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## Diocese, faithful consecrated to Mary

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Over 12,000 men and women of all ages throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend entrusted their lives to Mary on the solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption, Aug. 15. And many of those making that consecration gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for the 6 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. At the Mass, Bishop Rhoades rededicated the diocese to Mary.

The faithful not only filled the pews and narthex of the cathedral, but brought chairs and blankets and assembled on the plaza and lawn of the cathedral where large screens and a sound system brought the Mass outdoors to the overflow. Nearly 2,000 faithful assembled for the Mass.

"Like the Apostle John, we welcome the Mother of Christ into our home, into our hearts," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily.

He said the Marian consecration is "our saying 'yes' to the beautiful gift Jesus gave us from the cross when He said to John: 'Behold your mother.' We are responding with faith to Our Lord's gift of love, the gift of His mother, and to our Mother's love."

"She wants to act in our lives, to share with us the joy of her faith, to help us to know and follow her Son," Bishop Rhoades continued. "She invites us, as she invited the servants at the wedding feast of Cana, to do whatever Jesus tells us. She wants to lead us to know the height and depth ... of Christ's love for us. And she wants us to be with her in the glory of heaven, in the presence of the Most Holy Trinity. Today we say 'yes' to her. We say 'yes' to the truths of our baptismal promises."

The bishop said, "We say with her: 'Behold the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your Word.' And so we are able to rejoice with her in God our Savior and to repeat her words in the Magnificat: 'the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name.'"

Those preparing for the consecration used "33 Days to Morning Glory" written by Father Michael E. Gaitley, a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. The faithful participated by reflecting upon daily readings and some gathered in groups at their parishes to discuss and reflect upon the readings.

"In these past 33 days, we have been united in our prayers of preparation for today, for our Marian consecration, guided by the wisdom of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II," Bishop Rhoades said.

"These spiritual giants, heroes of our faith, reached the heights of holiness, powerfully aided by their devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary," he said. "They learned from Mary, and they teach us to learn from Mary, the way of perfection. They learned from Mary's example to be faithful disciples of Jesus, to be steadfast in faith, persevering in hope and a b o u n d - i n g i n love. They l e a r n e d , i n a w o r d , t o f o l l o w Jesus. They learned to be authentic Christians, to be saints."

"That's what Mary teaches us," Bishop Rhoades said. "And she not only teaches us, she helps us. Through her prayers, she fills our hearts with the light of Christ's holiness."

The beauty of Mary's virtue and holiness came from the Holy Spirit, the bishop said. She was adorned with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Mary was present in the upper room with the Apostles at Pentecost, praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had already descended upon Mary at the Annunciation, when she conceived the Son of God by His power, when she became the Mother of God. At Pentecost, that outpouring of the Holy Spirit was repeated and reinforced in her because of the new motherhood she had received at the foot of the cross. At Pentecost, she received a renewed gift of the Spirit for the fruitfulness of her new motherhood as Mother of the Church, as our Mother.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Just as Mary prayed for the disciples in the upper room, she also prays for us today. She prays that we too will open our hearts to the seven-fold gift of the Holy Spirit. In her motherly love, she implores the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us in the way of her Son."

After the homily, while the faithful knelt in prayer, Bishop Rhoades also entrusted the Diocese of Fort

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JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades rededicates the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to Mary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Aug. 15. Below, the faithful kneel in prayer during the prayer of consecration to Mary on the lawn and plaza area of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Large screens and audio brought the Mass to the overflow outside. Nearly 2,000 faithful participated in the Mass.



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## MARY

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Wayne-South Bend to Mary's intercession "so that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon us, filling the hearts of all the faithful and enkindling in us the fire of His love."

As the bishop continued his homily, he invited the faithful to think about the "woman clothed with the sun" in the Book of Revelation.

This woman, the bishop said, represents both Mary and the Church. The moon is the "image of death and mortality." On her head is a crown of 12 stars that represent the people of God — the 12 tribes of Israel and the Church founded on the Twelve Apostles. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, wanting to devour her child, but he couldn't. "Her child was caught up to God and His throne" and "the woman fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God."

The dragon, Satan, evil, is present throughout human history, the bishop noted.

"The struggle between the woman and the dragon, between God and the evil one, between the Church and the enemy, is perennial," Bishop Rhoades said. "We see it in the world and world events. St. Maximilian Kolbe saw it dramatically in Auschwitz. Pope John Paul experienced it when he was shot in St. Peter's Square."

