



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Fort Wayne area students gather for All-Schools Mass

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The fourth-grade “saints” from the eastern side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend joined their Catholic grade-school peers for the annual All-Schools Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 28, the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude.

At the opening of Mass, Bishop Rhoades said, “We gather with your teachers, with your priests and deacons and religious. We gather here to praise and give thanks to God during this Year of Faith.”

Fourth-grade students traditionally attend the Mass dressed in costumes that depict their favorite saints. Bishop Rhoades said in his opening comments that it was wonderful to see the fourth graders dressed as the different saints.

“They remind all of us,” Bishop Rhoades said, “that we are called to be saints. We are called to be holy.”

“We think about all those holy men and women, children, who are in heaven — the saints that are with God in perfect joy and peace,” the bishop emphasized.

He spoke of the solemnity of All Saints Day, Nov. 1. The saints in heaven are the Church triumphant.

The Oct. 28 feast of Sts. Simon and Jude is a celebration of two of the first Apostles of Jesus.

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Fourth-grade students dressed as saints arrive at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on the morning of Oct. 28 for an All-Schools Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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Youth 'wayfaring' at Faithfest

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — Approximately 300 teens from across the diocese joined together Sunday, Oct. 27, at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw to further their journey of faith at the “Wayfarer Faithfest 2013.”

The morning began with praise and worship music to get everyone up and awake. Teens were reminded, “When we sing, we’re praying.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and told the teens, “It’s always a joy to be with the young people of our diocese.”

During his homily the bishop talked about the readings of the day and how they were all about humility.

The bishop reminded the young people that “the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds” and that “the Lord hears the cry of the poor.” He explained that humility is the foundation of prayer and held up the example of the tax collector in Jesus’ parable, who prayed with true humility, as

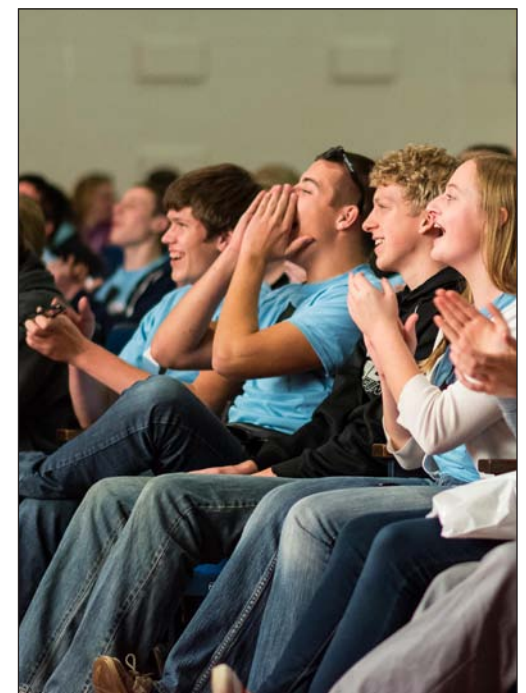
opposed to the Pharisee who pridefully praised himself when he prayed.

The bishop stressed the need for all of us to pray for God’s mercy, humbly recognizing that we are sinners. We do this at the beginning of every Mass. We even imitate the gesture of the tax collector by striking our breasts when we pray the Confiteor.”

After Mass, the popular “Text the Bishop” segment was held where attendees could text the bishop any question from the personal “How did you break your collarbone?” or “Why did you choose the religious life?” to spiritual inquiries such as “Why is premarital sex a sin?”; “How do we stay focused on Christ in a world of darkness?”; and “How do I bring back friends who left the faith?”

Lunch and expo followed the question-answer session with the bishop where students had a chance to be photographed with a saint in front of a green screen. Workshops followed that included

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Teens attend the “Wayfarer Faithfest 2013” on Sunday, Oct. 27, in Warsaw.

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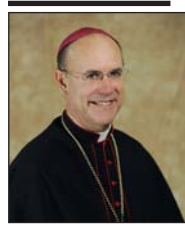
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The beauty of holiness



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

All Saints' Day, November 1st, is one of my favorite holy days. The lives of the saints exemplify the beauty of holiness. They are examples for us of Christian discipleship and the pursuit of holiness. They are truly "icons" of Jesus who can inspire us in our lives of faith, teaching us how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. They are our brothers and sisters in heaven who, on earth, lived lives of exemplary fidelity to the Lord.

At Mass on All Saints' Day, we hear the reading from the Book of Revelation about the *great multitude... from every nation, race, people and tongue* who stand before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands, worshipping God. Saint John's vision of the communion of saints in heaven reminds us of the perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity which is our ultimate fulfillment and definitive happiness.

At Mass on All Saints' Day, we also hear the Gospel of the Beatitudes. The sixth Beatitude is: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* This is our ultimate end and vocation: to see God. We all have this desire in our hearts. Through the purification of our hearts, we can contemplate ("see") God even now, though only partially. We can experience the beauty of God in our lives of faith as we grow in holiness by the transforming power of God's grace.

The thought of heaven helps us to live better our lives in this world. We know that we will pass from this world and, thus, we are called to seek *the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God* (Colossians 3:1). Reflecting on the joy of the saints in heaven inspires us in our pilgrimage on earth.

One of the great teachings of the Second Vatican Council was "the universal call to holiness." The Council recalled that *all the faithful of Christ, of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity* (*Lumen Gentium* 40). Blessed John Paul II, commenting on this passage, said:

Concretely, the way for the faithful to become saints is that of fidelity to God's will, as it is expressed to us in his word, the commandments and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As it was for the saints, so too for us, the perfection of charity consists in trusting abandonment into the Father's hands, following Jesus' example.

The call to holiness is addressed to all of us, whatever our state in life. The canonized saints of the Church include men, women, and children of all ages and states in life. Just as I will look to the lives of bishops who were saints as examples for my life, so it is good for you to look to the lives of saints who lived your state in life (e.g. married, single, religious, priest).

God's words to Moses and the Israelites are addressed to us all: *Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy* (Leviticus 19:1-2). God called Israel to be a holy nation. The Church, the new Israel, is a "communion of saints." We are to be a communion in holiness. Jesus taught us: *Be perfect, as your heavenly Father*



KAY COZAD

Fourth graders from St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne dressed as their favorite saints attend the All-Schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Oct. 28. Pictured, from left, are Lynsey Straessle dressed as St. Therese Little Flower, Amy Cato as Katire Tekakwitha, Isabelle Reik as St. Dwywen, and Elizabeth Onion as St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

is perfect (Matthew 5:48). Jesus is calling us to be holy, to reflect His Father's love.

Such holiness may seem to be an impossible ideal. The perfection of charity to which Jesus calls us may seem beyond our capacity. But the gift of the Holy Spirit, received through faith and the sacraments, makes it possible. Jesus summons us to a holy way of life. The saints show that it is possible to live this way of life on earth. The French writer Leon Bloy said: *The only real sadness in life is not becoming a saint.*

We profess in the Creed that "the Church is holy." This is because the Church's Head, Jesus, is holy, and because the Church is endowed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are sanctified by Christ. It is only by the grace of God that we can acquire holiness. We know that on earth, we do not acquire perfect holiness. As the Second Vatican Council taught: the Church is *at once holy and always in need of purification.* So we must acknowledge that we are sinners on the way to holiness. We strive to conquer sin and to grow in holiness.

Pope Francis recently explained that it is a heresy to say that the Church is only the Church of the pure. "The Church, that is holy, does not reject sinners." The Holy Father said that the Church is a home for all to be renewed, transformed, and sanctified by God's love. He said:

The Church offers all the possibility of following a path of holiness, that is the path of the Christian: she brings us to encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments, especially in Confession and in the Eucharist; she communicates the Word of God to us, she lets us live in charity, in the love of God for all.

The Catechism teaches the following:
By canonizing some of the faithful, i.e.,

by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors. The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. Indeed, holiness is the hidden source and infallible measure of her apostolic activity and missionary zeal (CCC 828).

When we read the lives of the saints, we learn that the way of holiness passes by way of the Cross. It involves repentance, fighting temptation, and openness to God's grace. The sacrament of Penance is an essential part of this journey to holiness. And, of course, the Holy Eucharist strengthens us in charity and increases the life of grace we received at Baptism. It was the food that nourished the souls of the saints and that fills us *with every grace and heavenly blessing* (Roman Canon). The Eucharist brings us into ever more intimate union with Christ.

The key to the success of the new evangelization is not any program, project, or activity. The key is holiness. People are drawn to the faith and to God by the witness of holy Christians. The truth of the Gospel attracts others through the witness of the saints, the witness of those who live good and holy lives. The Second Vatican Council taught that *the witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw people to the faith and to God.*

The beauty of holiness radiated from the lives of the saints. They are our guides in the spiritual life. May they intercede for us and for all the Church on earth!

Young and old join pope to celebrate joy of family life

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Catholic wedding is not simply a beautiful ceremony; through the sacrament of Marriage a couple receives from God the grace they will need to fulfill their mission in the world, Pope Francis said.

Addressing an estimated 100,000 people who came to St. Peter's Square Oct. 26 for a Year of Faith celebration of family life, Pope Francis said Catholic spouses are not naive; they know difficult moments will come.

But vowing to love one another in sickness and health, joy and sorrow all the days of their lives, Catholic couples put their lives in the hands of God and rely on Him for strength.

"They do not run away; they do not hide; they do not shirk the mission of forming a family and bringing children into the world," the pope said.

For hours before the pope arrived, singers and storytellers took the stage in St. Peter's Square, recounting the greatness of love and family life and the importance of forgiveness.

