grade students, possible transfer students, and their families. For more information contact Joanne Scully at (260) 496-4703 or e-mail [jscully@bish-opedwenger.com](mailto:jscully@bish-opedwenger.com).

## Holy Cross College hosts Campus Preview Day

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College will be hosting Campus Preview Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. There will

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## PRAYING IN THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



NORB SAUTER

More than 50 people gathered and prayed the rosary at Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, on the front lawn of the church on Saturday, Oct. 10, in full view of the busy traffic on West State Boulevard. The rosary service was led by Father Gary Sigler, Queen of Angels pastor, and consisted of hymns, the Angelus, rosary, Divine Praises, Fatima Prayer, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Consecration to Jesus through Mary and Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. October is the month of the rosary.

be a variety of activities that showcase the college. Visitors will be given a guided tour of the campus by student ambassadors, treated to a lunch in the dining hall, and given the opportunity to attend informational sessions.

This is an opportunity for high school students and their parents to learn how to apply for financial aid resources including grants, scholarships and loans, find out about the college's nine majors, sit in on live classes and have one-on-one conversations with faculty, staff, coaches, students, and representatives from campus organizations such as the Center for Global Perspectives, Notre Dame Band and ROTC.

Those planning to attend should call (574) 239-8400 or sign up online at [www.hcc-nd.edu/pre-viewdays](http://www.hcc-nd.edu/pre-viewdays).

## Local healthcare agencies offer seminar on PTSD

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph Behavioral Health, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, the VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System and Region 3, NASW have joined forces to provide a

free three-hour public training opportunity, "Understanding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Ethics-Related Issues," from 12:30-4:30 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 5, in Kachmann Auditorium at Lutheran Hospital, 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd., in Fort Wayne. The training focuses on the signs, symptoms, treatment and intervention methods for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Continuing education credits are pending for social workers, therapists and nurses. To register for this free training, visit [www.lutheranhealthnetwork.com/education](http://www.lutheranhealthnetwork.com/education).

## Artist Scott Ziegler to speak at USF lecture series

FORT WAYNE — As part of the Closer Look lecture series, the School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will host an artist's lecture by Scott Ziegler on Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. This free to the public program is presented in part by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and

the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Ziegler is an exhibiting ceramist in the university's National Ceramics and Print Exhibition. Ceramics Monthly refers to his work as highly detailed ceramic sculpture. Influenced by the time he spent as a toy designer, Ziegler spends hours building up the color and detail in his work using cone 6 slips and commercial stains. Ziegler painstakingly layers color over his meticulously formed sculptures to achieve bright, inviting surfaces.

For more information, call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001 or visit [www.sf.edu/art](http://www.sf.edu/art). Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

## Al Kresta to speak at St. John the Baptist

FORT WAYNE — Al Kresta, the man tapped in 1997 by Domino's Pizza Tom Monaghan to launch the Ave Maria Radio network, will speak at St. John the Baptist Church, Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9. Kresta's talk is headlined, "Four Clubs with which to beat The Church, and Four Questions to Ask the Club Bearers." The public is welcome, and admission is free.

Kresta, host of "Kresta in the Afternoon," a nationally syndicated program carried on the Ave Maria Radio network, airs weekday afternoons in Fort Wayne on Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio, AM 1450, from 4-6 p.m. Prior to the speaking engagement on Nov. 9, Kresta will broadcast his Monday program live from the Redeemer Radio studio in Fort Wayne.

## THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN



TIM CLIFFORD

St. Pius X, Granger, fourth graders in the after-school religious education program and St. Pius X School attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1, All Saints Day, dressed as their chosen saint.

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## Joanne Krudop retires after 43 years

BY CORINE ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School hosted a reception on Oct. 4, in St. Elizabeth's parish hall to honor Joanne Krudop for her 43 years as first-grade teacher at both St. Joseph School on Brooklyn and later St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School. Dozens of former students, both young and old, parents, colleagues, friends and family came out to greet and honor Krudop, who retired Aug. 15.

Early in her career, Krudop taught in the third and eighth grades at St. Vincent de Paul School for a year. Then from 1967 to 2009, she settled into being a first-grade teacher at St. Joseph School on Brooklyn Avenue and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School.

Krudop has wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. She attended St. Joseph on Brooklyn and had religious sisters for teachers. "I was so relieved to learn that I could one day be a teacher and a wife and mother because I wanted to have children of my own," she recalls.

She tells this story from her childhood: At a 7-year-old check-up, her doctor asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up. "I want to be a teacher and I want to have children too," she replied. "How many children?" he asked.

"One thousand," she answered. The doctor laughed and told her mother, "Well, she will learn that she can't have both."

Now at the end of her teaching career, Krudop said, "My students were my children. I did have 1,000 children, and then some!"

Ellen Langford, a St. Elizabeth parishioner, wife and mother of several children who were taught by Krudop in first grade, attended the reception for Krudop.

"I remember (then principal) Mary Schreiber telling me that one sign of a good school year is the answer to this question posed to a student: 'Do you think your



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Joanne Krudop pictured with former students Michael and David Langford is shown at the Oct. 4 reception to honor the 43-year veteran first-grade teacher who retired from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne.

teacher likes you?" Langford said. "My children always had a strong sense of being not only liked but loved by Mrs. Krudop when they were in her classroom. When I dropped them off for school, I felt like I was dropping them off to learn and spend time with a member of my own family."

Krudop and her husband of 49 years, Robert, have three children, John, Jeff and Jenny. They have two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and nine grandchildren. St. Joseph Parish School has always been a special place for Krudop and her family. "My aunts, uncles, myself and my siblings, my children and grandchildren have all attended this school," she said.

"I have been very fortunate to work with a great faculty and staff," the retiring teacher said. "We all had a total commitment to the education of each child. Everyone gave more than 100 percent." Krudop spoke highly of her long-time teacher's aide, Kathy Parnin, who assisted her in the classroom and who is also her sister. And she regards all the principals she has worked with highly, including Mary Schreiber and Lois Widner.

"Mrs. Krudop exemplified what

it meant to be a Catholic school teacher," Principal Lois Widner said. "Her compassion and dedication never faltered and her support for her administration never wavered. We were blessed to have her as a teacher."

In 1991, Krudop was awarded the Northeast Indiana Bell Award for the Teacher of the Year. This award is given by the State of Indiana and honors one teacher in the public schools, and one in private schools in Northeast Indiana. "Receiving the Bell Award was a great honor. I am very thankful for that award," she said.

Krudop looks forward to her retirement years when she plans to help care for some of her family members, including her 96-year-old mother-in-law. She hopes to enjoy her lake house and do some reading. She also plans to tutor and is helping to organize skating parties for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School. Krudop is also devoted to the rosary, which she prays every day.

Looking back, Krudop said, "I have had great students and phenomenal parents all these years of teaching. I've been so blessed," she said.



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## New St. Henry's Thrift Shoppe keeps smiles coming

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — There's plenty to smile about at the new St. Henry's Thrift Shoppe. Located on the campus of St. Henry's on the northwest corner of Hessen Cassel and Paulding roads, the thrift shoppe has been open since July, serving a growing number of customers each week. From the twinkling bell over the front door and the hot pot of coffee where "community roundtable" discussions take place, to the warm welcome that greets everyone who enters and the charitable prices, an atmosphere of goodwill is found in every corner of the store.

Once customers find St. Henry's Thrift Shoppe, they come back again and again. It could be the clean, quality merchandise, ranging from clothing items to knickknacks and small household appliances, neatly displayed throughout the store. It could be the low prices, clearly marked and designed to help shoppers get the items they need in these tough economic times. Or it just might be the warm atmosphere created by manager Jose Tarango and assistant manager Connie Torres.

Tarango, a member of St. Henry's for over 15 years, enjoys working at the thrift shoppe. Routinely putting in as many as 60 hours a week, Tarango says the best part of his job is the people. "I meet a lot of different people every day coming through our door. When they leave they have a big smile on their faces. That's what makes it all worthwhile," he said.

Smiles come easily to Tarango, who not only manages the thrift shoppe, but also finds merchandise for the store — through donations, garage sales and anywhere else he can think of, often driving to other cities for items he can't pass up. He points out a large, smiling Santa and Mrs. Claus on their perch near the front door. The pair, dressed in faded green velvet, was once a part of the famed Wolf and Dessauer Department Store Christmas display in downtown Fort Wayne.

Assistant manager Connie Torres became involved with the thrift shoppe when she volunteered to help with a parish garage sale, now she's at the store almost every day. While she doesn't live in the neighborhood, she does think of St. Henry's as her home. When her daughter tried to convince her to join a parish closer to her house, she answered, "But they don't need me there ... they need me at St. Henry's."

The thrift shoppe's biggest sellers are baby items, priced from 25 cents for T-shirts and onesies to \$2 for winter coats. The idea behind the shop is to offer quality items at very low prices — even when compared to other secondhand stores. The

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affordable prices keep the merchandise moving quickly out of the store, making room for new items which, in turn, helps attract even more bargain shoppers.