"We see it today in wars, violence, persecution, hatred and destruction of innocent human life," the bishop continued. "The struggle between good and evil is one that we as disciples of Jesus must also confront, in our own lives and even in our own hearts. All the disciples of Jesus must face this struggle. Pope Francis teaches us that we do not face this struggle alone, that 'the Mother of Christ and of the Church is always with us. She walks with us always, she is with us. ... Mary has of course already entered, once and for all, into heavenly glory' — that's what we celebrate on today's feast of the Assumption — 'but this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us; rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil.' Pope Francis especially recommends the holy rosary to sustain us in this battle."

"The Marian consecration is a powerful way for us to be on the winning side in this battle," Bishop Rhoades said. "In Mary, Christ's victory over Satan shines."

The woman who escaped the dragon fled into the desert, the wilderness. "We live in that desert, that wilderness," he said. "This time on earth is a like the desert, a time of anguish, persecution and trial. But it is not an indefinite time. Liberation and the hour of glory will come. And during this time in the desert of the world, God nourishes us with the bread of His Word and of the Holy Eucharist. And He has given us the help of His mother."



TIM JOHNSON

**St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, parishioners, dressed in ethnic clothing, carry a statue of the Blessed Mother during the Marian procession following the Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption with Diocesan Consecration on Aug. 15. Many from the religious communities of the diocese also participated in the Mass and procession. At the Mass, the readings were proclaimed in English and Spanish.**

The solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the joy that Mary is free from any shadow of death and totally filled with life. "She shares in her Son's victory. And she deeply desires that we do too," Bishop Rhoades said.

The faithful participating in the "33 Days to Morning Glory" made their individual consecration after the homily.

After Communion, Bishop Rhoades bestowed the papal blessing with a plenary indulgence.

Stanley Liponoga IV, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, told *Today's Catholic* he has a special devotion to the Blessed Mother and says a rosary almost every day. Reading about the consecration in *Today's Catholic* he said motivated him to want to participate.

Recently appointed the principal of Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne, Liponoga delivered "33 Days to Morning Glory" to the staff of the school in early summer.

"I wanted to make sure we would do a summer read together," he said, so he hand-delivered the book to each staff person's home. Some of the staff met once a week, watched the DVD and had a small prayer group through the 33 days of the retreat preparation. Several of the teachers, the schoolchildren and their families were in attendance at the cathedral Mass.

After Mass, led by the Knights of Columbus and the Franciscan Brothers Minor, many joined a Marian procession — totalling 1,200 faithful — through the downtown streets of Fort Wayne to Headwaters Park, where the Festival of Faith was launched with food, drinks and square dancing. Choir members from Bishop Luers High School and Bishop Dwenger High School and other musical groups from across the diocese led Marian hymns during the procession.



BOB HARTENSTEIN

**The Knights of Columbus stand in honor as diocesan seminarians lead the procession out of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Aug. 15. The Mass included diocesan consecration and individual consecration to Mary.**



FRANCIE HOGAN

**The faithful, gathered in the back of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, kneel and make their individual consecration to Mary after completion of the "33 Days to Morning Glory" preparation.**



# Bishop blesses St. Elizabeth Ann Seton new educational wing

BY CORINE ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to celebrate Mass and bless the new educational wing on Saturday, Aug. 16. The wing was recently constructed for the opening of the new St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, as well as the start of the school year for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton religious education program.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of generosity as being one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. "I cannot thank you enough for your generosity in the capital campaign here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish," Bishop Rhoades said. "I am happy to celebrate this Mass with you today and to bless the beautiful new addition to your education wing."

Bishop Rhoades complimented the parish on building the new education wing so quickly. "It is a sign of your faith and your commitment to the children of this parish and their formation in the faith," Bishop Rhoades said.

The bishop spoke of his own devotion to Mother Seton; beginning with the time he started college at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. "She was canonized the first American-born saint two weeks after I began at the Mount in 1975," Bishop Rhoades said. "I prayed often at her tomb in the basilica in Emmitsburg, both as a college student and later as rector of the seminary. We can all be inspired by her faith and holiness. She was a great pioneer of the Church in our country."

Bishop Rhoades quoted Cardinal Terrence Cooke of New York who ordained him a deacon: "In Elizabeth Ann Seton, we have a saint for our times. In Elizabeth Ann Seton, we have a woman of faith for a time of doubt and uncertainty. ... A woman of love for a time of coldness and division. ... A woman of hope for a time of crisis and discouragement."

Bishop Rhoades addressed St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners. "Those words are very true. I encourage you to continue to grow as a parish community of faith, hope and love, learning from your patron saint and also asking for her intercession," he said.

Building the new wing, Bishop Rhoades said, is "to pass on the faith and to form disciples of Jesus Christ. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a valiant woman of God's Church, Cardinal Cooke said. May we be valiant men and women of God's Church today!"