Volunteers went through the crowd handing out red, green, orange, yellow, blue and violet balloons. Despite the master of ceremonies' plea to hang on to the helium-filled balloons until everyone was told to release them, throughout the evening balloons dotted the skies over St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis, who was given a balloon in the atrium of St. Peter's Basilica, entertained the little ones who were to escort him to the stage by letting his go, too.

The evening's formal program began with a little girl identified only as Federica showing the pope a drawing she made of her mother teaching her to cook cutlets. She said it is her favorite food and "I could eat them for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack time."

Federica said her mom also taught her to make the sign of the cross, and Pope Francis asked all the children, if they knew how, to join him in beginning their encounter "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Dozens of people — from children to grandparents — were invited to speak to the pope and the crowd, sharing the story of their family lives.

Wassim and Karol Maqdissi, a couple from Syria, talked about fleeing their home and finding refuge in Jordan. The people gathered in the square offered special prayers for peace in Syria and offered money to help Caritas care for the victims of the war.

Other stories came from residents of Lampedusa, the island off Italy's southern coast, and



CNS PHOTO/ALESSANDRO BIANCHI, REUTERS

Pope Francis reacts to children as he addresses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 26. He addressed an estimated 100,000 people taking part in a Year of Faith celebration of family life.

from two African migrants who made dangerous sea crossings to get to the island.

In his talk at the gathering, Pope Francis said that at the heart of everyone's vocation is the call to love and be loved.

"Life is often wearisome.

Work is tiring. Looking for work is exhausting," he said. "But what is most burdensome in life is a lack of love."

Pope Francis said he knows many families are struggling financially and emotionally, others are threatened by war or split apart by migration, and many young people would like to marry but they don't see how they can without a home and good job.

"The Lord knows our struggles and the burdens we have in our lives," he said. "But He also knows our great desire to find joy and rest."

Through the sacrament of Marriage, a couple receives the grace they need, he said: "The sacraments are not decorations in life; the sacrament of Marriage is not just a pretty ceremony. Christians celebrate the sacrament of Marriage because they know they need it."

Pope Francis urged Catholic couples to go against the cultural trend of seeing everything, including relationships, as fleeting. Marriage is a life-long journey, he said, "a long journey, not little pieces."

Family life is filled with beautiful moments like shared meals, walks in the park and visits to the grandparents, Pope Francis said. "But if love is missing, joy is

missing; nothing is fun."

For families, as for all Christians, he said, Jesus is the source of endless love. Couples, he said, must pray together "because they need to for the long journey they are making together."

Pope Francis also told the crowd that three phrases are essential for a peaceful family life: "May I?" to make sure you aren't being intrusive, 'Thank you' and 'I'm sorry.'"

The next morning, Pope Francis was back in St. Peter's Square celebrating Mass with the families. And, again, he spoke of the importance of praying as a family.

He said he knew many of them were thinking that it sounds like a nice thing to do, but they can't imagine finding the time.

"We need simplicity to pray as a family," he said. "Praying the Our Father together around the table is not something extraordinary; it's easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength."

Through family prayer, going to church together and even the simple task of teaching children to make the sign of the cross, he said, the family also is the place where the Christian faith is kept alive and passed on.

The faith, he said, is not "a personal treasure like a bank account" or something to be kept "in a strong box," he said. A faith that is not shared with others might as well be "embalmed," he added.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 3, 4:30 p.m. — 25th Anniversary Mass, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. — Sacrament of Confirmation, Sacred Heart Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. — Meeting with Catholic High School Principals; 12 p.m. Noon Meeting with Diocesan Council of Teachers; 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan School Board
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 12:05 p.m. — Memorial Mass for Deceased Clergy, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3 p.m. — Blessing of Catholic Charities Offices, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:15 p.m. — Mass at Annual Conference of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Nov. 8, through Friday, Nov. 15 — Pilgrimage to Paderborn, Germany, for Beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, Foundress of Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour across the diocese

- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

POPE FRANCIS MEETS MYANMAR PRO-DEMOCRACY LEADER AUNG SAN SUU KYI DURING MEETING



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Pope Francis met Oct. 28 with Burmese opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, for what the Vatican called a "rather significant encounter" between two leaders "fundamentally on the same wavelength" regarding nonviolence, democracy and "peaceful coexistence in today's world." "The Holy Father told me that emotions such as hatred and fear diminish life and the value of the person," Suu Kyi told reporters after the 20-minute meeting. She said the pope also told her "we need to value love and understanding to improve the lives of people."

Defense of family must not justify women's oppression, speakers say

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church must defend the traditional family without perpetuating the subjugation of women or forcing them to bear the greatest burden for keeping the family going, said speakers at a Vatican conference.

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, said a renewed approach to the pastoral care of the family must involve the participation of married men and women.

The council, which was holding its plenary assembly at the Vatican, sponsored a public conference Oct. 24 about Church teaching on the identity of the family. The conference also considered topics likely to be discussed at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family Pope Francis has convoked for October 2014.

As the Church deepens the theological foundation of its programs for the family, Archbishop Paglia said, the Church must also recognize modern social realities, "considering them as the point of departure."

"Trying to elaborate a new culture of the family is impossible without involving women," he said. "Women today will not accept anything they aren't part of formulating."

He also said that women are central to the "culture of caring for others, a culture which must be considered the basis of every form of family tie."

"The problem of gender identity, of what it means to be a man or a



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, is pictured in his office at the Vatican in December of 2012. At an Oct. 24 conference, he said a renewed approach to the pastoral care of the family must involve the participation of married men and women.

woman, also must be taken into account in any discussion about the family," the archbishop said, warning that such discussions should avoid a "facile discourse about complementarity, which almost always ends up assigning the woman more responsibility and work" within the family.

Archbishop Paglia said the Church must find "convincing responses and not just defensive criticisms" to the growing ideology

of gender, which tries to paint differences between men and women as simple social constructs and not something based on human nature.

Lucetta Scaraffia, a professor of contemporary history and a frequent contributor to the Vatican newspaper, told the conference that the Vatican's 1983 "Charter of the Rights of the Family" insisted that the family is a natural institution and that spouses enjoy equal rights and dignity, with complementary roles.

Many feminists, she said, would argue that a "family" is not an automatic result of nature, but a social bond, which has changed with changing social situations. For many women, she said, the definition of "natural" has almost always been

"used to justify and reinforce their oppression."

"The family has a natural basis that tied to procreation, but history — or rather culture — also has intervened and the Christian tradition has made essential contributions," she said. It was thanks to Christianity that the "celebration of matrimony required the consent of both spouses and that husband and wife enjoy the same rights and have the same obligations."

But Scaraffia noted that "for centuries, the masculine authority of the father prevailed over the concrete realization of these norms without the Church's opposition."

Denying a difference between the sexes and substituting "the neutral concept of gender is baseless and dangerous," she said, "but it is also true that underlining complementarity alone risks perpetuating the oppression of women."

Scaraffia said a healthier approach would emphasize how husbands and wives should share domestic chores, child rearing and responsibility for keeping ties strong with the extended family and the wider community.

"A partial overlapping of masculine and feminine roles could be just as positive for the family as complementarity," she said, "and would guarantee that the woman would not be constrained in roles considered inferior."

Marriage isn't easy, but it's beautiful, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church must help young people understand that marriage isn't always easy, "but it is so beautiful," Pope Francis said.

"There are problems in marriage: different points of view, jealousies, arguments, but tell young couples to never let the day end without making peace. The sacrament of Matrimony is renewed in this act of peace," the pope said Oct. 25 during a meeting with members of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

"This path is not easy, but it is so beautiful," the pope said. "It's beautiful. Tell them that."

For the Catholic Church, he said, a family isn't simply a group of individuals, but it is a community where people learn to love one another, share with and make sacrifices for each other and "defend life, especially of those who are more fragile and weak."

The family as a special community must "be recognized as such, especially today when so much emphasis is placed on the safeguarding of individual rights," he said. "We must defend the rights of this community that is the family."

Defending the family also means defending the basic fact that it is a

community founded on the marriage of a man and a woman, he said.

"Spousal and familial love clearly reveal that the vocation of the human person is to love one other person forever and that the trials, sacrifices and crises in the life of the couple or the family are stages for growth in goodness, truth and beauty," he said.

As he has done on several occasions, Pope Francis also spoke about the special place in the family reserved for children and for the elderly, family members who are "the most vulnerable and often the most forgotten."

"Any time a child is abandoned or an older person marginalized, it is not only an act of injustice, but marks the failure of that society," he said. "Taking care of little ones and of the elderly is a mark of civility."

Pope Francis, departing from his prepared text, told members of the council, "When I hear the confession of a young married man or woman, and they refer to their son or daughter, I ask, 'How many children do you have?' and they tell me. Maybe they're expecting another question after that, but I always ask, 'And tell me, do you play with your children? Do you waste time with your children?'"

"The free gift of a parent's time is so important," he said.

BISHOP DWENGER OPEN HOUSE

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6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Main Gym

- Tour the school
- Meet Faculty, Staff, and Administration
- Explore 10 Academic Departments
- Visit with Campus Ministry Representatives
- Discuss Service Opportunities
- Spend time with coaches and players
- Learn about extra-curricular clubs



Clergy program helps priests be 'Good Leaders, Good Shepherds'

BY VINCE LABARBERA

The "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds" curriculum for clergy was specifically designed by the Catholic Leadership Institute to help Catholic priests overcome the challenges today of a diminishing number of clergy and more complex circumstances for priestly ministry. Using Jesus Christ as the ultimate Shepherd and model of leadership, the goal is to minimize the frustration and energy spent on priests' administrative roles and maximize the joy and time spent on the pastoral duties for which they were uniquely ordained. The impact is intended to enable priests to be more holy, healthy and happy shepherds of vibrant parish communities, leading more people to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is a board member of the Catholic Leadership Institute of Wayne, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. He invited its directors to present the program to the diocese's presbyteral council and later to the entire presbyterate.