Even with the lower than normal prices, the thrift shoppe does pull in a profit, which pays for utilities and puts money back into the parish. Father Daniel Durkin, pastor at St. Henry's, explains how the thrift shoppe got its start. "We're trying to serve the needs of the community. We had a clothing bank, but we thought that by putting quality merchandise and fine items for sale at a low cost, we could help even more people."

The thrift shoppe provides free items to those in need, accepting vouchers from various community organizations. But both Tarango and Father Durkin are quick to point out that they are always willing to reach out to anyone who needs a helping hand.

Father Durkin is hoping the thrift shoppe will become a cornerstone of the parish, bringing people throughout the community to the campus. Next spring he hopes to add a farmer's market and senior open air market to the parking lot adjacent to the thrift shoppe.

The thrift shoppe already serves as a gathering place for the community. People are drawn to Tarango's quick jokes and to Torres's welcoming nature as much as they are the merchandise. In addition, the thrift shoppe has six volunteers who donate time regularly, helping display merchandise and sort through donations.

The thrift shoppe is currently looking for donations of winter coats for infants, children and adults, but are always interested in clean, quality merchandise of any type, or as Tarango puts it, "anything you don't have to feed, water or put to sleep." Donations are accepted during store hours or can be placed in the donation box located near the entrance to the store.

## Military service teaches veteran to appreciate blessings

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — At age 25, Matt Till is a husband, father, son and perhaps most notably, a veteran. Till is among the millions who have selflessly served the country in times of war.

The military has always been a significant part of his life. His father and grandfather were career Air Force men, so joining the Air National Guard was a likely path.

"I grew up around it and it's all I knew," he said reflecting on his upbringing.

Till signed a contract with the Air National Guard in 2002, making him the ninth person in his extended family to serve in the armed forces. The Bishop Dwenger High School graduate said his decision to join this branch of the service was strategic. Unlike the Army or Navy, which requires a soldier to relocate, the Air National Guard allows him or her to remain locally. This meant he could spend more time with his family, who are an important part of his life. Till is the oldest of 10 children.

Till said the element of predictability the Air National Guard offers was also a factor in his decision.

"I always like to know what exactly is going to happen," he said. "I knew what my job was going to be and knew when I was coming home."

Soon it was time to do the job he signed up for — serving tours in Iraq and Kuwait, totaling 18



PROVIDED BY THE TILL FAMILY

**Matt Till is shown with his family, wife Auralea and two boys, Tyson, age 6 and Colton, 1.**

**"(The tours) made me appreciate the small things in life. Things we take for granted."**

MATT TILL

months. With the service came some great challenges. Till said he was always concerned for his family's well-being and at times felt "helpless," being on the other side of the world.

At the same time, however,

these experiences allowed him to reflect on his blessings.

"(The tours) made me appreciate the small things in life," he said. Things we take for granted."

For example, luxuries like hot showers, a warm bed and high-speed Internet became faint memories. And with one day off a week, there wasn't much time to relax or connect with family overseas.

While deployed, Till worked 12-hour night shifts, often alone in the desert. This was an opportune time to reflect on his life and "a good time to say some prayers," he said.

God brought him safely back to Fort Wayne, where he has started a family. He and his wife Auralea are raising two boys: Tyson, age 6 and Colton, 1. He still works at the base full-time.

In hindsight, Till said military service is not necessarily something for everyone.

"You either know whether it is or isn't for you," he said.

However, civilians can still support the troops, even miles away from the front lines. Till wants people to view his service as a job, as opposed to a political mission, regardless of personal opinion on the wars.

"My job is to protect freedoms under the Constitution ... to go where I'm told and do what I'm told" — even if it means being away from family for months on end.

It's clear that Till does not take his family for granted, "I'm thankful the military has allowed me to have and raise a family."

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## THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

In St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians he tells them that they are ambassadors for Christ. We hear that same statement every Ash Wednesday, and it was one of the readings for daily Mass last summer. Every time I read or hear those words they send chills up my spine. What a huge responsibility to be an ambassador, let alone an ambassador for Christ.

Ambassadors are people who represent others or causes and speak on their behalf. It is both awesome and sometimes scary to think that the Scriptures tell us that we are to speak for Christ. That is a serious responsibility and not to be taken lightly.

In order to speak for Christ we obviously need to know what Christ taught and what he would say or do in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. To be an ambassador for the Lord we must be in an

active relationship with him. That calls for regular prayer and study of the Scriptures.

Perhaps you have thought that only the clergy or other ministers of the church are the ones called to be ambassadors. That is not so. Paul's letter to those people in Corinth was not directed only to the leaders. He was writing to all the members of the church in that community.

Every Christian is called to represent Christ. Many times Jesus told us that we, like him, must reveal his father's love. That is how we build God's kingdom in the world. Christ's mission did not end when he ascended into heaven. He sent his Spirit to help us continue to proclaim God's message. The way we do this is by striving to live as he did, by following his example.

Several years ago young Christians often used the saying WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). It was on T-shirts, arm-bands, signs, etc. Using this saying was popular for a couple of years but, like other fads, it died down. Even so, it can still have a lot of meaning for us. There are times when it is good to ask what Jesus would do in certain situations. In fact, it is a good measurement for our behavior.

If Jesus were in a group of people who started to talk about and tear down someone's reputation, he would probably try to

change the subject or point out the harm being done. Maybe he would write things on the sidewalk. However, I am not suggesting that!

If Jesus were at a party with friends and the person who drove them there began to drink too much, he certainly wouldn't let his friend drive. He probably would get a designated driver or call a cab. He also would encourage his friend to stop drinking.

If Jesus knew of some wrongdoing at work, he would no doubt risk being unpopular or losing his job and say something to the authorities. He wouldn't just ignore it and pretend it wasn't happening.

If Jesus were in the middle of a group that was telling ethnic, racist or gay jokes, he undoubtedly would walk away or speak out against such hurtful "fun" and risk being accused of not having a sense of humor or thinking he was better than others.

If Jesus saw a sign posted that help was desperately needed in a homeless center or soup kitchen but had other plans to go out with friends, most probably he would change his plans and invite his friends to help.

If Jesus were on the way to class or an appointment and he noticed someone crying or in trouble, chances are that he



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would stop and see how he could console the person.

A saint once said that God has no hands or feet but ours. We are called to use our hands and feet and every other part of our selves to be Christ for the world, to be his ambassadors. It is an awesome but rewarding challenge.

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## Wild-rice wisdom: Letting up and slowing down

It was a difficult decision for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa to suspend its wild rice harvest last fall.

The Native American tribe in northern Minnesota shepherds Nett Lake, the world's largest wild rice lake. Its harvest is a source of pride, identity, revenue and renown. To forgo an entire ricing season marked a major setback.

But the growing conditions had been poor — cold weather, little rain — and the tribe's Department of Natural Resources conservation committee and spiritual advisor agreed it would be best to close Nett Lake, allowing the unharvested rice to reseed the lake for the benefit of future crops.

"This is disappointing news," the tribal chairman told a reporter, "but we have to remember that nature runs in cycles."

He was right, and last year's prudence allowed for this year's prosperity — the best harvest in more than a decade. The lake yielded more than 1 million pounds of rich wild rice.

I got to see the large, colorful grain on a trip this week. I have been working mornings and nights, weekdays and weekends, and my getaway up north felt overdue. It wasn't a long visit, but my packing revealed a desire for retreat: a journal, a prayer book, an Anna Quindlen novel, an Anne of Green Gables soundtrack, and a few blank greeting

cards with Maya Angelou quotes and a dusting of gold.

I thought about the resistance Bois Forte must have faced in canceling a ricing season, the trumping of long-term benefits over short-term demands, the abiding respect for nature's cycles. And I took a couple days off with no guilt. It may seem counterintuitive, but the tribe's skipped season makes the case convincingly — rest ensures a more fruitful harvest.

So I enjoyed the scenery — the amber leaves, the leaping deer, the sense of autumn gracefully bending to winter. After a hot bath and a long sleep, I woke before the alarm sounded feeling refreshed.

I returned to an e-mail from a colleague. "It feels like we've been going a million miles an hour lately," she wrote.

As I scrolled through my favorite blogs, I paused at a fellow twenty-something's post. "There hasn't been much down time," it began. "I kept thinking it was going to slow down eventually, but I think it's not."

The word "down" jumped out at me — slowing down, craving down time. So much of our daily grind is about being up: We wake up, stand up, show up, speak up, hurry up, follow up, buck up, clean up, check up, cheer up, change it up.

Maybe we all just need a little more down.

This month's readings urge us



## TWENTY SOMETHING

BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

to step back from "the anxieties of daily life" to "be vigilant at all times," because workaholics will miss the Lord's coming.

Our Holy Father echoes that message on his annual vacation, when he plays piano and strolls through the pines. Down time, Pope Benedict XVI has said, provides "an opportunity to draw closer to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving."