Bishop Rhoades touched on an idea that Pope Francis has spoken about — the Church's mission to evangelize. "The mission of the Church and of a parish is to evangelize. A truly vibrant parish is one that evangelizes and is not turned in on itself," Bishop Rhoades spoke with passion.

With the building of the St.



PHOTOS BY CORINE ERLANDSON

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the cross in the entrance of the educational wing.**

Elizabeth Ann Seton education wing, this allowed St. Joseph School to stand alone as its own Catholic school and to offer a Catholic education to 254 students from the central city area of Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades added that Catholic education was not readily available to these 254 students previously.

"That's why you built the new addition for Catholic education. You are heeding Pope Francis' call to the Church to not be self-centered or self-referential, but to be missionary disciples. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a great missionary disciple."

Towards the end of Mass, Bishop Rhoades performed the rite of sending for two new seminarian students from the parish. He gave the two young men, Mark Hellinger and Ben Landrigan, holy medals to wear and blessed them as well.

After the Mass, Bishop Rhoades, Father Jim Shafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Father Ben Muhlenkamp, parochial vicar, and Deacon Jim Kitchens processed to the parish gym, where parishioners gathered.

The bishop, priests, deacon and students walked through the entire educational wing, with the bishop blessing with holy water all the classrooms, offices, media center, teacher workrooms, restrooms and youth group room. Bishop Rhoades ended the tour by stopping at the cross that stands in the entrance of the educational wing, and blessed and kissed the cross. During the tour, parishioners in the parish gym were able to follow the blessing with a live video feed as the group went through the building.

"A visit by our bishop is always a special moment for us, and for him, too," said Father Shafer. "Bishop Rhoades has a special devotion and love for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The highlight for me was seeing the joy on bishop's face as he and 50-some children moved from room to room as he blessed



**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners in the parish activity center before the blessing of the new educational wing.**

our new educational wing."

The bishop, priests, deacon and students returned to the parish gym, where Father Shafer and Bishop Rhoades gave their final remarks. Father Shafer thanked those who have been instrumental in the building of the new wing. Bishop Rhoades offered a final blessing on the parishioners gathered.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School's first day was Aug. 13. The religious education program begins Sept. 7. "It has been an awesome first week of school," said St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Principal Lois Widner. "The students love their new classrooms, and the younger students are so excited to have the older students with them. The vision has become a reality, due to Bishop Rhoades, Father Jim Shafer and our dedicated staff, parents and students. We have started our new journey, just as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton did those many years ago. We are pioneers in education and building our children's faith."



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. — 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, Saint Bernard Church, Wabash
- Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Victory Noll, Huntington
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m. — Opening Mass of Academic Year, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, Aug. 31, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 8 a.m. — Mass and Blessing of Saint Joseph School, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 12 p.m. — Dedication of the new building of The Franciscan Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6:15 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Parish Leadership Dinner and Meeting, Saint Mary Parish Center, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. — 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, Marian High School, Mishawaka
- Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:15 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Parish Leadership Dinner and Meeting, Saint Hedwig Parish Center, South Bend
- Monday, Sept. 8, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, Washington, D.C.
- Thursday, Sept. 11, 12:05 p.m. — Priest Jubilarian Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Holiday Inn, Warsaw



## Priest appointed

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has appointed **Father Bob Showers, OFMConv**, as Pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola, effective September 1, 2014.

## Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diacono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: [mraatz@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mraatz@diocesefwsb.org). La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.



# 800,000 watch as pope moves 124 Korean martyrs closer to sainthood

BY SIMONE ORENDAIN

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Pope Francis placed 124 Korean martyrs on the last step toward sainthood in a beatification Mass Aug. 16 that brought elation to the 800,000 people in attendance.

The sun was searing as Bishop Francis Ahn Myong-ok of Masan, president of the commission for the beatification, asked the pope to pronounce the martyrs blessed. After hearing a brief collective biography of 124 of the original founders of the Korean Catholic Church, Pope Francis pronounced the formula of beatification.

With his words, trumpets blared and a huge swath depicting a watercolor of the newly blessed martyrs in heaven was unfurled on the side of the U.S. Embassy facing the square where the faithful gathered. People laughed and cheered as the image also popped up on the giant video monitors along the more than one-mile stretch.

"It was very great to see Papa Francis," Sophia Moon, 26, told Catholic News Service. "He was very touching to us because in Korea there have been very hard times and there were (people who became martyrs)."

The 124 were killed for their beliefs, setting off a 100-year period in the 18th and 19th centuries when the Korean government went after about 10,000 faithful who pledged filial piety to God, not the king of Joseon. Among this group was Paul Yun Ji-Chung, the very first Korean to be executed for his faith after he buried his mother using Catholic rites that completely went against the norms of the heavily Confucian society.