Five contexts for leadership and five practices in support of priestly leadership are at the core of this ongoing formational opportunity. All modules have been designed around priestly and pastoral ministry. Each training module includes time for prayer, liturgy and fraternity.

Several priests and pastors from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have begun working in the fourth module of the leadership program. The training modules include a three-day, two-night session and one day of training monthly for three months. The priests of the diocese are more than half way through the process.

"I have been a pastor in this dio-

cese since 1982 and have served in several places," said Father William (Bill) Kummer, temporary administrator of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne. "It is possible to teach an 'old dog' new tricks," quipped Father Kummer, who has been a priest since May 31, 1975.

"Good Leaders, Good Shepherds has helped me in many ways," he continued. "It has renewed my understanding that different people do work differently to reach their goals, and each has different sources of motivation. This is not a judgment, but the reality of how humans relate to one another."

"It has given me a deeper insight into myself and others," he continued, "finding better ways of preparing for tasks and not to stay static, but refine and rework goals."

"There are different roles (that) teams and groups have in projects of a parish," he related. "One way of working together would not be preferable over another. Both are good."

"My overall impression of the priesthood, which I love and embrace, has been enriched by learning leadership skills, especially learning them with the young priests," Father Kummer said. "The priest/pastor must teach, sanctify and govern in the Church. This program aids in the latter. If you lead well, then ministry is enriched and there is calmness in a hectic life, and you will be a good shepherd after the heart of Christ," Father Kummer concluded.

"This program is very good. I have learned a lot about myself, which will in turn help me to lead effectively and help others become more aware of themselves," said Father Drew Curry, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, and St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester. "At the beginning, each of us took a personality profile



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test and when we got our results I was amazed to see that it matched what my priest friends had said about me and also coincided with my own experiences. I have found this knowledge of myself absolutely valuable. I learned I had strengths I wasn't aware I was using and I learned I have shortcomings that quickly need to be remedied," Father Curry said. "This program is designed to do just that. Over the past year, I think about my strengths and weaknesses every day and how I could handle situations and prepare for events more effectively."

"I've recognized more the value

of setting goals, tasks and deadlines to keep things focused and get things done," he continued. "I've seen the value in being aware of other people's temperaments and learning styles, and how it is important to grow a team to bring together people of these many different talents. And I am more aware of the importance of being transparent in communicating my strengths and weaknesses of leadership to others."

"It has truly been a joy to be with my brother priests for these multiple three-day seminars and monthly one-day meetings. And it has been real work," Father Curry empha-

sized. "When we learned about our own profiles it was fun, but in the following seminars we really have been learning new concepts and strategies to lead people, and this has really required our attention and energy."

"Notwithstanding, the whole thing has been a blast," Father Curry noted. "Every evening we have snacks and play cards, and also for every three-day seminar there is a movie we watch together to help bring out the theme of the three days."

"Good Leaders, Good Shepherds has had an immediate impact on me," he said. "I have already been using these leadership and organizational concepts, especially writing out goal statements and setting deadlines when working with people, and it has been effective."

"I look forward to the rest of the program, and I thank God because I can see had I not signed up for the program, I would not have been equipped with as many tools as I continue priestly ministry in Christ's vineyard," said Father Curry in conclusion.

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Though weak, people must find strength in God to avoid sin, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even though human beings are weak and imperfect, Christians can't be lazy and wallow in sin, Pope Francis said. Believing in God means making a real effort to live the faith fully, not superficially, and asking the Lord for help and strength to follow Him on the path of holiness, he said in his morning Mass homily Oct. 24. "We really are weak, and many times — many times — we sin, we have shortcomings," he said during the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, according to Vatican Radio. The tendency to sin must be accompanied by acknowledging, "Yes, I'm a sinner, I am weak and always going to the Lord and telling him, 'Lord, you have the strength, but give me faith! You can heal me!'" It won't work if people get comfortable with having a life where "I believe in Jesus Christ, but I live as I want," he said. "Uh no, that doesn't sanctify you, that will not work! It's a contradiction!" The pope said God re-creates humanity in Jesus Christ.

New U.S. envoy to Vatican: Areas of agreement bigger than differences

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Disagreements need not hinder the Vatican and the Obama administration from collaborating on a broad range of peace and justice issues, including the promotion of religious freedom, said Ken Hackett, the new U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. The envoy also told Catholic News Service that Pope Francis' stratospheric worldwide popularity promises to enhance the Vatican's international influence, making it an even more valuable diplomatic partner for the United States. The envoy spoke to Catholic News Service Oct. 24, three days after he formally took office by presenting his credentials to the pope. Hackett said Pope Francis has emphasized a number of issues — including poverty, human trafficking, refugees, and peace in Syria and the Holy Land — that also are priorities for the Obama administration. But he recognized the existence of disagreements, including over the administration's plan to mandate that all health insurance plans — even those offered by most Catholic institutions — cover sterilizations and contraceptives, which are forbidden by Catholic moral teaching. The plan prompted Pope Benedict XVI and the papal nuncio to the U.S. to issue public warnings of a threat to Americans' religious freedom. Hackett said the Obama administration's position on the matter is "very well understood" in the Vatican, "but if asked I will try to make the case as thoughtfully and constructively as I can."

NEWS BRIEFS

SYRIAN MIGRANT ATTENDS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT HARBOR IN MALTA FOR IMMIGRANTS WHO LOST LIVES



CNS PHOTO/DARRIN ZAMMIT LUPI, REUTERS

A Syrian migrant attends a commemorative service Oct. 25 at Valletta's Grand Harbor in Malta. Jesuit Refugee Service organized the service to remember migrants who lost their lives at sea earlier in October.

New Jersey governor drops appeal of ruling allowing same-sex marriage

TRENTON, N.J. (CNS) — New Jersey's governor withdrew his appeal of a state judge's ruling allowing same-sex couples to marry, saying through a spokesman that he "strongly disagrees" with the court "substituting its judgment for the constitutional process ... or a vote of the people," but acknowledged such marriages are now "the law." Republican Gov. Chris Christie's Oct. 21 decision came hours after same-sex couples across New Jersey exchanged vows at midnight. The New Jersey Supreme Court was scheduled to hear Christie's appeal in January. He also had asked the court to immediately delay New Jersey Superior Court Judge Mary C. Jacobson's Sept. 27 order that the state must allow same-sex marriage beginning Oct. 21. On Oct. 18, the state's highest court refused to delay same-sex marriages from going forward. In announcing that Christie was withdrawing his appeal, his spokesman told the media: "The governor will do his constitutional duty and ensure his administration enforces the law as dictated" by the state Supreme Court. Catholic teaching upholds the sanctity of traditional marriage, between one

man and one woman, and also teaches that any sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful. The New Jersey Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops, did not have an immediate response to Christie's decision but a long-standing statement on the conference website, www.njcathconf.com, stated that "same-sex unions may represent a new and a different type of institution — but it is not marriage and should not be treated as marriage."

Pope authorizes leave of absence for German 'luxury bishop'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has authorized a leave of absence for a German bishop at the center of controversy over expenditures for his residence and diocesan center. "A situation has been created in which Bishop Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst currently cannot exercise his episcopal ministry," said a statement Oct. 23 from the Vatican press office. Pope Francis, after being "continually, broadly and objectively informed" about the situation in the Diocese of Limburg, has authorized "a period of leave outside the diocese," effective immediately, the statement said. A priest whom Bishop Tebartz-van Elst had selected as his vicar general will administer the dio-

cese in his absence, the Vatican said. The bishop has been at the center of controversy for months over the remodeling and building project in Limburg, which is estimated to have cost about \$40 million. German media have dubbed Bishop Tebartz-van Elst the "luxury bishop." Pope Francis discussed the situation Oct. 17 with Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, president of the German bishops' conference, and with Bishop Tebartz-van Elst himself Oct. 21.

Pope tells new archbishops that their ministry is to serve and pray

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Being named a bishop isn't an honor, but a call to special service, Pope Francis said. Ordaining new bishops for the first time in his pontificate, Pope Francis told them the "responsibility of a bishop is to serve rather than to dominate." During an evening Mass Oct. 24 in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope laid hands on and ordained Archbishops Jean-Marie Speich, the new nuncio to Ghana, and Giampiero Gloder, the new president of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, which trains Vatican diplomats. The pope's homily, based largely on the ritual text for the ordination of a bishop, focused on the life and mission of the bishop, rather than on the specific tasks assigned to the two new

archbishops. Pope Francis told them that a bishop's first task is to make time for prayer. In the early Christian community, he said, the apostles appointed deacons to help care for the widows and orphans precisely because they realized their ministry would suffer if they didn't make time to pray.

Theory of one hominid species is compatible with faith, experts say

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A group of scientists has proposed that human beings emerged from one single evolving human species rather than branching from a tree of multiple, early ancestral species. The new hypothesis, while still disputed, fits even better with the Catholic Church's position that humans came from one source, in that they were freely created by God, said two experts in science and faith. "Certainly, confirmation of humanity's origin in one single lineage, just like modern humanity belonging to one species (as is proposed by the recent study), fits better with the understandings of the faith," said Msgr. Fiorenzo Facchini, an expert paleontologist and anthropologist. Legionaries of Christ Father Rafael Pascual also said the new theory "is close to what one finds in the teaching of the Church: the origins of the human being from one single 'source.'" A new study published in *Science* magazine Oct. 18 said there is "direct evidence" that the many physical differences displayed by the fossil remains of early humans do not represent different species, but rather represent simple "morphological variation within and among" early hominids of the same lineage.