It is the perfect way to draw into the season and mindset of Thanksgiving. When I slow down, I can move beyond the year's obvious blessings, the baby and bride who joined our family on the same September day, to relish the details: the way my grandma coos when she holds Abigail Grace; the way my dad smiles when Jodie walks into the room; the way our hearts keep expanding.

"Thank you" is the simplest, sweetest prayer. So slow down and sing it out.

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## University of Saint Francis professor debunks some misconceptions about the pope

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis Professor Adam Deville debunked some misconceptions about the pope and the papacy at an on-campus lecture on Oct. 22.

Deville opened the lecture with a lesson on why it's important to study and understand this often misunderstood concept. Authority and antiquity prevail over all traits of the office. The pope's authority over the 1 billion Catholics in the world is significant, as well as the antiquity of the office. The papacy is the oldest institution of continual governance in the Western World, he noted.

Faux pas and blunders in the mainstream media about the institution have not helped the cause of the Catholic Church. Ignorance, misinformation and misunderstandings have perpetuated misconceptions in the non-Catholic world. The Dan Brown "DaVinci Code" controversy is a textbook case.

For example, there is a notion that the pope destroys free thought and is a capricious dictator. However, as Deville points out, in actuality the Catholic Church was one of the first institutions to found and foster universities. And many of the prominent scientists and scholars were members of the clergy.

The professor and scholar went out to dispel the image of the pope living in the lap of luxury, while the proletariat suffer. His counter argument: "No one institution does

more for the poor than the Catholic Church."

Deville shed some light on the concept of infallibility, or exemption or immunity from liability to error or failure. Contrary to popular belief, the pope is only infallible on matters of faith and morals. The pope cannot predict the future, nor is he omniscient or omnipotent.

The egregious glamorization of the pope by such outlets as *Time* has portrayed the office one of celebrity. Deville reminds us that no one, pope or non-pope, is perfect and should not be portrayed as such. Occasionally the church needs to be "paired down," he said. In reality, the pope is not a pompous figurehead, but the servant of servants.

The differences between terms such as pope, papacy, Vatican and Holy See can be confusing and missed by even the most educated. They are not interchangeable and have nuances that should be noted. Deville clarified each term and explained their contexts.

In closing, Deville reminded the faithful of the purpose and role of the holy office. The pope is a "perpetual and visible" head of the church, whose "foremost job is to keep Christians united in matters of faith and morals." The latter is not some lofty idea, empty of action. Rather, Deville noted the pope has made some headway in the unification of Christian denominations. The church is in constant dialogue with church leaders with the goal of better understanding each other.

# CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

In the spirit of the true meaning of the holiday season, Today's Catholic features some gift ideas and local opportunities to help keep the season simple and bright.

## Craft show brings community together and helps those in need

BY GWEN OBRIEN

NOTRE DAME — The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College will host its third annual Christmas Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 11, from noon until 6 p.m., in LeMans Hall. The bazaar helps to raise funds for OCSE's Twelve Days of Christmas program, an effort that provides holiday gifts and necessities to area families and individuals in need.

The show features the creative talents of local crafters. The vendor fees are donated in support of the Twelve Days program, and some vendors choose to donate all or part of their proceeds to the cause. The more successful the craft show is, the more people OCSE can help this holiday season. Last year 25 families and 25 individuals benefited, and with the recession affecting so many more people this year, OCSE hopes to have an even bigger impact this time.

The show is a win-win for the South Bend region, says Carrie Call, director of OCSE.

"We support the community by supporting the local artists, and we support families in need through the Twelve Days program," explains Call. "A craft show is a unique way to reach one of the Office for Civic and Social Engagements' primary goals: to support the community in which Saint Mary's resides."

Unique crafters include an artisan from South Bend, who handcrafted an alphabet made of garden flowers and scanned them into her computer. She uses the letters to make floral word prints. A jewelry maker from Granger will be selling pieces from her collection, which features glass pendants with inspirational messages like "Celebrate Life," "Say your prayers," "Find your voice and sing," and "Live your poem."

There's also a South Bend man who makes jewelry out of antique silverware. Pens made from knife handles are among his unusual offerings. Shoppers

will also find everything from hand-painted wooden furniture to knitted items made from the wool of alpacas the artist raises on her property. In all there will be at least 50 booths.

The local agencies and schools that partner with OCSE throughout the academic year choose the recipients of the holiday help. These agencies and schools include Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, REAL Services and select Title 1 schools in South Bend.

"I've seen firsthand how the Saint Mary's Twelve Days of Christmas program helps people," says Carla Killelea, principal at Warren Primary Center, who identified some who could use the holiday help. OCSE has a long-standing relationship with the school as Saint Mary's students put in hours there as teachers' assistants and tutors.

"One mother who received Christmas gifts last year told me it was the first time in eight years she and her children woke up on Christmas morning and everyone had presents," Killelea said. "She told me she watched the joy that morning and promised herself to do better in the world and to get sober. The gifts made her realize that she could trust people again and that they needed to be able to trust her. When her children returned to our school in January, they were happier and talked about Christmas as though it were a miracle."

Saint Mary's students involved in the program say the experience is a lesson in humanity. "Being a part of Twelve Days of Christmas is absolutely amazing," said Alma Bravo of South Bend. "I am not only a helper, but a witness to the generosity that the Saint Mary's community shows through the giving of their time, talents and treasures. Everyone becomes united in a loving and caring spirit. The best part is seeing the happy faces of the families who receive these gifts because you know they are receiving the message that someone cares."

It's the third year for the Christmas Craft Show and the sixth year for the Twelve Days of Christmas program.

# Think globally, act locally for the holidays with 'A Different Kind of Christmas'

HUNTINGTON — Thanksgiving and Christmas are synonymous with gratitude and gift-giving. This may be the year to rethink how the holidays are done.

Victory Noll Center in Huntington presents "A Different Kind of Christmas," a shopping experience with the goal of getting everyone to think globally and act locally in preparation for the holidays. Local Huntington businesses and their products will be showcased for sale at Victory Noll Center Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, providing an opportunity for a new look at gift-giving and the awareness that we can make a difference locally and globally by how we shop. It's not just a different way, it's also about making a difference.

Global awareness will come from One World Shop and

Friends of the Third World, who will have wares from countries from around the world for sale.

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# Holiday gift-giving renewed

BY KAY COZAD

The hustle-bustle of the Christmas season can keep even the most organized person in a flurry of activity. Holiday gatherings, special meals to prepare, and, of course, choosing just the right gift for that special someone can leave little time for the miracle of the birth of our Savior.

So, *Today's Catholic* would like to offer these holiday gift suggestions to take the hassle out of gift giving this year. The following are newly published books that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

Mary Gordon brings to light an author's personal journey through the Gospels, in "Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter With the Gospels," as she reads them as literature with Jesus as the central character. The author quotes Scripture in each chapter, followed by her interpretation of the subject. Gordon's personal insight using this writer's angle may prove to be inspiring for any generation of Bible readers. Pantheon Books, ISBN: 978-0-375-42457-1



"Finding My Voice: A young Woman's Perspective," by Beth M. Knobbe is the most recent addition to the eight-volume series on women's spiritu-



ality — "Called to Holiness: Spirituality for Catholic Women." This volume addresses the challenges young adult Catholic women face in discovering their purpose in life. The author, a 20-something herself, provides a unique perspective for the modern young woman. A must read for young Catholic women. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-894-5

"The Glory of Angels," by internationally known art critic and historian Edward Lucie-Smith is a remarkably colorful and artistically elaborate oversized book that opens with church-like doors. The author explores a variety of angels from guardians to archangels, their purposes and various settings. The artwork is stunning in this great coffee table piece. CollinsDesign, ISBN: 978-0-06-178777-5



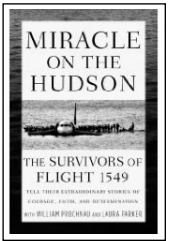
"Lit: A Memoir," by best-selling author Mary Karr is the third memoir in a series depicting her life struggles. "Lit" is an honest, witty and irreverent look at her journey through adulthood brimming with alcoholism, depression, divorce and finally Jesus. An inspiration for those who struggle with or support others with like challenges. A caution for readers: The subject matter may be irreverent and offensive at times. Harper, ISBN: 978-0-06-059698-9



William Prochnau and Laura Parker together bring the harrowing story of that fateful day when

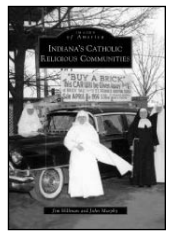
Fight 1549 crashed into the Hudson River with "Miracle on the Hudson: The Survivors of Flight 1549 Tell their Stories of Courage, Faith and Determination."