In his homily, the pope said, "So often we today can find our faith challenged by the world, and in countless ways we are asked to compromise our faith, to water down the radical demands of the Gospel and to conform to the spirit of this age."

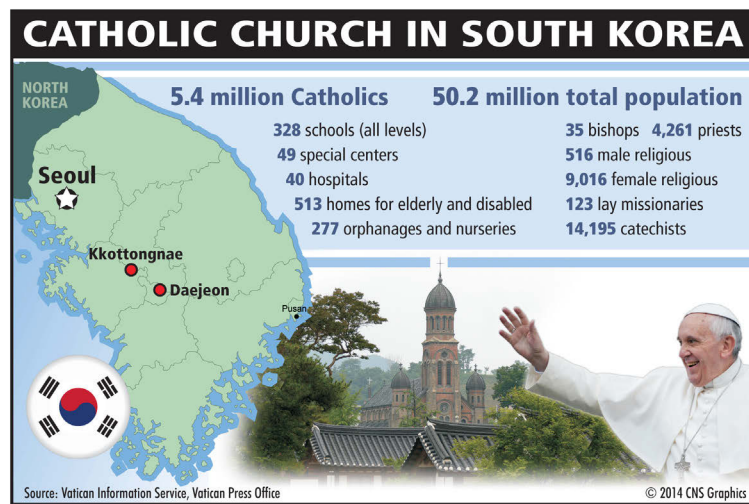
"Yet the martyrs call out to us to put Christ first and to see all else in this world in relation to him and His eternal kingdom. They challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for," he said.

Seyeon Jeong, 26, told Catholic News Service she had an 18th-century ancestor who "actually sacrificed himself as a Catholic" but was not among the newly blessed.

"I was born a Catholic and I have been living as a Catholic, but through this Mass I can actually realize the meaning, I mean the full meaning of what the sacrifice meant here," she said. "I could actually feel my ancestor's spirit."

Pope Francis credited the martyrs with showing the "importance of charity in the life of faith," since their belief in the "equal dignity of all the baptized" led them to challenge the "rigid social structures of their day."

Moments before the Mass, the pope personally greeted the faithful as he traveled via popemobile along



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**Young people hold signs with the words "Light of the World" at the conclusion of a dramatization for Pope Francis during a meeting with Asian youth at the Sanctuary of Solmoe in South Korea Aug. 15.**

the stretch from Seoul's City Hall to Geongbok Palace, the backdrop of a temporary altar. Geongbok is described by South Korea's tourism bureau as the grandest of the Joseon-era palaces.

Among those who attended the Mass were about 300 U.S. military personnel and 400 family members of the victims of the Sewol ferry accident, which left more than 300 dead in April.

The Sewol group had been protesting at the square for weeks, demanding that a special law be passed for an independent investigation into the accident. They were determined to remain during the beatification Mass in hopes of an encounter with the pope. After days of negotiations, the committee handling the pope's visit granted access, and they got their wish.

When Pope Francis swung by on the popemobile, many called out to him, pointing at the family members and one grieving father who had been on a hunger strike for more than a month.

Kim Young-oh, father of a teenage girl who died in the capsized ferry, told CNS the pope grabbed his hands and, because a fence separated them and he could not hug the pope, he laid his forehead twice on the pope's hands.

Kim said he asked to give him a letter and the pope nodded and tucked it into his cassock.

"I was really prepared to meet the pope and (spell) out that there is a strong need for this bill, and we're really fighting for this bill," said Kim through an interpreter.



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**Pope Francis gives the homily at the beatification Mass of Paul Yun Ji-chung and 123 martyred companions in Seoul, South Korea, Aug. 16.**

## Papal trip highlights

### At stadium Mass, pope tells Koreans to resist materialism

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Celebrating Mass before some 50,000 people, Pope Francis prayed that Christian values overcome demoralization in economically successful societies. "The hope held out by the Gospel is the antidote to the spirit of despair that seems to grow like cancer in societies which are outwardly affluent yet often experience inner sadness and emptiness," the pope said

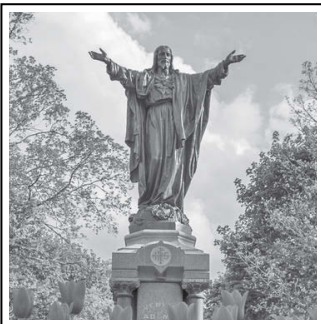
Aug. 15 in his homily at the World Cup Stadium in Daejeon. The pope voiced his hope that Christians in South Korea, the world's 13th-largest economy, might "combat the allure of a materialism that stifles authentic spiritual and cultural values and the spirit of unbridled competition, which generates selfishness and strife. May they also reject inhumane economic models which create new forms of poverty and marginalize workers, and the culture of death which devalues the image of God, the God of life, and violates the dignity of every man, woman and child," he said. Just before he dressed for the Mass, Pope Francis met outside the sacristy with 10 people involved in the April Sewol ferry disaster. Some were survivors of the incident that left 300 people, mostly teens, dead; some were relatives, and a few priests were among the group. The pope embraced and blessed them, placing his hand on their heads. Some wiped away tears.