French court: No conscience clause for mayors in same-sex marriage

OXFORD, England (CNS) — French Catholics criticized a Constitutional Court judgment denying local officials the right to opt out of conducting same-sex marriages. Antoine Renard, president of France's National Federation of Catholic Family Associations, charged that the court was operating under political pressure in issuing its decision. "This ruling could have dramatic consequences for religious freedom both here and abroad," he said. "It also suggests the French Constitution is old-fashioned and needs verification." Renard's comments came as representatives of 20,000 French mayors prepared a series of appeals against the court's Oct. 18 judgment that, in effect, rejected calls for a conscience clause to be added to France's same-sex marriage law. The judgment was condemned as "liberty-killing" by the Catholic head of La Manif Pour Tous, a nationwide organization leading opposition to the law. Its leader, Ludovine de la Rochere, urged French citizens to back legal action in support of the mayors.

Blessed are the Merciful: Charity as Sacramental Action conference to be held Nov. 14-15 at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will host the upcoming Blessed are the Merciful: Charity as Sacramental Action conference Nov. 14-15. The keynote address, "Charity and the Catholic Reformation," will be offered by Carlos Eire, the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University, on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors' Center Auditorium.

The aim of this conference is to recover the deep sacramental sense that charity once held in the pre-modern Church, to explore why it has been minimized in modernity and to consider how the Church might reclaim such a sacramental vision of charity for our own time.

The conference, sponsored by the Institute for Church Life (ICL) and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), is co-organized by John C. Cavadini, Ph.D., McGrath-Cavadini Director of the Institute for Church Life and Gary Anderson, Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Theology, both of the University of Notre Dame. The conference draws its theme from Anderson's recently published book, "Charity: The Place of the Poor in the Biblical Tradition." (Yale, 2013).

This lecture and the lectures on Friday, Nov. 15, are free and open to the public; a complete list of speakers, schedule and registration information is available online at <https://icl.nd.edu/icl-events/blessed-are-the-merciful-charity-as-sacramental-action/>.

Bishop Luers announces Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School Principal Mary Keefer announced that Quinn Cook (St. Joseph - St. Elizabeth), Nathan Grabner (St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne) and Sam Stein (St. John the Baptist, New Haven) have been named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

"The young men being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their school plays in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WALKERS CARRY BANNER FOR AWARENESS WALK-A-THON



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Nearly 200 St. Therese Catholic School students, staff, parents and other friends participated in a Cancer Awareness Walk-a-thon on Oct. 24. The group walked 1.2 miles in the Lake Shores subdivision of Fort Wayne, located near St. Therese. Leading the group are, from left, St. Therese Principal Chuck Grimm, a St. Therese student and third-grade teacher Carolyn Schultz. All three have battled cancer. Grimm told the students that their work on the project this month will "touch a lot of lives."

Ulman recognized for dedicated work with Scouts, Pope Pius Awards announced

FORT WAYNE — Ann Ulman was awarded the Bronze Pelican Award for her dedicated service in organizing and leading eight Scouts from Troop 19 to earn their Pope Pius Award on Sept. 29. The classes took place over a six-month period.

The Pope Pius program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the Church as calls from God. It includes youth-led discussions on current issues facing the Church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection.

The Bronze Pelican Award is awarded to an adult registered with the Boy Scouts of America who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual growth of Catholic youth in the Boy Scout program through exemplary service.



ANN ULMAN

Ulman and her husband Dennis and son Christian are members of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish in Fort Wayne.

Troop 19 Scouts receiving the Pope Pius Award are Joe Westropp, Joe Berghoff, Michael Hickey, Christian Ulman, Sean Brouwer, John Hickey, Gus Serrani and Luke Fabina.

Sisters of St. Francis to present lecture on foundress

FORT WAYNE — The Sisters of St. Francis will present the lecture "The Relevance of Mother Theresia Bonzel and Her Beatification" on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. in Gunderson Auditorium, Achatz Hall of Science at the University of Saint Francis. The offering is part of a free series by the university's Department of Philosophy and Theology and School of Arts and Sciences.

Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel founded the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Her courage, devotion and wisdom still influence people. The Sisters of St. Francis will discuss their foundress and her relevance today.

For more information on the free public lecture, contact Angie Springer in the School of Arts and Sciences at (260) 399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

Bishop Luers announces Semi-Finalist in the 2014 National Achievement Scholarship Program

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has announced that senior Riley Bubb has qualified as a semi-finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. The National Achievement Program, conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, recognizes outstanding Black American high school students for their outstanding scores on the PSAT. Bubb was selected to advance in the Achievement Scholarship competition.

Handel's Messiah to be presented at the Center at Donaldson

DONALDSON — The "Messiah," by George Frideric Handel, will be performed in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at The Center at Donaldson, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, on Sunday, Nov. 17. The choir will be made up of members from the surrounding community, including Knox, Rochester, Plymouth, Culver and South Bend.

Members of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra will accompany the choir. Soloists will be from the Chicago Lyric Opera. Stacey Warren of Culver Academies will be the rehearsal director; Dr. David K. Lamb of Columbus will be the guest conductor. This free concert is made possible by a grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation.

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA HOSTS ANNUAL CELEBRATION



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Division hosted their annual celebration on Oct. 5. The day began at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne with First Saturday devotions, including Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Following Mass a catered breakfast was served along with a presentation on the beauty and necessity of modesty given by Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne.

All School Mass welcomes saints to the table



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, during his homily, invites the Catholic school students to say the name of the Apostle who became the first pope — St. Peter.



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades accepts a basket of donated foods from a student dressed as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton during the offertory.



JOE ROMIE

Catholic school students from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne sing the recessional hymn at the closing of the All-Schools Mass in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.



KAY COZAD

A fourth-grade student dressed as her favorite saint receives a blessing from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the All School Mass celebrated at the Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Oct. 28.



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives his blessing to the Catholic school students assembled in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum as he processes out following the All-Schools Mass.

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“We ask for their intercession,” Bishop Rhoades said. The bishop invited everyone to wish a happy feast day to the students, teachers and pastor of St. Jude Parish and School, Fort Wayne and all responded with applause for the St. Jude School community.

Bishop Rhoades’ homily focused on the vocation of the Apostles and on what it means to be an “apostolic Church.”

The bishop reflected on his own vocation as a successor of the Apostles and on the vocation of priests as his co-workers in the apostolic mission. Bishop Rhoades also spoke about the whole Church being apostolic, handing on the teaching of the Apostles. He explained how young people share, by their Baptism and Confirmation, in the apostolic mission by their living the faith and sharing the faith with their friends and other young people.

He called them to be “young apostles” in the world today. What is most important, the bishop said, is that we all strive to be holy, like the first Apostles, who brought the Gospel to the world.

The Apostles’ Creed has been a prayer used throughout the Year of Faith and the prayer was recited by the young faithful gathered for the Mass.

At the end of Mass, Bishop Rhoades thanked the Bishop Luers High School Liturgical Choir and cantors for their outstanding musical participation.

Students traveled from all across the diocese to attend the special Mass, including St. Charles fourth-grade students from Cassi Wagley’s class, who were poised and ready for the liturgy. Lynsey Straessle dressed as St. Therese, Little Flower, because, she said, her mother had prayed to the 18th-century French Carmelite nun “to have her.”

Corissa Koontz, fourth grader in Rose Smith’s class at Sacred Heart School in Warsaw arrived dressed as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Of the Mass she said, “This is kind of cool. In Warsaw there’s only one Catholic school, so it’s cool to see all these Catholic kids.”

Third-grader Isaac Christman from Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne said that he was “excited to see the fourth graders in their saint costumes,” and that next year when he could dress like a saint he would “probably choose a saint that is a knight.”

Jacob Getts, a seventh-grader at St. Mary, Avilla, said the experience was “very great! I like the atmosphere and the fact that so many schools care about their faith and that they are able to take class time to celebrate Mass with the bishop.”

St. Mary second-grader Christopher Willavize said it was “awesome being there” and that he had “been looking forward to it and seeing all the other kids.”

Ava Smith, who was dressed as St. Lucy explained, “This is my first year at St. Louis Academy. I am excited to finally be a fourth grader and get to dress up at the Mass. It is fun to see my friends from my old school.” While holding a bowl containing eyes, she went on to explain that there are two versions of how St. Lucy lost her eyes.

Jane Sandor has been attending the All Saints’ Mass since its beginning. She has witnessed the Mass from many capacities, first as a teacher at St. Vincent, then for many years as principal at St. Aloysius, Yoder, and St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and now as the diocesan catechetical associate for Special Ministries. She loves the annual tradition, “It gives me a glimpse of the universal Church. It is always humbling to see 3,800 students making the sign of the cross together, a sign of our belief.”

Janice Camito, principal of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, echoed her comments, “It is always great when everybody is together for Mass. It takes the students out of their own little bubble and allows them to see the big picture.”

Tess Steffen and Michelle Castleman contributed to this story.

Diocese seeks to serve needs of all Catholics

BY KAY COZAD

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries has steadfastly encouraged strengthening ministries for those with disabilities over the years and has recently redoubled their effort with several new initiatives that have been implemented to meet the needs of all the Catholic faithful in the area.

A Disabilities Advisory Board was formed in fall of 2011 that is comprised of members who are persons with disability themselves or care for others with disabilities, as well as area businessmen and women and diocesan employees. The board has met quarterly to develop a plan for the specific areas in need with the most recent focus on education, including faith formation programs for children and young adults.

Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, said the cost for serving

some of the special needs in the Church community is negligible. "There is so much we can do before we have to spend a dime. The cost may be personal but the pay back is eternal," said Glowaski. She cited a few easy-to-implement possible examples of meeting the needs of specific populations within the larger Church body:

- Celebrating Masses without music for individuals with autism who experience auditory sensitivity
- Celebrating Masses without incense for those who suffer with respiratory difficulties
- Providing gluten-free hosts at specific Masses for those with wheat allergies who are unable to consume the regular hosts.