This unique book reports from each survivor's perspective and expounds on the human courage and faith that saved the day. An inspiring read. Ballantine Books, ISBN: 978-0-345-51994-8




"Indiana's Catholic Religious Communities," by local authors Jim Hillman and John Murphy is the newest addition of Arcadia Publishing's Images of

America series. The book, packed with hundreds of vintage photos, many directly from official archives of the communities involved, examines the impact the various Catholic religious orders in Indiana had on the secular population in need of health-care, education and social services. It takes the reader on a voyage from the early 1800s through nearly 175 years of service by these orders. A delightful read for any history buff. Arcadia Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-7385-6010-6



"The Mass: A Guided Tour," by Thomas Richstatter, OFM, STD, is an easy to read exploration of the Mass. It includes simple language to explain the introductory and concluding rites, the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist to assist even the most curious reader in a better understanding of what the Mass means to the Catholic faith. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-646-0

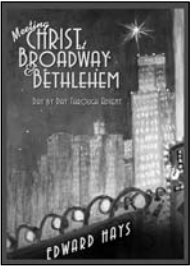
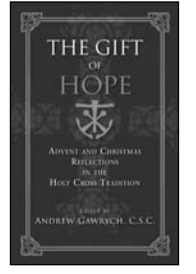



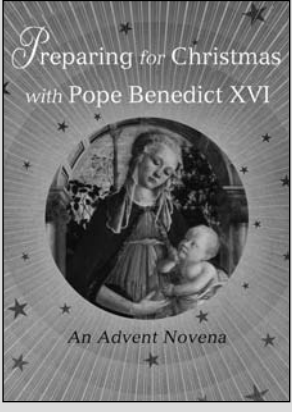
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# Kania's Christmas decorations adorn Queen of Peace tree

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — For Queen of Peace parishioners Bob and Kathy Kania, creating Christmas decorations that reflect life milestones and childhood memories exemplify the themes of peace, joy and goodwill of Christ's Incarnation.

The love of making home-made Christmas decorations began for the Kaniyas as children. As a youth, Bob liked to cut out wooden crafts on his father's band saw. "I remember Christmases that were pretty slim from the gift standpoint. When I was 16 years old I made my mother a manger to place under the tree," he recalls.

Family memories of the manger still linger as it was passed to his sister upon his mother's death. During the Kaniyas first year of marriage, Bob made a manger for his family, which is still used today.

But Bob's "bug" for crafting took a back seat to his job until about 20 years ago when he bought a scroll saw. Bob bought a couple of craft books and found that cutting wood was a much needed respite from the stress of his job. "I could come home in the evening and go down into my little world and cut wood and make some things," he says.

His basement workshop completes Bob's transformation as he lights a Christmas candle and listens to carols year round while cutting out Christmas ornaments.

It was while on a trip to Dollywood theme park in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee that Bob's love of wood cutting intensified. While visiting with a craft vendor at the park, he heard about a rebuilt RBI scroll saw in Georgia. Bob contacted the seller, purchased it, and "it has been my baby ever since," he jokes.

With Kathy as a designer, Bob has made several Christmas wood ornaments that have intricate fretwork motifs. One of his most popular fretwork decorations is a sleigh. The idea for a sleigh came from his mother who recalled riding in a sleigh as a girl.

Bob has also made several Nativity Christmas ornaments. Kathy based one on a large three-dimensional outdoor wood scene that featured animals surrounded by trees.

"Kathy redesigned it with a stable surrounding Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the middle. She reduced it on a Xerox and I cut out the pieces and glued it together. So the center, which was a wildlife pattern, is now a Nativity pattern," Bob notes.

In addition to designing and painting the wooden ornaments, Kathy also makes Christmas ornaments using recycled and natural materials including milk weeds, Christmas cards, pine cones, dried flowers, brown paper bags and popsicle sticks. "I like to work with my hands and enjoy



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Kathy and Bob Kania exhibit some of the ornaments that are displayed on the Queen of Peace Parish Christmas tree.



The Queen of Peace Parish Christmas tree is decorated with the Kaniyas' hand made wooden ornaments.

the satisfaction when you finish something," she says.

One of the greatest joys of making ornaments comes when the ornament is personalized. The Kania children and grandchildren have ornaments reflecting a special memory or event during the year.

"For example I made a school bus when they started school, an ornament recognizing the loss of a first tooth, and an ornament with the date they took their first step," says Bob.

This year one of the Kania granddaughters received a blue ribbon at the 4-H fair. "So we cut out a wooden shamrock with a blue ribbon on it for her," Kathy explains.

Bob recalls one year when a coworker asked him to make 10 sleighs (each sleigh takes about 12 hours to complete) in October



Bob Kania cuts out a Nativity ornament on his RBI scroll saw.

to be finished by Christmas. Since Bob also serves as a referee for high school football games during that period, it was a challenge to complete the sleighs on time. But knowing they were going to give his friend pleasure was the incentive to accept the job.

"The neat part of making sleighs or any ornament for people is you think about the individual you are making it for. Just knowing I'm making it for somebody I know or care about makes it special for me," he says.

The Kaniyas' love of Christmas decorations has extended to include a donation of over 100 of their painted wooden ornaments that are used on a 12-foot tree at Queen of Peace Parish. The tree is usually put up just before Christmas Eve, so not to distract from the solemnity of the Advent season.

The fellowship among the parishioners that goes with putting up the tree's lights, ornaments and decorations makes the occasion very special. Bob notes that Queen of Peace parishioner Joe Valentine, whose wife passed away a few years ago, eagerly looks forward to putting up the tree each year.

"Joe will hold the lights as I am stringing them, and places ornaments on the tree. For him, when he goes to midnight Mass, there is a sense of pride in knowing he had something to do with the tree."

## EDITORIAL

## Newly ordained join ranks of faithful shepherds

In this Year for Priests, as declared by Pope Benedict XVI, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has recently been blessed to bear witness to the ordination of two new young men into the priesthood. Those in attendance at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 31 beheld the beautiful and sacred rite of ordination celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, along with many other diocesan and visiting priests, for Jacob Runyon and Fernando Jimenez.

It is notable that these two young men, both intelligent and passionate, have offered their lives to Jesus Christ, his church and the service of his people. They met God in the vocation calling he placed on their hearts and joined the ranks of those faithful shepherds, both past and present, who serve the Catholic community of this diocese.

For as Bishop D'Arcy states, the priest is a gift for the people. It is only through these faith-filled shepherds that Catholics receive the sacraments — the Eucharist, reconciliation, baptism — given by God to strengthen faith and deepen understanding.

It was a day of joyful celebration for the diocese, and family and friends of Fathers Runyon and Jimenez, but doubly so for the newly ordained themselves, who clearly understand the service to which they have been called.

*Today's Catholic* congratulates Father Jacob Runyon and Father Fernando Jimenez on receiving their holy orders and joins the community as it prays for and supports the vocation calls of our young men and women.

## Bishops' conference seeks parish help

As Congress debates healthcare reform on the House and Senate floors this week, "Healthcare reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them," states an insert sent to 19,000 parishes across the country by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Healthcare reform may be derailed by the abortion lobby.

So far the Stupak Amendment, named for Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan, to address pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the healthcare reform bill, has been defeated in committee.

As the bishops urge the faithful to contact members of the Senate and House this week, they suggest telling legislators: "Help ensure that the rule for the bill allows a vote on the amendment," the insert states. "If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

Additional information about the U.S. bishops health care recommendations can be found at [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

Parishes also received pulpit announcements and petitions in support of the bishops' effort.

The inserts are expected to be placed in parish bulletins in early November and contain information about how Catholics can take specific action by writing, calling, faxing or e-mailing members of Congress to let them know healthcare reform must explicitly ban abortion coverage.

The Indiana Catholic Conference offers easy access to contact our national leaders. On its Web site, [www.capwiz.com/indianacc/home/](http://www.capwiz.com/indianacc/home/) links to the U.S. Senators Richard G. Lugar and Evan Bayh are provided. There is also access to contact your U.S. representative.

The insert urges readers to contact Senate leaders so they support efforts to "incorporate long-standing policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights" in health reform legislation.

Catholic News Service reports, "The bishops want healthcare reform, but they recoil at any expansion of abortion," said Helen Osman, USCCB communications secretary, who helped organize the campaign. "Most Americans don't want to pay for other people's abortions via health care either."

"This impasse on the road to reform of health care can be broken if Congress writes in language that assures that the Hyde amendment law continues to guide U.S. federal spending policy," she said.

The Hyde amendment bars funding of abortion in the spending bills for the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services and in military hospitals, federal employees' health benefits, foreign assistance and other circumstances.

We urge Catholics to get involved and contact their senators and representatives.

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# COMMENTARY

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## The prophetic witness of our youth

During these Forty Days for Life, Catholics and Christians from various ecclesial communities have joined together in a time of prayer, fasting and silent witness. A prayer tent has been set up across the street from the Fort Wayne Women's Health Organization on Inwood Drive, one of two facilities in Allen County that performs abortions.

Individuals, families — including my own — and other groups have come together and maintained silent vigil. They have prayed for the mothers, that they would choose life for their unborn children, and for the clinic staff that they would

experience a conversion to the Gospel of Life.