### Charity, forgiveness keys to Korean reunification, says pope

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Pope Francis told Korean Catholics that the reunification of their divided peninsula as well as the harmony of South Korean society depend on the practice of Gospel virtues, especially charity and forgiveness. God's promise to restore unity and prosperity to "a people dispersed by disaster and division ... is inseparably tied to a command: the command to return to God and wholeheartedly obey His law," Pope Francis said. In a homily Aug. 18, during a Mass for peace and reconciliation at Seoul's Myongdong Cathedral, Pope Francis said Jesus asked people "to believe that forgiveness is the door which leads to reconciliation. I ask you to bear convincing witness to Christ's message of forgiveness in your homes, in your communities and at every level of national life," he said. "Thus our prayers for peace and reconciliation will rise to God from ever more pure hearts and, by His gracious gift, obtain that precious good for which we all long," he said. The Mass was closed to the public. Guests included South Korean President Park Geun-hye, women who were sold into sexual slavery during World War II, North Korean defectors, those whose families were kidnapped and taken to North Korea and 12 clerics from various faiths.

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# First black priests in U.S. 'opened door for rest of us'

MOBILE, Ala. (CNS) — Black Catholic bishops, priests, deacons and religious brothers who gathered in Mobile for an annual joint conference celebrated the 80th anniversary of the first class of black priests who were educated and ordained in the U.S.

"As we begin our preparations for the 50th anniversary of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, it is important for us to remember those pioneers who came before us," said Father Kenneth Taylor, president of the caucus.

"These men who were educated and ordained here in the United States opened the door for the rest of us. Because of what they did, we can do what we do," added Father Taylor, who is pastor of the Church of the Holy Angels in Indianapolis.

The clergy caucus holds an annual joint conference with the National Black Sisters' Conference, the National Black Catholic Seminarians' Association and the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons.

Deacon Mel Tardy, who serves at St. Augustine Parish in South Bend, was elected to serve on the board of directors of the National Black



DEACON MEL TARDY

Catholic Clergy Caucus. He and his wife Annie attended the joint conference.

This year's joint conference took place July 27-31 in Mobile, where the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary national convention took place July 25-30. Some events of the two meetings overlapped.

A highlight of the joint conference was a review of the history of black Catholic priests ministering in the United States. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago also gave a progress report on the sainthood cause for Father Augustus Tolton.

According to the clergy caucus, the Society of the Divine Word, a German-based missionary order, took on the challenge of formation of black clergy for America's black Catholic parishes.

In 1934, four black men educated in the U.S. were ordained Divine Word priests: Fathers Anthony Bourges, Maurice

Rousseve, Vincent Smith and Francis Wade. All four suffered racial hatred "from within the Church and in American society," the caucus noted.

Their ordination came more than 40 years after the first self-acknowledged black priest, Father Charles Uncles, was ordained in the U.S. — in 1891. A native of Baltimore, he was educated at a Quebec seminary.

In 1893, Father Uncles was part of a small group that re-organized a mission society devoted to freedmen to create St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, known better as the Josephite Fathers and Brothers, to serve the black Catholic community.

Father James Healy (1830-1900) was the first black Catholic priest and later the first black Catholic bishop in the U.S. His brother Father Patrick Healy was the first black Jesuit. Both were ordained in Paris, James in

1854 and Patrick in 1864. They were born into a mixed-race family of 10 children in Georgia.

"Both of these priests passed as white and found no racial barriers in their pursuits," the caucus report said.

Father Tolton (1854-1897), a former slave, was educated in Rome and ordained there in 1886. He founded the first black Catholic church in Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago formally opened his sainthood cause in 2010. In a progress report on his cause, Bishop Perry said two cures for which there is believed to be no medical explanation have been submitted to Church officials for verification.

In general one miracle attributed to the sainthood candidate's intercession is needed for beatification, and a second such miracle is needed for canonization.

During the conference the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus presented its Brother

Joseph Davis Award for lifetime achievement to retired Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Carmon of New Orleans.

During its business meeting the caucus also formally established a committee to oversee events to mark its 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated in April 2018.

Precious Blood Father Clarence Williams, who is vice president of the caucus, was named chairman of the committee.