"All should feel welcomed, valued, nurtured and loved at church," said Glowaski. "We're asking the parish to create space for everyone for full and meaningful participation."

Jane Sandor, catechetical associate for Special Ministries, reports that several parishes have taken the initiative to provide child-specific

catechesis in their faith formation program. The director of religious education (DRE) meets one-to-one with students with special needs to provide individual religious instruction either in class or at-home if the student is unable to attend class.

One parish DRE took the ARISE Together in Christ, a three-year, parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization, to a nursing home where she met one-to-one with a resident. Soon after another resident joined them. Another parish supplied a portable ramp for a youth with a physical disability who is an enthusiastic altar server. Another has invited all the residents of a group home to not only attend and participate in Mass but receive their sacraments there as well. And at least three parishes in the diocese have elevators that allow physical access to parish facilities.

"It is this missionary spirit that we are developing in special ministries. We need to go out and build relationships," said Sandor.

Glowaski agreed, saying, "When we ask how we can meet the needs,



JERRY KESSENS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to Judy Trentadue, one of the servers for the Mass for Persons with Disabilities celebrated at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne on Oct. 6. Persons with disabilities lectured and some served at the Mass that was open to persons with any disabilities and their families.

people think of all the reason why we can't serve. We must begin a conversation that will build a relationship — it's there you'll see what's possible."

Good news comes from the parishes that communicate with the Office of Special Ministries about the services they are providing that are successful to the outreach. The ministry then reports that news on its website to inspire other parishes to join the movement to include all people of faith. "No one parish can do it all," admits Glowaski. "We want to see it as a diocesan, universal Church."

The Office of Special Ministries measures its success by going to the Gospel, reports Glowaski. "The surveys don't tell us much. ... We can't count the disabled because they're not there." She continued, "We know they are there — we have parents of young and older children with disabilities."

As the diocese hosts special

events and Masses throughout the year, the Office of Special Ministry personnel continue to ask the question: "How will we serve the disabled at this event?"

"How can we go out and extend love? ... We are inviting people to a new vision — to be brave enough to begin to see who is not there. Then ask why they are not there, and be willing to hear the answer. We want to create a culture of welcome and inclusion at the parish level," said Glowaski.

Sandor is excited about the renewed effort to reach out to the disabled of the Church community and says, "I think it's an energized effort, a much needed effort and a well-supported effort. I feel our Church is not complete until we have all our members together."

Glowaski agreed, concluding, "Persons with disabilities and their families bring a different experience of God to us — we need all of it."

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Parish offers loop system to assist hearing loss

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The induction hearing loop system, a new and innovative technology that assists those with hearing loss, has arrived in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Recently St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne has installed the assistive listening device system that works in conjunction with telecoil-equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants and can also be used with streamers and FM receiver devices.

According to hearingloop.org, with the looping system, many of the 8.4 million people in the U.S. who struggle with hearing loss in churches, social arenas and conferences can now hear a broadcast straight from the source “without extraneous noise or blurring of the sound.” The induction loop system transmits magnetic energy to the telecoil in hearing aids or cochlear implants through a wire connected to the sound source that circles a room or arena. The sound is transmitted directly to the hearing aid or cochlear implant electromagnetically by the loop with no extra equipment save the telecoil.

Also known as T-coil, the telecoil is a small copper coil included in most hearing aids and cochlear implant processors. Originally designed to boost telephone handset signals, it functions as a wireless antenna, linking into a sound system, and is activated by a t-switch on the hearing aid. When paired with the loop system it can connect the listener directly to the sound source, eliminating background noise. According to hearingloop.com approximately 65 percent of the hearing aids used in the U. S. have telecoils with few consumers having working knowledge of them.

Mary Pohlman, pastoral associate at St. Jude, reports that the idea of the loop system had been discussed previously in response to the numerous requests by parishioners to improve the acoustics in the church. “We have a significant senior population at St. Jude,” says Pohlman, adding that after so many requests for hearing assistance, then-pastor Father Tom Shoemaker did some research and made the decision to install the hearing loop.

The installation marks St. Jude as the first Catholic church in Fort Wayne to employ this technology and a forerunner in Mayor Tom Henry’s Loop Fort Wayne initiative to eventually loop city churches, civic and entertainment arenas and more. First Presbyterian Church and



KAY COZAD

Theater and Trinity English Church are currently looped and other possible venues include University of Saint Francis, the Embassy and the Foellinger Center.

The loop wire of the hearing loop system is typically installed on the floor around the periphery of a room but can be installed in the ceiling. John Offerle, business manager of St. Jude Parish, reports that Hear Care Audiology of Fort Wayne installed the loop around the pews on the floor of St. Jude Parish.

Patrick Paris, hearing instrument specialist for Hear Care Audiology, and Sandy Riley, Hear Care marketing specialist and also a parishioner of St. Jude Parish, met with parishioners to explain the loop system and answer questions after Masses on Oct. 26-27. The wire installed under the rubber carpet trim creates a sound

field, explained Paris, which is transmitted to the T-coils of hearing aids or the FM receiver devices that use ear buds or headphones.

Paris explained that any wireless

device is subject to the elements. “T-coils only work as well as the hearing aid works. The hearing aid should be properly adjusted,” he encouraged.

Even though the system has only been in place for a few weeks, Pohlman says, “There are people who are already responding that they can hear so much better in church. If there is only a handful who can hear the homily and participate better in Mass then it’s worth it.”

St. Jude parishioner Randy Bandor is trying out a new high-tech hearing aid and said of the loop at Mass, “I heard excellent with it. I’m definitely sold on it. I sang in the choir and even was able to hear myself.”

Parishioner Ernest Evans agrees, saying, “I think it’s excellent. You have to get used to it, but any place I’ve sat in church it’s like the person was sitting next to me.”

Current St. Jude pastor Father Jacob Runyon says of the system, “There are two real benefits to the system. It helps people hear better. Any kind of big space can have echoes. I’ve already heard from people that they can hear more clearly. The second benefit is they use their own equipment. They have their own hearing aids.” Father Runyon said St. Jude has also purchased seven FM receivers for those in the congregation without hearing aids who would like to use the system using headphones. “It works really great,” concludes Father Runyon.

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ERNEST EVANS, PARISHIONER

Patrick Paris, hearing instrument specialist for Hear Care Audiology, points out the location of the innovative hearing loop wire that runs the periphery of the sanctuary at St. Jude Parish during a presentation held on Oct. 26. The hearing loop works in conjunction with telecoil-equipped hearing aids and FM receiver devices to assist those with hearing loss.



What to do when prayer life is dry and you face a huge challenge

Everyone goes through rough times at some point in life. Sometimes, it's the death of a parent ... or child.

Sometimes it's the loss of a job ... or a love.

Other times it might be the diagnosis of a physical disease, or the news that despite best efforts, a child has turned from the faith; or a relative is fighting an addiction; or a close friend deeply disappoints us; or a relationship crumbles.

Perhaps we are troubled by some situation we ourselves have gotten ourselves into ... and finally recognize the foolishness of our ways and want out ... but don't know how to get there.

Finally, maybe we get to a point when torrential rain after torrential rain of affliction hits us hard, and we desperately seek reprieve, but can't seem to find peace, or relief. What on earth are we supposed to

do, when prayer is dry and hope is distant and we feel far away from God?

Here are some tricks I've learned and collected from people I respect and love, for how to get through those desperate times.

• Pray. I know. This seems useless. You feel spiritually dry and as if you are getting nothing from the prayer. Guess what? God sees. He understands. With your good intentions, He multiplies like He did with the loaves and the fishes. One sincere, honest supplication is all it takes. Asking once can be enough.

If your prayer life is dry, pray anyway. God sees your efforts and like a kind father to a frantic child, He will take care of you. Be patient. The results may not immediately be seen. And God may be bringing us through the dark for a purpose of growth.

We see the knotty side of the



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quilt. In time, the beautiful handiwork of the beautiful side will be seen.

The most powerful spiritual weapons, my sister Mary reminded me the other day, are Masses, which we can attend, and which we can also have offered for the important intention or intentions. She also reminded me of the importance of asking for the Blessed Mother's

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We seek as Zacchaeus sought



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend's first reading. An essential component in ancient Hebrew belief, and contemporary Jewish thought as well, is that God is the Creator of all, and the author of all life. For this reason, traditional Jews have great respect for natural life and for the processes of nature.

While for Jews, Wisdom was written in a world highly influenced by Greek philosophy. Enveloping Greek philosophy was Greek mythology that saw gods and goddesses as beings, albeit powerful, within nature. They had control over nature, and they could exercise their control in ways not necessarily kind to humanity.

Furthermore, in Greek thinking, humans could use, or misuse, nature and the things of nature. Wisdom called pious Jews living among Greeks to remember their own ancient outlook on natural life. Honor nature as a creation by God.

For the second reading, the Church gives us a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

While the nature within which humans live while on earth is marvelous, and is God's loving gift, it is not the end of all. The greatest of God's gift to us is in

Jesus. The Lord became human, as are we, in the mystery that theologians call the Incarnation. Through the Incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Jesus on Calvary and in the Resurrection, and by accepting God's gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of the gift of Jesus. We gain life eternal with God.

Constantly, the Pauline epistles summoned Christians, such as the faithful Thessalonians, to realize the wonder and greatness of God's gift of Jesus.

Quite realistically, the Pauline epistles, and this reading in particular, remind believers that the path through earthly life is rough and crooked and beset with dangers and alluring detours. We must be resolute in our determination to be with God.