But the one group whose presence at the prayer tent is most encouraging is the large group of students from several Catholic schools, including St. Charles Borromeo, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Jude, Concordia High School, and many home schooled young people. Their prophetic presence gives us the assurance that, despite the serious political setbacks of last year, the pro-life movement will continue to work on behalf of unborn children.

I am reminded of the words that Pope John Paul II addressed to youth at World Youth Day, 2005: "Dear young people, the church needs genuine witnesses for the new

evangelization: men and women whose lives have been transformed by meeting with Jesus, men and women who are capable of communicating this experience to others. The church needs saints. All are called to holiness, and holy people alone can renew humanity."

What I see here is the emergence of a renewed humanity in our young people. This nascent renewed humanity is prayerfully responding to a very real injustice being perpetrated against the weak and defenseless. Thank you, Holy Spirit for moving yet again within your church.

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## Catholic blogosphere: Council looks at promoting charity, truth online

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Communications technology keeps changing, but the need to deliver a message with truth and charity is never obsolete, said Italian Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli.

As president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Archbishop Celli presided over a four-day meeting of cardinals, bishops and Catholic media professionals to discuss — mainly in small groups — new pastoral guidelines for church communications.

A recurring theme during the meeting Oct. 26-29 was what constitutes Catholic communications and what, if anything, can be done about those who use the word Catholic to describe themselves while using all sorts of nasty adjectives to describe anyone who doesn't agree with them.

Archbishop Celli said he didn't think a Catholic bloggers' "code of conduct" would accomplish much, especially when what is really needed is a reflection on what it means to communicate.

Upright, ethical communication is a natural result of a sincere desire to share the truth about God, about faith and about the dignity of the human person, he said.

The archbishop said that what Pope Benedict XVI has said about solidarity and development aid goes for communications as well: "Charity needs truth and truth needs charity."

"Anyone speaking publicly as a Catholic has to have those ethical values that are part of a serious, honest form of communication," Archbishop Celli said.

Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus and a consultant to Archbishop Celli's council, said, "If Catholics cannot deal with each other with civility, how can we expect others to?"

"We make certain claims about what kind of community we are; we have set the standards high and we must try really, really hard to live up to that," Anderson said.

He said Pope Benedict is an example of a good Catholic communicator: "He seeks clarity and definition while demonstrating charity and respect for others."

Talking about the Catholic blogosphere, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony said, "I have been appalled by some of the things I've seen; of course, I've been the object of some of them."

Being Christian, he said, means treating others like Jesus treated people: reaching out to all and exercising extreme caution when making judgments.

One of the pontifical council's consultants, Basilian Father Thomas Rosica, the head of Canada's Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, said the Internet and blogs have brought about a "radicalization of rhetoric," even among Catholics.

The Web site of Salt and Light Television, he said, sometimes receives hundreds of comments on a story.

"Many we don't publish because of the filth and some we've turned over to the police" because of the threats they contain, he said.

Asked to address the council

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about Catholic media in North America, Father Rosica said, "On the Internet there is no accountability, no code of ethics and no responsibility for one's words and actions."

So many Web sites and bloggers who call themselves Catholics focus so much on negative stories and messages that increasingly "Christians are known as the people who are against everything," he said.

Cardinal Mahony said the sharp and often uncharitable divisions among Catholics seen on the Internet was particularly pronounced during the 2008 U.S. presidential election campaign.

During the campaign, Cardinal Mahony said, "I sensed a dangerous shift away from unity in faith and faith practice to differing opinions on this party or the other party, which I think is a very, very dangerous path to go down."

Some people could get "the impression that some bishops are very much in favor of one political party over the other, which should not be," he said. He added that when it comes to applying the Gospel to social questions bishops should be models for the Catholic faithful on how to hold a civil discussion, online or offline.

# Showing up for our time with Christ

Did you ever catch yourself saying, “I wish I could feel Christ’s encouraging hand on my shoulder. I wonder why he doesn’t let me know his presence like I used to. Now, he seems so far away. Why?” We’re inclined to blame ourselves for not “praying enough” or not doing it the right way — whatever that means.

We forget that Christ felt this way. Loneliness is not willed by God; this just happens because of our human nature. Christ longed for his Father’s presence but didn’t always receive it either because of his human nature. The temptation in the desert, the garden and the cross illustrate this. There were other times too — the rejection of the Scribes and Pharisees and when people walked away. Only twice in Scripture are we told that Christ heard the Father’s affirmation of him.

Yet, Christ chose to live in the Father’s presence and to stay open to the touch of the Spirit. We know this choice because Scripture tells of the many times he went apart simply to be with his Father. He had to do this so he could remain faithful to his commitment to

bring Divine Love to earth.

Equipped with this faith, he went about doing good and helping others to feel good about themselves in his presence. Christ never compromised the pledge he made to the Father and the Spirit. He’d remain faithful to them and to us, no matter what the cost.

Faithful love was Christ’s driving force. I’m sure he wanted to give up many times. Yet, “he went out to pray” regularly, even in his most trying times. He suited up and showed up. Too often, we glamorize Christ’s time alone in the mountains, by the lake or in the wilderness. We imagine him as on a holy card, kneeling, facing heavenward, hands together, garments perfect, having an ecstatic expression, hair and beard perfectly combed and in perfect natural surroundings with a strong ray of heavenly light penetrating him.

This is more fiction than fact. That’s why we’re too often tempted not to “suit up and show up” for time with him. We know that the holy card image doesn’t describe our time in prayer. This becomes an excuse to beg off.

On a sports team, when a play-

## SPIRITUALITY OF MATURING ADULTS

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er doesn’t get called to play, he might think that the time spent in suiting up and showing up was wasted. It wasn’t: if the player’s there, attentive and willing to absorb something from the experience, even if not given recognition from the coach, the experience of being present provided a benefit far beyond any felt satisfaction. The player was simply there and was open; the coach knew it, and this fact paved the way for further sharing.

When we merely “suit up and show up,” for time with Christ, it’s similar to what he did with his Father and the Spirit. Christ, our coach, knows we’re there and he does the rest. Even though we

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# Be generous in trusting God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 12:38-44

The First Book of Kings furnishes the first reading from the Scriptures.

Political governance, in the minds of the ancient Hebrews, was not their king’s chief function. Rather, assuring the nation’s faithfulness to God, and to the law of God given through Moses, was the king’s primary demand.

Since this religious function was so vital, it is not surprising that many stories in the Books of Kings revolve not around the monarchs, but around the prophets who were active at the time. Prophets spoke for God.

Such is the case this weekend. Central in the story is Elijah, the prophet, who appears at the gate of a city and encounters a woman collecting twigs and branches to use as firewood.

She obviously is quite poor. First, she must forage for fuel, although this was not uncommon. Secondly, she told the prophet when he asked for food that she had only a handful of flour and a little oil. She also told him that she had to feed her son. The impression left is that she was a

widow, and her son was a child.

In fact, she is so poor that she tells Elijah that after she and her son consume whatever she can bake using the meager amount of flour and oil on hand, she and the son will die. There is nothing else.

Elijah tells her that she and the son will not die. He says that if she will feed the prophet, then God will provide. The story ends by telling us that she prepared food for Elijah, and her flour and oil never ran out.

For its second reading, the church this weekend gives us a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Scholars do not know precisely who the author of this epistle was. Regardless of identity or personal circumstances, the author knew the history and traditions of Judaism, and the author was a skillful writer.

Building upon Jewish themes, the author writes about Jesus in the most soaring language.

The reading declares that God has ordained that all people must die, but God also has ordained that all may live if they turn to Jesus. This is possible because of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, and because of the reality of Jesus as a human and as the Son of God, in the mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

St. Mark’s Gospel offers us the last reading. It is a familiar story, appearing also in Luke, but not in Matthew.

The message is clear. The poor widow who gave to the temple a small donation, but great for her in her poverty, is the paragon of love for God and trust in God. Jesus spoke of her as such.

## Reflection

The widow’s mite often is used either to urge generosity in giving to worthy causes, or to define the motive for giving to the church or to another activity for a noble cause.

These interpretations are correct. However, the lesson is not just about money and about being generous. It also is about trust — absolute trust in God.

We must trust in God despite the false warnings and contrary directions sent us by the world, the flesh and the devil, despite our fears and cravings.

Being generous with God also means being generous in trusting God. It is much easier to donate to the church or to charity, if we are so able, than to dismiss the conventions of our culture, or our own instincts, and trust in the law of God and in the eternal life awaiting those who truly love Jesus.

Material generosity is good, but it must reveal complete faith.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10  
Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

**Monday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3,  
5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3,  
16-19 Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4,  
6-7 Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps  
119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:109 Ps 19:2-5 Lk  
17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps  
105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

Nov. 2 was “all Souls.” This quiz looks at the soul and what use it is.