By starting plans for the anniversary now, "we hope to encourage the black Catholic community and the Church in general to reflect on our life changing journey of the last 46 years," Father Williams said in a statement. "The black and black Catholic movements have transformed the soul of this nation and have given us the moral strength to elect twice a black president which was unthinkable in April of 1968. Just think about that!"

**'These men who were educated and ordained here in the United States opened the door for the rest of us. Because of what they did, we can do what we do.'**

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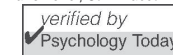
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## Pope to U.N.: Act to end the tragedy in Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis formally asked U.N. agencies and the entire international community “to take action to end the humanitarian tragedy now underway” in northeastern Iraq. In a letter signed Aug. 9, but released by the Vatican only after it had been delivered, Pope Francis told U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon immediate action was needed “to stop and to prevent further systematic violence against ethnic and religious minorities.” The papal letter was sent after militants of the Islamic State terrorist organization had captured Mosul in late July and Qaraqosh in early August, killing hundreds of people and forcing tens of thousands of Christians, Yazidis and other religious and ethnic minorities from their homes. The U.S. military began airstrikes against the Islamic state Aug. 8 as well as airdrops of food and water for Iraqi minorities who had been forced to flee. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters Aug. 13 that Pope Francis was using language in line with the development in Catholic social teaching and international ethics on humanitarian intervention and the “obligation to protect” people facing widespread massacres and outright genocide. He pointed to Pope Benedict XVI’s speech to the U.N. General Assembly in 2008: “Recognition of the unity of the human family, and attention to the innate dignity of every man and woman, today find renewed emphasis in the principle of the responsibility to protect. This has only recently been defined, but it was already present implicitly at the origins of the United Nations.”

## Liberian health system suffers from strain of caring for Ebola patients

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — Liberia’s health system is in “complete shambles,” a Church aid agency said, as the death of a Spanish priest brought to six the number of caregivers at a Catholic-run hospital in the capital of Monrovia who have died of Ebola in August. Father Miguel Pajares, 75, a member of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, died in a Madrid hospital Aug. 12. He had been evacuated from Liberia Aug. 7. A few hours after the priest’s death, the World Health Organization endorsed the use of experimental medication to combat the Ebola virus, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. The Spanish health ministry said earlier that it had obtained the U.S.-manufactured drug, Zmapp, for the missionary priest. Caritas Liberia reported in an Aug. 12 notice to health workers that the Liberian health system “is in complete shambles with immense strains. Suspected, probable, and confirmed cases of Ebola as well as Ebola-related deaths continue to rise with isolation centers overcrowded with victims. Most of the referral hospitals in Monrovia are closed due to limited safety gears for health workers and support staffers,”

# NEWS BRIEFS

## WOMEN GATHER INSIDE CHAPEL AT TEMPORARY TENT CAMP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES OUTSIDE DONETSK



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Women gather inside a chapel Aug. 18 at a temporary tent camp set up for Ukrainian refugees near the Russian-Ukrainian border. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimated Aug. 15 that 155,800 Ukrainians had been displaced by fighting, more than 2,000 people had been killed since mid-April and another 5,000 had been injured.

said the message, which was shared with Catholic News Service.

## Archbishop calls for prayer, penance to counter planned ‘black mass’

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — Archbishop Paul S. Coakley has asked Catholics to offer prayer and penance to prevent a Satanic group from holding a “black mass” Sept. 21 at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City. “Even though tickets are being sold for this event as if it were merely some sort of dark entertainment, this Satanic ritual is deadly serious. It is a blasphemous and obscene inversion of the Catholic Mass,” said the Oklahoma City archbishop. “Using a consecrated host obtained illicitly from a Catholic church and desecrating it in the vilest ways imaginable, the practitioners offer it in sacrifice to Satan,” he said. “This terrible sacrilege is a deliberate attack on the Catholic Mass as well as the foundational beliefs of all Christians.” He made the comments in an Aug. 4 letter to priests and parishioners throughout the archdiocese. A copy of the letter was released to media Aug. 5. He said that despite “repeated requests, there has been no indication

that the city intends to prevent this.” He called for a united campaign of prayer, procession and benediction in response to the “black mass.” He specifically asked that the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel be included at the conclusion of every Mass from the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which was Aug. 6, and continue through the feast of the Archangels, Sept. 29.