For its last reading, the Church gives us a selection from St. Luke's Gospel. The Lord is on the way Jericho, an ancient city not far from the Dead Sea, mentioned in several dramatic Old Testament passages. Jericho is a city seated at the foot of the great Judean mountains, a virtual oasis in a stark and lifeless terrain. So, it was a place of security in the otherwise forbidding Jordan River valley and Judaeon wilderness.

In truth, Jericho offered no enduring security.

Zacchaeus was wealthy, but Luke's Gospel sees wealth as a burden. The poor are closer to God. Why? They are unencumbered. They are free.

Additionally, Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a disgusting occupation among the Jews. Nevertheless, Jesus, the Lord of life, freed Zacchaeus from the heavy burden of his sin and gave him genuine security.

Climbing the tree on the part of Zacchaeus teaches us two important

lessons. Despite all his wealth, he was subject to the simple obstacles confronting everyone. He could not see through or over others. Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see Jesus, realizing that wealth offered him no lasting satisfaction.

Reflection

In just a few weeks the Church will close its liturgical year. On the weekend following, it will lead us into a new year of worship and reflection. But, before the new year, it will call us to close this present year in a mood profoundly hopeful and thankful.

Hopefully, in Jesus, we have found what Zacchaeus sought. Life and security are in Jesus. When we have found Jesus, we have found hope, and we give thanks, because we are one with God, in Jesus. The key to finding Jesus is in giving ourselves to Jesus, without compromise, without pause. Jesus must be our king, our teacher, our Good Shepherd, our everything.

This weekend's reading points us toward the feast of Christ the King, the great celebration closing this year.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1-3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

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

Extend an invitation

Perfection — something we can strive for. Something we may strive for as we work to perfect our hearts and our lives as Jesus calls.

The problem with perfection is that it can have a look or a sound that may bring reassurance and a sense of security to many, but may also exclude many. In faith and a desire to welcome all to our parish homes, to our Church, we must also reconsider this effort for perfection in our liturgies and parish activities. Who are we missing in our parishes, in our churches every week?

The Father's call to perfection is rooted in the call of our Baptism, a call that takes great courage to live every day. Those in our parish families who live with heroism as they embrace their journey to holiness and perfection. We are all striving for this same perfection "to be holy as our heavenly Father is holy."

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is committed to reaching out to those who are disabled and their families in an effort to meet the call of our Baptism.

Working for the Office of Catechesis and in close collaboration with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries is Jane Sandor who is devoted to seeking those in our diocese who have not been able to receive their sacraments.

Our shared faith journey

An invitation to a celebration is a well-accepted and common practice. Whether it is a birthday party, a holiday dinner, a family reunion or a wedding, we want to be certain that our friends know that we want them to share the day with us. They are important. They enrich our lives. They are needed.

This is true in the area of sacramental preparation and celebration. Oftentimes, when a daughter or son is taking another step in their faith journey through the reception of a sacrament, we invite family members to this celebration. For people with special needs, this invitation may have never been sent. For whatever reason, the Eucharist, Reconciliation and/or Confirmation have not been part of their faith journey. They have been unable to fully join in a deep and meaningful participation with the Church.

Under the direction and guidance of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, along with the Office of Catechesis, the opportunity to receive the sacraments has been opened to everyone. Through the use of Adaptive Kits for sacramental preparation, the Rose Kennedy Program, interactive programs, and relationship building, we are reaching more of

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

MARY GLOWASKI AND JANE SANDOR

our brothers and sisters.

One hopeful story involves Spencer. His mother, Sabine says, "We suppose the journey of being parents to a son with special needs has not been about the growth of Spencer in itself, but perhaps the growth of us being his parents also.

Not only in the spiritual aspect, but in the beginning for us as parents many concerns on what his future would hold and what obstacles we were to encounter along the way.

Instead Spencer has shown us on a day-by-day roller coaster ride what is considered important in life. Perhaps not to concern ourselves so much with day-to-day schedules, busyness of life or how we think our lives should be perfect according to the secular world definition of "a family."

Instead, how about taking a walk, singing some songs, watching Walt Disney videos (for the 10,000 time!) and enjoying each day as it may fall into place.

The continuation of another chapter will happen this next month with Spencer receiving his Confirmation. Another grace in his and our lives that we have been blessed to receive.

Spencer has shown us a viewpoint in life that God has been calling all of us to join in ... LOVE!"

A concerted effort is being made to extend the invitation to all families, to embrace everyone as we continue our shared faith journey. If you, someone in your family or a friend is in need of help with sacramental preparation or faith formation contact Jane Sandor at (260) 399-1450 or jsandor@diocesefwsb.org.

If you know of someone with special needs contact Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, at (260) 399-1458 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org.

Children as commodities

The Council of the District of Columbia is considering a bill, sponsored by its most aggressively activist gay member, to legalize surrogate child-bearing in your nation's capital. Infertility is a heart-rending problem. But solving that problem is not what's at issue here, for the D.C. surrogacy bill is being pushed by the same people who brought "gay marriage" to the shores of the Potomac River: people who affirm what are, by definition, infertile "marriages."

Moreover, in their determination to deny reality — or perhaps reinvent it — the proponents of the D.C. surrogacy bill have adopted a species of Newspeak that would make George Orwell cringe. You can get a flavor of it in a letter written by a friend of mine to his D.C. councilman:

"...in reading the bill I was struck that nothing was said about the child to be born out of the surrogate agreement. Much is said about the rights and responsibilities of the 'gestational carrier' (a very strange expression) and the 'intended parent,' but nothing is said about the child. The child is treated as a thing to be used as the gestational carrier and intended parent wish. This is the most troubling feature of the proposed law. It gives no indication that one is dealing here with a human person who will have feelings, thoughts, and memories. These are all swept aside as though the child to be born will have no interest in how he or she came into the world, who his or her parents are, and all the other things that are so fundamental

to our identity as human beings." "Gestational carrier?" The D.C. bill not only treats the child as a thing, a commodity that can be bought and sold; it treats the woman bearing the child in the same way. But this is what happens when reality is turned inside out. For as my friend pointed out to his councilman, it's illegal to sell human organs in America; so "how ... is it possible to sell a baby?"

The day I read my friend's plea to the D.C. Council for moral sanity, I happened upon Anthony Esolen's report of another horror involving children, this time in Toronto:

"A public school teacher in Toronto has written a set of lessons requiring young children to imagine wearing clothes appropriate for the opposite sex. He's been congratulated, not by wary parents, but by a school board that insists that teachers are 'co-parents.' What he's doing, of course, is subjecting naïve children to an exercise that promotes his own sexual aims."

There is deep and disturbing cultural irony here. An America that prides itself on organizations like the Children's Defense Fund and that supports charities like the Save the Children Fund and UNICEF has also committed itself, not indefinitely we pray, to a regime of abortion on demand that has led to the deaths of tens of millions of children. The highest local legislative body in the federal capital is considering a bill that would commodify children as fit objects for sale and purchase — which is precisely what happened in Washington's antebellum slave mar-



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kets. And up north, in the Land of Nice, children are being compelled to imagine themselves as cross-dressers; don't be surprised when it happens south of the 49th parallel.

Democracy cannot long co-exist with decadence or unreality. That's the lesson of history and sound political philosophy. And it's the message of the Church, which, with John Paul II, teaches us that it takes a certain kind of people, living certain virtues, to make free politics (and the free economy) work. However we may describe those people and the virtues they live out, they aren't people who buy and sell children, speak blithely of "gestational carriers," reduce parenthood to a lifestyle choice, and ask youngsters to imagine themselves cross-dressing. These behaviors aren't just weird; they're wicked, and the attempt to force them on society through the law is a perfect example of what Benedict XVI meant by the "dictatorship of relativism."

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intercession. The Blessed Mother loves to intercede for us. She cried on Calvary and suffered real human sufferings like ours. She wants to bring our intentions to her Son. Let her help.

- Seek out the sacraments. Reconciliation and Holy Communion are natural healing balms to the troubled soul and body. You don't have to feel them with a dramatic shock to know they are at work.

Once my husband was deathly ill, hospitalized for acute septicemia, which came about suddenly from an undiagnosed primary infection. His temperature rose higher than 105, and doctors put him on an ice bed to prevent brain damage. His blood work was erratically abnormal and potent antibiotics were pumped through his veins. There was talk of an emergency lift to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

After the reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, however, his white blood cell count, which was dangerously low, inexplicably began to normalize and within a day he grew surprisingly stronger and his physical health was restored.

This began the moment he received the Sacrament of the Sick. True story. I was there.

When you feel enticed to despair or give in to temptation, my friend Susan says, "Be stubborn. Refuse to give up and give in. Do not entertain any negative thoughts. Any time a dangerous thought enters your mind, immediately and deliberately push that thought away. Just put one foot in front of another and press on."

Susan also suggests finding a phrase that you can repeat to yourself until that temptation or thought or struggle leaves. "Passion of Christ, strengthen me" is one such phrase, or, "My Jesus, Mercy." She also says that if a certain time of the day makes your thoughts go in a direction that you do not or should not go you should change your routine. In other words, avoid the temptation. Finally, she says to find consolation during difficult times wherever you can — in a beautiful sunrise, the refrain from a lovely song, elegant wording of a prayer, the whiff of fresh autumn air, the hug of a child, the closeness of a spouse.

She recommends not overthinking the situation and challenge. She says not to entertain persistent evaluations, reconsiderations or fluctuating emotions, or go over and over the problem or the private grief. She said to busy yourself with tasks to avoid stewing.

Susan reminds us not to think about daily skirmishes and minor spiritual wins and losses in terms of feelings because the only thing that matters is our will and the final battle. If we stay close to Christ despite dryness, we will be safe. Our time is not God's time, she says. Remember that God cannot fill us unless we are empty. If it is His will, in humility, we must allow Him to empty us. Peace.