### 1. What is the human soul?

- The spiritual, as opposed to the physical, substance of a person
- The moral qualities of a group of people who have true faith
- The arbitrator of good and evil in the brain of all mammals

### 2. What does a soul need in order to constitute a human being?

- It needs to be united with a spirit child in heaven.
- It needs to be reincarnated into a new human.
- It needs to be united with a body.

### 3. When does this happen?

- at conception
- at death
- during the resurrection of the 144,000

### 4. So who creates souls?

- human parents
- God
- the Catholic Church and churches in communion with her.

### 5. What is one major difference between a body and soul?

- The body can be killed. The soul is immortal.
- The souls of humans live in heaven with God before his/her birth, the body only at conception.
- The body can be killed, but old souls never die, they just fade away.

### 6. What, however, lies in the future in the afterlife?

- the reuniting of each person and their three souls in the Trinity
- the reuniting of the body with the soul
- the enlargement of the soul to make it fit in the many mansions

### 7. What size is a soul?

- Smaller than the head of a pin
- Depends on one’s generosity; great big souls are assigned to those who are charitable
- It has no size as it is spiritual and not physical

### 8. In that case how can a soul get “marks” on it?

- by following the Wiccan rubrics exactly, once can channel tattooist souls.
- by using a really powerful permanent marker and indelible inks
- by a sacramental action which is not limited to a physical effect

### 9. What does this mean about the administration of sacraments that make an indelible mark on the soul?

- The sacraments which make permanent marks, can be administered only once to a person
- It has to be at covens when there are no uninitiated strangers around
- These markers are subcutaneous and can be misused by graffiti artists (taggers)

### 10. Which sacraments are these?

- Baptism, Eucharist and confirmation
- Baptism, confirmation and holy orders
- The Order of the Druids and the Brotherhood of Warlocks

### 11. In Goethe’s Faust, who tries to get Faust’s soul?

- Merlin
- Mandrake
- Mephistopheles

### 12. Is it possible to sell one’s soul?

- No, as each is associated with only one person, but figuratively since one can “sell out” and opt for evil acts in return for an award
- Yes, but it is not taxable due to the constitutional rules.
- No, but only because it cannot be soled, only heeled.

### 13. Jesus said it profits a man nothing to gain this, but lose his soul

- control of the Holy Land
- the key to the kingdom
- the whole world

### ANSWERS:

- 1.a, 2.c, 3.a, 4.b, 5.a, 6.b, 7.c, 8.c, 9.a, 10.b, 11.c, 12.a, 13.c

# St. Paul began his preaching ministry in Damascus

## What are the sites pertaining to St. Paul in Damascus?

Damascus is a large city in Syria. It is called the oldest continually populated city in the world. Father John McKenzie says the river Barada, which rises in the snows of the Anti-Lebanon mountain range gives Damascus an abundant water supply before it exhausts itself in the marshes of the Syrian desert. Damascus is thus a very large oasis and a gateway to the desert.

Christianity appeared in Damascus only a few years after the death of Jesus. The Christians here were numerous enough for St. Paul, then called Saul, to obtain authorization from the high priest to arrest any Christians he might find there.

On the road to Damascus, a light from the sky flashed about Saul and he fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? I am Jesus. Get up and go into Damascus." Saul was blind, so men had to lead him into Damascus.

Meanwhile Jesus appeared to Ananias in Damascus and told him to go to Straight Street at the house of Judas and ask for Saul of Tarsus. So Ananias laid his hands on Saul and he regained his sight. Then Saul was baptized a Christian and began preaching in Damascus that Jesus was the Messiah.

The Jews were infuriated and wanted to kill Saul. So the disciples of Saul took him along the city wall at night and lowered him



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over the wall to the ground, using ropes and a hamper or basket. Saul then escaped to Jerusalem.

Straight Street, where St. Paul walked, is still there in Damascus. It is one of the oldest streets in the world. In St. Paul's time, Damascus was laid out in the form of a rectangle intersected by straight streets.

R. Burns says, in Roman times,

Straight Street was four times the width of the present roadway. All the Roman columns are gone. Commercial establishments and workshops now crowd the thoroughfare to allow only one lane of vehicles and barely room for pedestrians at the sides.

In Damascus is the Chapel of St. Ananias. This chapel reputedly includes part of the house of Ananias where Saul took shelter. R. Burns says there is archaeological evidence that the remains of the house could date back to the first century when Saul lived. A Byzantine church was originally built on this site.

At Damascus there is also St. Paul's chapel said to mark the spot where Saul was lowered over the city walls in a basket. Set into the

city walls is a 20th-century chapel built by the Greek Catholics. R. Burns says there is no historical evidence that this is the spot where Saul escaped, but it is as likely a site as any. The New American Bible says this is the traditional site.

Another Christian site in Damascus is the Cathedral of St. John the Apostle. Theodosius (379-395 A.D.) and Arcadius adapted the pagan Roman temple of Jupiter-Hadad to house this cathedral.

There is also a modern Greek Orthodox Church in Damascus dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It contains a fine marbled iconostasis of the 18th century. An early Byzantine church was located on this site.

# How do you do it all?

People ask busy mothers this all the time. Time management is an important yet elusive goal. Everyone wants to know "the secret." I've been blessed to know some very holy and efficient mothers. Let me introduce a couple to you and then we'll talk strategy.

My mother had 13 children, yet always found time to read to us, spend time with us and do special projects with us. I remember taking ceramics classes with her, a self-defense class with her, spending time baking with her, and just chatting over coffee with her. Yet, she is known for her immaculate house and penchant for perfectly ironed clothes. Mom (and Dad) also found time to foster parent, and made time to welcome into their home a couple of unwed pregnant teenagers for a short time.

Mom is not an organization-joiner. You won't find her name on the board of directors of any agencies. She is what I call a "fill-in-the-gapper." Mom's strategy is like the Nike advertisement slogan: Just Do It. She doesn't fret a lot about how she is going to accomplish her many duties. She simply prioritizes, makes a list and digs in.

My friend Andrea is another such efficient Catholic mom. She is a college professor turned stay-at-home, home-schooling mom (for 16 years at last count). She and her husband are raising six children. Her oldest is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. She's managed to squeeze in reviewing books, and running a Web site of resources for other moms. Did I mention that she has a doctorate in psychology, has written some educational diagnostic learning style tests and runs a small academy in New York? Andrea arranges her day around an "Avilian" (as in St. Teresa of Avila) method. She looked to the disciplined example of the Carmelite sisters and studied their schedules. They have a firm

yet realistic schedule. They create time to pray and even to relax. Space doesn't allow me to explain this system entirely in this column, but suffice it to say that planning and following a daily rhythm, as well as putting God first, are key components.

Look around and I'm sure you'll see many other examples of motivating Catholic mothers. Don't be intimidated by them. Be inspired by them! Pull them aside and pick their brains when you have the opportunity. I'm sure they won't mind.

Now, let's talk strategy. Here's what I've learned:

- Relax. Being stressed doesn't help accomplish anything. A peaceful demeanor actually improves efficiency.

- Start your day with a prayer. Ask God for help in prioritizing and implementing your plan. Ask ahead for his guidance and strength. Thank him for the blessing of the children he has trusted you with and the husband who will help you gain heaven. (One major function of marriage, remember, is to help each other get to heaven!)

- Set goals, prioritize and tackle one thing at a time. Don't focus on something other than the task at hand. In other words, don't fret about the messy basement when you are writing checks to pay the bills or reading your child a story.

- Use a list and check off tasks as you accomplish them.

- Always put people before things and projects, even worthwhile things and projects.

- Be flexible and trust God.

I like to keep a small notebook in my apron or jeans pocket so it is handy to write down everything I think of or need to handle that comes up during the day. I transfer relevant items to my master goal list, which I compile each month and from which I pull off daily goals.

My long-term goals are probably much like yours:



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- Maintain daily communication with God. Frequent the sacraments. (Tend to spiritual health.)

- Nurture relationships with husband, family and friends (Tend to social and emotional health.)

- Exercise (Tend to physical health.)

- Keep a generally clean and uncluttered home

- Prepare nutritious meals daily

- See to the proper education of children

- Tackle other projects of interest and need.

Managing time is a constant adjustment for me. I succeed. I fail. I adjust. I keep going. I learn from other smart moms.

A couple of other observations: Many efficient Catholic mothers hardly ever watch television, not because television is so bad (which it can be), but because there is so much more that is edifying to do, even if it is just having a conversation. Also, remember God did not intend for us to be machines. We should make time for relaxing and rejuvenating. Actually, that's what Sunday is for!

I'd like to finish with an inspirational quote. Stick it on your refrigerator and read it often: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13) Have faith, mama. You can do it!

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 8, 2009

Mark 12:38-44

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the story of the widow's two pennies. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TEACHING	BEWARE	SCRIBES
LIKE TO GO	ROBES	MARKETPLACES
SYNAGOGUES	DEVOUR	WIDOWS
PRAYERS	OPPOSITE	TREASURY
MONEY	MANY	RICH PEOPLE
LARGE SUMS	POOR	TWO COINS
I SAY	MORE	WHOLE

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never experience any personal fulfillment, his gift to us as a result of this time is a deepening of our shared life. Faithful love becomes our driving force, too.