## Knights convene to celebrate their charitable works, fraternal programs

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) — Setting the tone for the 132nd annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, Orlando Bishop John G. Noonan noted shifting social trends and the turbulence of world events but also emphasized the hope of faith and fraternity among Christians. Nearly 90 archbishops and bishops — including 11 cardinals — were expected to join approximately 2,000 Knights and their family members for the Aug. 5-7 convention in Orlando. On the anniversary of the founding of Rome’s Basilica of St. Mary Major, Bishop Noonan noted the difficulty of the times, of political gridlock and apparent social and moral decay, challenges to marriage

and family life, dwindling belief in God and challenges in the Church. “The challenges we are facing are whether we are willing to recognize God in our lives and are we willing to have a relationship with Him,” the Irish-born Bishop Noonan said in his homily. “Along comes a man named Jorge Mario Bergoglio who becomes Pope Francis. He captures the world with his humility and simplicity. In his first message to the world, Pope Francis “is telling us not to view the world with fear but with the joy of the Gospel,” he said. “Pope Francis challenges us to let God into our lives. He illustrates this by telling us that the moon has no lights, but we have to be like the moon, because the moon reflects the light of the sun just as we must reflect the love of Christ in our lives. This year’s convention, with the theme “You Will All be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity,” was to include a mix of business, fellowship, prayer and recognition of Knights who have distinguished themselves over the past year. Later in the day, at the start of the convention business meeting, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, conveyed a papal message. “The Church is called to be a community of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another and serve as a leaven

of reconciliation and unity for the whole human family,” the cardinal said in his statement.

## Healing after teen’s shooting ‘in Jesus’ hands,’ says parishioner

FERGUSON, Mo. (CNS) — Against the backdrop of demonstrations and unrest, some of it violent, that has followed the Aug. 9 killing of an unarmed black teenager by police in Ferguson, members of a local Catholic parish did perhaps the only thing they could — they prayed. As police and protesters stood in an uneasy truce Aug. 11 close to a burned-out convenience store and businesses looted in an earlier demonstration, two miles away members of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish prayed the rosary. “As a community, we needed to come together in prayer,” said parishioner Cathy Cunningham, who described the community as “very sad. We just have to put it in Jesus’ hands, and he will heal us,” she told the *St. Louis Review*, the archdiocesan newspaper. Led by their pastor, Father Robert Rosebrough, about 100 people gathered to pray the rosary at the parish’s Our Lady of Lourdes grotto. Since the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown, the community is demanding answers. Emotions run deep in the biracial community of Ferguson, 11 miles from downtown St. Louis.

## Iraqi Christians arrive in Jordan with tearful tales of desperation

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) — The first Iraqi Christians fleeing Islamic State militants reached the safety of Jordan, helped by King Abdullah II and Catholic aid groups. “Our money has run out,” said an Iraqi Catholic woman, Um Muwataz, as tears streamed down her face. “The Islamic State put a big red Arabic letter ‘N’ on our home, claiming the house as their property. We had no other choice but to flee, first to the northern Kurdish city of Irbil and now here to Jordan. We’ve spent our last penny,” the former teacher said, her body tensing. “N” is the first letter of an Arabic word for Christian, “Nasrani” or Nazarene. “Never in my life could I imagine such a thing happening to us, Christians,” she told Catholic News Service. Um Muwataz and her family of four managed to fly to Amman from Irbil with about 100 Iraqi Christians from Mosul, Qaraqosh and surrounding Christian villages, beginning Aug. 13. But she said she was concerned for her married daughter and the rest of the family stuck in Irbil, because the young woman’s 6-month-old twins do not have Iraqi passports. Nor can they return to Mosul, Iraq’s second-largest city, to apply for these travel documents. Ra’ed Bahou, Catholic Near East Welfare Association’s regional director for Jordan and Iraq, told CNS that about 1,000 Iraqi Christians from the Mosul area were expected to enter Jordan under special arrangements by King Abdullah.



## Holy Hour for Vocations planned in Immaculate Conception Church

AUBURN — All are invited to celebrate a Holy Hour for Vocations on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. The liturgy will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Brother Joseph Maria, vocations director for the Franciscan Brothers Minor at Our Lady of the Angels Friary, will share a reflection on vocations and discernment. Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of Immaculate Conception, will be the celebrant. Refreshments and socializing will follow. Visit [iccauburn.com](http://iccauburn.com) or call the parish office at 260-925-3930 for more information.

## Bishop Luers principal appointed director on USF board committee

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High School principal Tiffany Albertson has been appointed a director on the Academic Affairs Committee of the University of Saint Francis Board of Trustees.

Albertson earned a bachelor's degree in biology/secondary education at Saint Francis College, now University of Saint Francis, in 1996, and a Master of Education in curriculum/instruction at Indiana Wesleyan University in 2006.

An Andrews resident, she is a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington and a member of its Stewardship Committee. She and her husband, Tom, have four children, Michael, Savannah, Nicholas and Nathan.