- Lastly, try to maintain a sense of humor. St. Teresa of Avila is quoted as saying, "If this is the way you treat your friends (Lord), no wonder you have so few of them."

I like to watch "I Love Lucy" reruns when I feel desperate and challenged. Coupled with the other suggestions above, this allows me to relax and put things in perspective, even if just for a few moments. God created laughter too, you know. We can have joy in our sorrow. The reprieve is God's gift.

And, if nothing seems to work, in the midst of your worst troubles, simply try to muster up your faith and press on. This too shall pass. God bless you!

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 3, 2013

Luke 19:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the story of a man who climbed a tree and changed his life. Words appear in all directions in the puzzle.

JERICO	ZACCHAEUS	TO SEE
CROWD	STATURE	HE RAN
SYCAMORE	TREE	PASS THAT WAY
LOOKED UP	COME DOWN	I MUST STAY
HOUSE	RECEIVED	SINNER
POOR	TODAY	SALVATION
ABRAHAM	TO SAVE	LOST

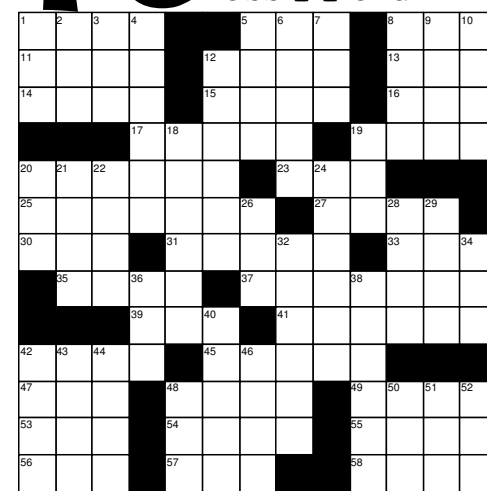
UP A TREE

Z N W O D E M O C K W L
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 E Z I H E R A N O A N Z
 V F E M S L L E W E A A
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Lk 19:1-10 and 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20:27-38

ACROSS

- 1 A type of butter
- 5 Communication
- 8 Lent's big Wednesday
- 11 Dress from India
- 12 Happy
- 13 Spanish "one"
- 14 Last Russian one is Orthodox saint
- 15 Andrew's nickname
- 16 Go to the mountain's
- 17 Annoy (2 wds)
- 19 Mongolian desert
- 20 Guerilla attack
- 23 Reporter's question
- 25 Holy Spirit offers

- 27 Native ruler
- 30 Distress call
- 31 Incense fragrance
- 33 Dunk
- 35 Those people
- 37 resolve
- 39 Cleopatra's snake
- 41 Thief's stuff
- 42 Wrote to Thessalonians
- 45 God did for Jesus
- 47 Tombstone header
- 48 What John calls a miracle
- 49 "Give us ___ day"
- 53 Hubbub
- 54 Jesus was in manger

- 55 Ancient German character
- 56 Japanese money
- 57 Airport abbr.
- 58 Family gym place

DOWN

- 1 Retired plane series
- 2 Possesses
- 3 Epoch
- 4 Air weapon (2 wds.)
- 5 Slanted surface
- 6 Had seven husbands
- 7 Whichever
- 8 Coupe
- 9 Stuck up person
- 10 Live inside Navajo reservation
- 12 God our _____
- 18 Writings
- 19 Workout place
- 20 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 21 Now irrelevant
- 22 The burning _____
- 24 "Encourage your _____"
- 26 Cut
- 28 Golden calf
- 29 Children of God will
- 32 Brooding
- 34 Pencil's pal
- 36 English as Additional Language
- 38 Psalms are like
- 40 Reproduce
- 42 "We always _____ for you"
- 43 Helper
- 44 "_____ this rock"
- 46 Water (Sp.)
- 48 South southeast
- 50 Noise
- 51 Business abbr.
- 52 _____ of Galilee

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER TENNIS PLAYERS COMPETE AT STATE Bishop Dwenger's Charlie Scott and Bertram Najev made school history in Indianapolis last weekend as they became the first players or team in school history to compete in the IHSAA tennis state championship match. The duo lost the doubles battle to North Central's Patrick McAuley and William Reifeis 6-4, 6-2. The Bishop Dwenger seniors had only lost one match together as a doubles team all year.

Holy Family Trojans claim 2013 ICCL varsity softball championship

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Coaches constantly say it's not where you start, it's where you finish. Now they can hold up the shining example of the 2013 Holy Family/St. Joseph softball team as evidence.

Coach Ron VanTornhout's Trojans went 3-5 during the regular season, but put together an amazing tournament run to come away with the title, downing second-seed St. Jude/St. Matthew, 19-6, in the championship game.

"All season we have said we were a work in progress and come tourney time we would surprise some people," said VanTornhout after the championship game. "And we did it."

Starting the season with no pitching experience, VanTornhout turned to current Saint Joseph's High School pitcher Anna Irons for help teaching his team. The girls responded well.

"Anna did a great job with these girls," lauded the veteran Holy Family skipper. "They listened to her and started throwing strikes. That, along with growing some confidence at the plate with our hitting, turned us around."

Holy Family nearly didn't make it out of the first round of the tournament. Trailing Corpus Christi, 10-5, the Trojans rallied to beat the Cougars, 12-11.

That gave Holy Family a second-round matchup with undefeated and top-seeded St. Pius. The Trojans came out loose and quickly scored four runs in the top of the first inning and three runs in the third inning. St. Pius answered, closing the mar-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE HOLY FAMILY TROJANS

The Holy Family Trojans, shown above in a team photo, claimed the 2013 ICCL varsity softball championship.

gin to 7-6 after five innings. Holy Family put six runs on the board in the top of sixth to go on to the upset win, 13-6.

Cassady Swartz led the attack with three hits. Kassady Chudzicki, Cait Opaczewski, Abbey Tafelski, Kaitlynn Riba and Jenna Weinberg all added two hits for the Trojans.

Fueled with confidence, Holy Family came out ripping the ball in the title tilt against St. Jude/St. Matthew. Led by a triple from Tafelski and a double by Riba, they scored five in the top of the first.

"Getting out to a fast start is what we talked about before the last two games," said VanTornhout. "Being the underdog scoring first puts more pressure on them. I told our girls to go out, have fun and put a crooked number up on the board. We are

not supposed to win. They are. They have the pressure. And my girls responded. I could not be any prouder of them the last two games."

Holy Family scored six in the third inning by a double from Weinberg and hits from Riba, Tafelski and Julia Miller. St. Jude/St. Matthew tried to rally by scoring three runs in the third, but Holy Family answered with four in the top of the fourth inning and the rout was on.

St. Jude/St. Matthew, closed its year at 7-3, led by two hits from Molly Keenan and hits from Olivia Frick and Oliva Douglas.

VanTornhout smiled and shook his head, reflecting on the Holy Family turnaround. "Every one of the girls on this team should be proud of what they accomplished from where they started till where they ended."

CYO volleyball champs crowned

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After a full morning of tournament games at St. Charles, three new champions were crowned and will now be listed in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball history book for 2013. For the seventh-grade Green League, it took the No. 1 seeded Panthers from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth three games to get by Kelly Murray's No. 2 Commodores from St. Joseph, Decatur. The Commodores came from behind to win the first game, 25-24. Then in the next evenly-matched battle, the Panthers came out on top, 25-18. In the tie breaker, it was St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 15-9.

A pleased Coach Martha Ellis described her season, "Although having 12 girls can be a challenge, each and every girl had their part. Our team leaders definitely shined in the tournament, but everybody improved greatly from the start of the year." The Panthers, who were also the league champs, finished with an impressive 17-1 overall record and were undefeated in the CYO.

In the Blue League, the seventh- and eighth-grade squad from St. Rose/St. Louis defended their title to claim the 2013 championship and remained unbeaten by their CYO foes. The Twins downed a tough unit from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in two close contests, 25-21, 25-20.

Coach Theresa Renninger was very proud of her team, "We really put it all together today. Hessen Cassel is a very good

team and we knew it was going to be a tough match. Even when we got down in the first game, we stayed focused and got back in it, one point at a time.



We have learned to handle our mistakes and focus on the next play. It was a good ending to a great season."

Finally, for the White League, it was a battle of the Eagles. The talented, No. 2 seeded team from St. Jude came out on top, 25-16, over a scrappy group from St. John, Fort Wayne, (SJFW) to win the championship. SJFW, the No. 4 seed, had an outstanding tournament with an opening round win over St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth then upsetting the No. 1 seed, St. John the Baptist, New Haven (league champs) in the semifinals. Tony Terrell's blue-and-gold finished league play 4-2 recording losses to both the Raiders and St. Joseph, Decatur, but did not get a rematch with either team in the tournament.

"We were 12 strong this season and showed strong passing and consistent serving in the tournament," Terrell explained. Terrell felt there were two vital pieces to his teams' success: his players were well-rounded and had very unselfish attitudes. "These girls have a great understanding of the game for this level and it was nice to watch their journey of growth," he summarized.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Panthers were crowned the CYO Green League volleyball champions.



The St. Rose/St. Louis Twins were crowned the CYO Blue League volleyball champions.



The St. Jude Eagles of Fort Wayne, were crowned the CYO White League champions.

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ICCL football Saints, Panthers battle for championship crown

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Everyone who filed into Father Bly Field on Sunday was witness to a championship game that would test all of the athletes' grit, toughness and determination tantamount to a contest fit for the ages.

The Mishawaka Catholic Saints, undefeated in the regular season, would take on the powerful and much-improved St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius X Panthers in an epic battle of will.