The word "prayer" is often used freely and without distinction of meaning. Let's take three words based on that one to help us better understand it: pray (as in Christ's "pray always") means we try to live in mutual awareness of presence in love, Christ's to me, I to him; to pray refers to the specific

time or times to be still, to reflect on our goals in life and to talk these over with Christ; prayers are words we think or say, which express the above two concepts and make them doable. These can be formal or informal, with others or not; the balance is important. We need all forms as we "suit up and show up" for our life-changing encounters with Christ.

There's no one right way. Since God created an infinite number of people, he must enjoy infinite ways of communicating with him. This is one time, in our maturing years, that each of us can sing: "I do it my way!" As long as we do it with faithful love.



# Sports

**CARDINAL, ARCHBISHOP PLACE FRIENDLY WAGER ON OUTCOME OF WORLD SERIES** Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia and Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York have placed a friendly wager on the outcome of the 2009 World Series. The two longtime friends spoke the evening of Oct. 27 to settle the terms of the bet. If the Phillies win, Archbishop Dolan will ship a dozen bagels to the City of Brotherly Love; if the Yankees prevail, Cardinal Rigali will send a box of Tastykakes to the Big Apple.

## ICCL soccer titles determined

BY CHUCK FREEBY

### Eagles clinch boys title

MISHAWAKA — The players chanted "Dy-nas-ty," and the numbers back it up.

St. Joseph (South Bend), this year combined with Corpus Christi and St. Adalbert's, steam-rolled to the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) boys' soccer title again, clinching the crown with a 4-1 triumph over Christ the King at Marian's Abro Field.

"It's the fourth year in a row these eighth graders have won a championship," commented Eagles Coach Bill Brewster, after guiding his team through a perfect season. "They're a talented bunch of young men and always give 100 percent."

The gold-leafed hills of Dragon Trail and temperatures in the 60s provided a perfect setting for the championship match. The Kings fired the first salvo 11 minutes into the game, as Cole Nowicki's free kick found Judd Emendorfer on the opposite post. The quick tap put Christ the King up, 1-0.

Josh Kachmarik solved that problem for St. Joseph by half-time. Twice, the crafty forward lofted chip shots from just inside the box that found space between the keeper's outstretched hands and the crossbar. That gave the Eagles a 2-1 lead at the break.

"We were concerned at half-time, just being up 2-1," said Brewster. We had only trailed once all season, and it was to Christ the King, so we knew what they were capable of doing."

Kings' goalkeeper Alex Mabry did his best to keep his team in the game, making 12 saves, but the constant barrage of Eagle shots proved to be too much.

Talented midfielder Tommy Clark extended the St. Joseph lead nine minutes into the second half. Clark came to the top of the goal box and used his right foot to fire a laser into the net, making it, 3-1.

Cruz Juarez capped the scoring with a low line drive under the hands of Mabry at the 19:30 mark.

Christ the King rallied from two losses late in the season to make a strong tourney run, including a triumph over a St. Jude squad that was unbeaten in the regular season.

"Our boys have come a long way," remarked Kings' Coach Craig Nowicki. "We gelled and came together, and we're especially proud of our defense."

### Junior varsity

For the first time in 14 years, there's an addition to the athletic trophy case at St. Adalbert's.

Jose Ramon Ruvalcava's team gave the small school on South Bend's west side reason to celebrate, capturing the boys' junior varsity title with a 4-2 win over Christ the King.

"This is the first year St. Adalbert's had enough boys to make their own team," stated a jubilant Ruvalcava. "From about the third game of the season on, they came together as a group and meshed. There's a few kids who play Junior Irish on this team and there might be a few who can go on and play at college."

Christian Juarez scored two goals in the winning effort. Midfielder Richie Ontiveros, a player Ruvalcava calls the team's "heart and soul," and Quique Cabral also had tallies for the Eagles.

"We had a 2-0 lead on them in the regular season, and they came

back and beat us, 4-2," recalled Ruvalcava. "They're a good team, but our defense played well today."

According to ICCL President Tony Violi, St. Adalbert's last championship was the 1995 football title when they were combined with Corpus Christi.

### Cougar girls take ICCL girls' championship

Hali Barany could not have picked a better time for the first soccer goal of her career.

Barany's goal in the seventh round of a shootout gave Corpus Christi/Holy Family the 2009 Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) girls' soccer title with a dramatic 3-2 win over rival Christ the King on a crisp, cool night at Marian's Abro Field.

"I was shaking the whole time," exclaimed Barany amidst her jubilant Cougar teammates. "I wasn't thinking at all. I just wanted to make a shot."

Barany's low line drive in the left side of the net ended a two-hour marathon that featured great effort on both sides.

Christ the King grabbed the lead midway through the first half, as Claire Doyle scored off a free kick from Gabriella Loebach. Corpus Christi, which also won the regular season title, answered 10 minutes later. Lillie Renbarger's volley rebounded to Sam Kambol, who drilled a shot from just inside the box to tie the game, 1-1.

Kambol, just a sixth grader, threatened to give Corpus the lead just 40 seconds after her goal, but Kings' keeper Jamie Malicki made a dynamite save on a shot from point-blank range.

The Cougars did get the upper

ICCL, PAGE 18

## St. Vincent, Saints, capture diocesan CYO vs. ICCL crowns

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) football teams from Fort Wayne hosted the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) boys from South Bend on a gloriously sunny afternoon at the University of Saint Francis' Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Sunday, Nov. 1.

### Runner-up showdown

Going head to head in the runner-up showdown, the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) Mishawaka Catholic Saints downed Fort Wayne's St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) Knights, 12-6, in a hard-fought game.

Led by Kirk Barron, Jacob Appleman and Anthony Piraccini, Coach Tony Violi felt it was the play of his offensive and defensive lines that made the difference in the game. Dominic Ravotto's running of the ball, Charles Fletcher's standout defense, along with Cody Kankel, Brandon Kemp and Evan Fras also were major factors in the victory.

In the play by play, it was JAT who got on the board first when

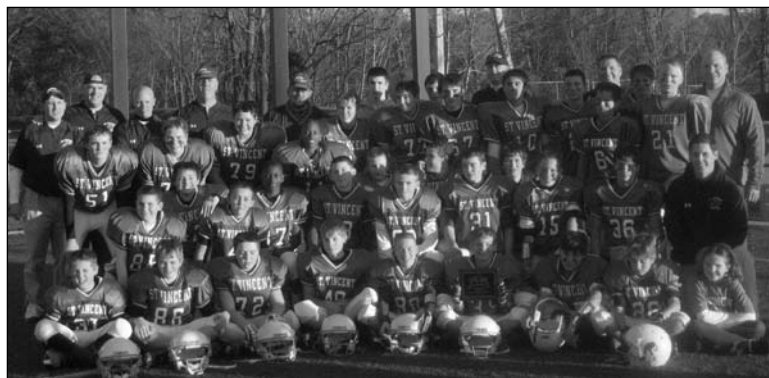
Quinton Gardner broke a couple of tackles on his way to a 48-yard touchdown run. The extra point just missed wide left as the Knights held an early 6-0 lead. The Saints' Joe Kavanaugh answered back to tie things up, 6-6, at the half.

Violi recalls the key play from this drive was the pass from Chris Coulter to Michael Rice to set up the score.

With five minutes left in the game, Kavanaugh scored again for Mishawaka to put them ahead to stay. JAT had time to mount one final drive. Facing a third and long, quarterback Trey Casaburo found tight end Braden Thiele 20 yards down field. Thiele was double-covered, but managed to tip the ball in the air, scramble to the ground and catch the ball on his back for a first down.

The Saints' defense stiffened and the Knights turned the ball over on downs. The Gatorade-drenched Violi, beamed, "Coming to Fort Wayne and playing on this field (USF) was just unbelievable. It was the dream experience for our players and I know they will never forget it. If it wasn't so costly to bring us all here, we would beg and pray to do it every year!"

CROWN, PAGE 18



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The newly crowned 2009 diocesan champs, the St. Vincent Panthers, defeated the Holy Cross Crusaders from South Bend to take the diocesan crown.



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## ICCL

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hand just five minutes into the second half, as a beautiful crossing feed from Tatiana Gundeck set up a goal by Emily Lindzy. Just three minutes later, Loebach was fouled inside the box. Her ensuing penalty kick was a bullet to the back of the net and the game was tied at 2.

"Our plan was to mark Loebach, but we got a little too aggressive," admitted Corpus Christi Coach Adrian Vasile. "We wanted to avoid a shootout, but both keepers did a great job."

Indeed, Malicki stopped 10 shots in regulation and overtime, while Corpus Christi keeper Natalie Szalako had seven saves.

In the shootout, Corpus avoided elimination twice as Kambol and Gundeck both made kicks with the game on the line, setting the stage for Barany's heroics.

"What a challenge this was," said Vasile afterwards, doused with water and silly string by his team. "You saw two aggressive teams, both led by solid players. It couldn't have been any closer. It was a perfect way to end a great season."

"It's a disappointing result, but not a disappointing effort," said Kings' Coach Roger Solkey. "It was a great game."

### Junior varsity

St. Joseph (South Bend) and Christ the King tied during the regular season and played dead



PROVIDED BY CHRISTIAN NYIKOS

The Corpus Christi team includes the following, Back row left, front row left, Breanna Kloski, Holi Barany, Samantha Kambol, Denise Veldman, Jessica Perrigrine, Alex Nyikos, Christina Gundeck and Briana Spaniolo; and back row, Head Coach Adrian Vasile, Moranda Fugate, Sara Bogol, Lilly Renbarger, Natalie Szalako, Amber Kish, Brittany Rosanski, Hannah Rybicki, Tatiana Gundeck, Haley Powers, Emily Lindzy and Coach Todd Veldman. Those unavailable for the photo were Claire Jilek and Tori Plummer.

even through two overtimes of the championship game as well. St. Joe could not be stopped during the shootout, taking a 3-2 triumph and the ICCL junior varsity title.

"This was a great match," said St. Joe Coach Bob Raster. "Both teams played hard and played well. The referee had told us before the game there wouldn't be a shootout, and it would have been nice if that were the case, because no one deserved to lose."

Christ the King's Julia Kuhar scored the game-tying goal with

just 10 minutes remaining in regulation, and it stayed knotted through both overtimes.

Eagles keeper Teresa Carpenter made a key stop during the shootout, setting up Ann-Marie Wright's game-clinching goal.

St. Joseph went through the regular season 5-0-1, while Tim Kuhar's Kings also were unbeaten during the regular season at 4-0-2.

## CROWN

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Violi added, "Mike (Gigli) and all of the JAT coaches were so kind and considerate before and after the game. It created an atmosphere the way a Catholic league game is supposed to be. They are a class act."

Gigli especially noted the monumental play of his eight eighth-graders in their final CYO game. "These boys worked hard the entire year and led our team to some big game victories."

### Championship showcase

In the championship showcase featuring the top two teams from each league, Fort Wayne's St. Vincent Panthers squeaked by South Bend's undefeated champs, the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, 36-34, in a wail of a game. It was neck and neck the first half-knotted, 22-22, at the intermission, with both defenses struggling to slow down the other offense on the field of battle.

In the second half, the Crusaders jumped out to a 28-22 lead behind their dangerous running back, Pierre Byrne's fourth score of the game. But, St. Vincent was quick to respond on Stephen Colligan's second scoring reception of the day in the corner of the end zone with 1:03 left in the third quarter. Doing double duty, Colligan then converted the extra points putting the Panthers up, 30-28. With 4:10 left in regulation it was Jordan Bly who punched in his second touchdown of a pair to put the Panthers in the lead, 36-28.

Digging deep with all he had left, the Crusaders stand-out, Byrne, scored yet another touchdown as Holy Cross answered

back with 25.9 seconds left on the clock in an attempt to set up a possible overtime situation. With the scoreboard reading 36-34, the Crusaders attempted a kick to add two more tying points, but Panther Michael Fiacable blocked the kick, which brought the trophy back to Fort Wayne for the newly crowned 2009 diocesan champs — the St. Vincent Panthers.

"It was a tough one. We both scored five touchdowns. No one should have had to lose this game. I was very impressed with the Panthers quarterback and their offense. It was a great experience for these teams and I hope the tradition can continue for years to come," summarized South Bend's Coach John Krzyzewski.

For the Panthers, Kyle Hartzog scored the first touchdown on a 3-yard run in the shoot-out. Out with a hip injury, Ryan Watercutter, was sorely missed in the championship game. The go-to-guy had eight scores in the Panther's first 10 games. In his final CYO appearance, Fiacable had another exceptional day commanding the explosive St. Vincent spread-offense.

According to Redeemer Radio stats, the Bishop Dwenger-bound quarterback finished with 248 yards of total offense. He connected on 13 of 21 passes, had 11 carries and three touchdowns. Byrne, the Crusaders' deadly weapon all season, dazzled the crowd rushing for 274 yards on 16 carries with five touchdowns in the loss.

Behind their powerful, big line and outstanding back, Holy Cross ended 6-1 on the year. St. Vincent ended the year with a 10-1 record and became the first team in St. Vincent football history to win 10 games. Coach Cory Kitchen summarized, "To finish the year off with a win against an undefeated, quality opponent like this was outstanding. It was a great way to cap a fantastic season."

## SERRA CLUB PRESENTS BISHOP'S TROPHY TO BISHOP DWENGER



LIZ DELANEY

Nick Gray, president of the Fort Wayne Serra Club, presents the Bishop's Trophy to the Bishop Dwenger Saints' team captains following their recent football victory over the Bishop Luers Knights. In the photo, from left, are Wade Markley, Issac Evans, Serran Nick Gray, Landon Feichter and Tony Bobay.



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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856.

### Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will begin Wednesday, Nov. 18, with "Yoga: Relax, Restore and Renew," with Dani McGuire at 6:30 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

### Legion of Mary Mass and rosary held

Fort Wayne — A Mass and rosary for all deceased Legionaries of Mary will be held Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. The host Legion of Mary group invites all Catholics to "come and see," without any obligation, to a weekly meeting at 6:15-7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at Our Lady of Good Hope, room 1. For more information, call Connie Acierto at (260) 486-1001.

### Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Praying Hands." Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is

\$15 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 13 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

**Knights plan Thanksgiving dinner**  
Fort Wayne — The Knights Council 451 will sponsor a senior citizen Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free will offering will be accepted. Call (260) 493-1914 by Nov. 19 to RSVP.

### Fall dance

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School will have a fall dance with music from Break Away, Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include two drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school or at the door. Must be 21.

### Fall harvest dinner

Plymouth — St. Michael School will have a fall harvest dinner Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish center, 612 N. Center St. Swiss steak and buttermilk baked chicken will be served. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the playground project.

## FUNDRAISERS

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner to support Reins of Life

South Bend — A spaghetti dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 553 E. Washington St., will be Friday, Nov. 13, from 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Tickets are \$8 at the door. For advance sales call (574) 232-

0853. All proceeds benefit the Reins of Life.

### Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

### Pancake and sausage served

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus 9460 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Nov. 15, at the St. Therese parish hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free-will donation will be accepted.

### Fish Fry

New Haven — St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 6, from 4-7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7.50, children 5-12 are \$4 and children under 5 are free.

### Spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, Nov. 12, from 4-6 p.m. Adults \$7, children ages 5 to 12 \$2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

### Fish fry planned

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council #4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights Hall on Bell Drive. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12.

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### Christ the King youth ministry sponsors family trivia night

South Bend — Christ the King Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Family Trivia night Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. There will be baby sitting available. Family teams can register for \$5 per person with a maximum of \$30 per family. Families can join forces to make up teams of 10 members. Bring tailgate foods to share with your team. Desserts and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Christ the King's sister parish, Corpus Christi in Jalchatra, Bangladesh. For information or to register, contact Greg Sweeney at (574) 272-3113 ext. 318.

## CRAFT BAZAARS

### Christmas boutique

Fort Wayne — St. Jude will host a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items handcrafted. Food available. Use tunnel entrance on Pemberton for easy access.

### Kris Kringle craft show and food pantry drive

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will have a Kris Kringle craft show and food pantry drive Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All hand-made crafts in 45 booths. Bake sale, drawings and lunch will be available. Non perishable food items will be accepted for the food pantry.

### Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 West Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday items, bake sale, needlework, plants and lunch will be available.

### Holiday home party and craft show

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a holiday home party and craft show Saturday, Nov. 7, from 3-6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon in the St. Louis Besancon hall. Gold Canyon Candles, Mary Kay, Longaberger and more.

### Craft and rummage sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a fall rummage and bake sale Friday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. \$3 bag sale on Saturday.

### Fancy Fair

Rome City — St. Gaspar Parish will have a Fancy Fair in the church hall Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, holiday cookie bar, sandwiches, homemade soup and baked items.

### Bishop Dwenger Craft Show

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will have a craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd. Concessions will be open for snacks and beverages. Admission is free. Booth space for crafters is still available. Contact Terry Luebke at (260) 483-5750 for more information. Proceeds support the school's music program.

### Craft, candy and bake sale

Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold, will have a craft show on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gym. Door prizes every half hour.

### Snow flake bazaar

Huntington — St. Mary Parish will hold a Snow Flake bazaar in the school gym, 903 N. Jefferson St., Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 8, after all the Masses. Craft tables, raffle, bake sale and lunch offered.

### Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. A bake sale and lunch will be available.

### Craft Fair

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have a craft fair on Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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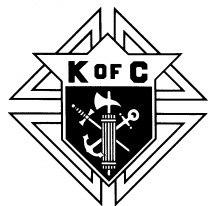
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