Both teams had dominating lines. The upstart Panthers would rely heavily on power-runner Charlie McFadden and the arm of their quarterback Ben Lamont. The Saints had the dynamic duo of Julian Keultjes and John Cataldo.

It looked as if the Saints would focus on stopping the big runs of McFadden, and the Panthers decided to mix things up with the help of receiver Skylar Bays.

Both teams were deep into a slugfest in the first half, fighting for every yard, every inch of turf. No one relented; no one flinched — just hard-nosed football at its pinnacle.

Big plays abounded: a 24-yard strike to Bays; a 27-yard pass from the Saints' Cam Rafinski to Wheaton Webb; a Panther romp of 20-plus yards by Ryan Schmitt — all for not — as the stingy defenses closed their ranks as the ball neared the redzones.

In the second half, deep into the fourth quarter, it looked like the Saints may be the team to break the plain when Ike Branson made a wonderful catch at the five on a fourth-down play.

The Saints could smell victory until the unthinkable happened — an untimely fumble ended the threat and breathed new life into the Panthers.

The reeling Saints had their hands full as McFadden burst from the shadows of the goal posts and, 40-plus yards later, moved the ball to midfield.

The maroon-and-gold-clad warriors made offensive play after play, marching the ball down the field, being matched only by determination and pride of the Saint defense leaving the outcome to one play.

The Panthers had 10 seconds left, no timeouts and the ball on



PHOTO BY RAY DERUCKI

Mishawaka Catholic's Cam Rafinski attempts a pass.

the 15-yard line when Lamont found an open Bays, who caught the pass and was hit — hit and hit again — until falling at the one-yard line as time expired.

The first overtime would not crown a champion as both teams teetered at the goal line without resolve.

The second overtime would prove to be the stanza that would crown the champion. Lamont attempted four passes all on target to McFadden, Bays, Schmitt and JP Lewis, but closely defended by the purple uniforms of the Saints.

On the ensuing try from the Saints; Cataldo and Keultjes rushed straight ahead finally resting the ball at the one-foot line and only one down remaining to pierce the endzone.

Coach Tony Violi huddled his team and called on the services of linemen Zack Whitfield, Dominic Rafinski and Brock Van Nevel, and told the boys, "If we can't get one foot, we don't deserve to win this game."

The stage was set. The com-

batants were dug in. The ball was snapped and the initial surge was met with a vengeance, but the second effort of quarterback Cam Rafinski just made it to paydirt by the narrowest of margins ending the battle once and for all, 6-0, Mishawaka Catholic.

"We knew it would be a tough game filled with the need for field position, execution and the capitalization of opportunities," commented Panther Head Coach Shawn Bays. "We started the season off a little slow due to some injuries but we jelled, added to the playbook and improved throughout the year. I'm extremely proud of this team's accomplishments."

"I thought we had lost it after the fumble at the five and followed by the big run by McFadden, but the kids hung tough and persevered," explained Violi. "Our great eighth-grade leadership really stepped up and made the difference. Without it, we don't answer the bell after the turnover."

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CRAFT SHOWS

Holiday bazaar

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. With over 60 crafters, Piggy Raffle booth, bazaar raffle, and breakfast and lunch available.

Craft show, bake sale scheduled Nov. 2

Fort Wayne — Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a craft show, candy and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. Door Prizes every half hour. Handmade ceramic Christmas tree, Vera Bradley bags and more. Refreshments available. Wheelchair accessible.

Holiday craft bazaar set Nov. 2

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium, 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd. A lunch and bake sale will also be offered.

Craft bazaar

Fort Wayne — The St. Charles craft bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 vendors converge. Lunch is also available as well as other sweet and savory treats. St. Charles is on the corner of Trier and Reed roads.

Women's fertility workshop offered

Fort Wayne — The NaPro TECHNOLOGY System is being presented Saturday, Nov. 9, from

9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in the Mother Teresa Room. FertilityCare™ is easy to learn and easy to interpret. RSVPs required. Call Theresa at (260) 494-6444 or email at theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com.

Trivia night fundraiser planned

New Haven — A Trivia Benefit for Erica Lomont will be Saturday, Nov. 9, at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish. All proceeds will go to the Pete and Erica Lomont family to help with medical expenses. Cost of \$20/person includes nacho bar, two beer tickets, soda and water. For information call (260) 639-6554.

Sunday breakfasts at St. Pius X

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Nov.

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10, and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults \$6, children 6-10 \$3.

Turkey Bingo

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, 10070 Aboite Center Rd., will

have Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo will be called from 1-3 p.m. Winners receive a turkey. Pizza, pop and snacks available for purchase. Donations benefit SJSE HASA.

Music Director

St. Therese Catholic Church in Fort Wayne seeks a music director. This is a part-time position and qualifications include ability to play the organ and piano.

Main duties include playing the organ and piano at weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation, choirs and cantor practices, scheduling of the cantors and choirs, organizing and setting the musical liturgy for weekend Masses and Holy Days plus playing for weddings and funerals as needed and paid separately.

Interested parties are to contact:

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AARON SENG

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades participates in the popular "text the bishop" session at the teen Faithfest on Sunday, Oct. 27.



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Keynote speaker Mike Patin energizes the Faithfest participants.



At one of the Faithfest Expo exhibits, participants were challenged to move a cookie from their forehead to their mouth without using their hands.

FAITHFEST

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sessions on marriage, dealing with stress in the world and why there is suffering.

Energetic keynote speaker, former teacher and coach Mike Patin had the teens involved in several activities to demonstrate the theme of wayfaring during his talk.

"Wayfarers are on a journey — searching," he said. "Everybody on the planet is searching."

One of the activities he called "it's a small world" had the attendees scrambling to find someone they

didn't know and find out what they had in common. The purpose was to show that everyone is searching to be connected.

"A lot of you probably think that you're the only freak to be Catholic in a non-Catholic school or the only one thinking of becoming a priest or the only one trying to live a chaste life," Patin said.

He told them that he once read, "Everybody you meet loved someone, lost someone and is fighting a battle — I'd like to add everybody is searching, seeking, wayfaring."

Then he had the kids play "Amazing Race musical chairs" where they had to race out to the audience to find something and bring it back before losing a chair.

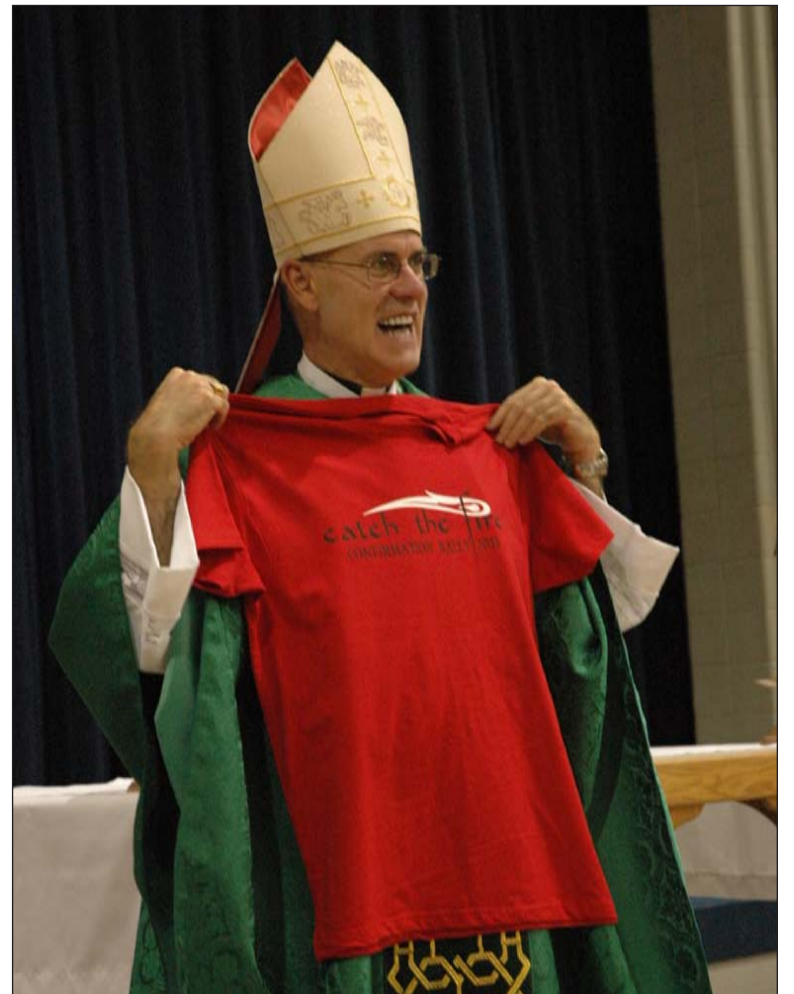
"Sometimes the pressure of

speed makes you want to find the first thing you can and I get restless when things don't go my way," he said.

Then he had two teens wear blindfolds while the audience shouted instructions to them to find something. He asked the teens afterwards what was the most difficult aspect of the exercise and they mentioned everybody screaming at them so they couldn't understand any of the voices, and not being able to see.

Cindy Black, director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry, said all the students she spoke with at the end of Faithfest said they loved the day. When asked what specifically they loved, they all chimed, "All of it!"

'CATCH THE FIRE' RALLY PREPARES THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Nearly 630 youths and their chaperones from 29 schools and parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend attended the Confirmation rally at Marian High School in Mishawaka on Saturday, Oct. 26. The theme was "Catch the Fire" and based on the Scripture quote from Luke 12:49: "I have come to set the world ablaze." Keynote speaker Mike Patin added his energy to the day, which also included a girls' and boys' only breakout session, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, an afternoon session on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a witness talk from a Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, student, discussion questions, video presentation and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass that concluded the rally. The area Knights of Columbus assisted with the day.

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