## Granger woman joins Franciscan Cap Corps

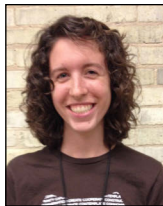
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Granger resident, Mary Catherine McDonald, daughter of Maura and Fran McDonald, has been commissioned as a Cap Corps volunteer.

Cap Corps is a Franciscan Capuchin volunteer ministry, geared to college-age students and graduates who wish to emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi and serve the poor and disenfranchised.

McDonald, a University of Dayton graduate with a degree in religious studies, will be providing service to a health clinic in Lima, Peru.

"I felt called to Cap Corps. I wanted to participate in a religiously based program where I could live out my faith intentionally and be supported in doing so. My faith is very important to me and is an inseparable part of me. I look forward to my 18-month commitment, knowing that Cap Corps will challenge me to grow deeper in my relationship with God."

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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## KNIGHTS SUPPORT UD2ND RIDE FOR LIFE



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Knights of Columbus Council 553 Santa Maria was proud to again support the UD2ND Ride for Life by providing pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and water at the end point of the 240 mile cycling benefit. Participants in the event, sponsored by the Dayton Life Resource Center, spent four days traveling the roads and trails from the University of Dayton, Ohio, and completed their journey by enjoying the shower facilities at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center at the University of Notre Dame. Proceeds from the event benefit the Dayton Life Resource Center's emergency baby pantry, three levels of parenting classes and community outreach.

tional community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua and Panama. Established at Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, in 1857, there are currently 174 members in the St. Joseph province.

## Service project provides blankets and hats for community

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will once again host its successful "Matthew 25 Project" service program to assist those in need in the area.

The program takes its name from the Bible verse Mt. 25:40, in which Jesus says: "I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least, you did it for me."

Beginning Sept. 9, each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. will be a "Matthew 25 Day" at the center, where anyone may come to help create the blankets and hats and take part in fellowship and service.

Donations to the project are also

welcome, including materials.

For more information about the program or Victory Noll Center, contact the center at 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or by e-mail at [victorynoll-center@olvm.org](mailto:victorynoll-center@olvm.org).

## The Franciscan Center to host open house

FORT WAYNE — The Franciscan Center will hold an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at its new center for operation at 1015 East Maple Grove. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will dedicate the center at noon. Tours will be available and refreshments provided.

## Support for Apostle Build requested

FORT WAYNE — Coordinators report that support for the Catholic Apostle Build has been great. Over 151 volunteers from six Catholic parishes have labored as the hands and feet of Christ to build a home in Fort Wayne for the Bahktov family, but more work is needed for the following days:

- Aug. 25-26 — 10 volunteers able to lift and set the truss;
- Aug. 28-29 — 10 needed to install sheeting;
- Sept. 9-12 — 10-20 volun-

teers needed to complete sheeting, install shingles, install siding

- Sept. 15-18 — 10-20 needed to finish siding, windows, doors

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. No experience is needed. Each shift is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The building site is located at 4308 W. Cook Rd.

Volunteers may sign up at <http://www.fortwaynehabitat.org>, click on "Volunteer," followed by "Volunteer Now" and scroll through the calendar to the Catholic Apostle Build. Volunteers should select the date they want and click on "Sign Up."

For additional information, call the Habitat office at 260-422-4828 and enter 2 for administrative offices.

## Secret Sisters Society Luncheon and Style Show to be held on Sept. 10

MISHAWAKA — The Secret Sisters Society will host its 13th annual Luncheon and Style Show from 12-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Century Center in downtown South Bend.

Organized by the Women's Task Force of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, the luncheon and style show is an annual event that raises funds to help

underserved women, ages 40-49, receive life-saving mammograms or cervical cancer screenings. In the past decade, money raised by the Secret Sisters Society has provided more than 4,000 women assistance. The 2013 event raised more than \$83,000.

Celebrating survivorship, the event provides education regarding the importance of early detection. Chris Karam, SJRMC chief operating officer; Dr. Michael Method, Women's Task Force medical director; and Tricia Sloma, WNDU news anchor will be the masters of ceremony for the event. All models in the style show are cancer survivors and each demonstrates a testament to strength and perseverance.

The luncheon and style show is open to the public, but seating is limited. Reservations must be made in advance prior to Sept. 3. Individual reservations are \$35. Patron tables and sponsorship opportunities are still available. With a donation of \$50 or more, individuals may become members of the Secret Sisters Society and help underserved women gain access to mammograms or cervical cancer screenings. Donations are being accepted for those unable to attend.

Reservations, inquires or donations may be made by emailing [thefoundation@sjrmc.com](mailto:thefoundation@sjrmc.com), by calling 574-335-4545, or by visiting [sjrmed.com](http://sjrmed.com). For more information on the Secret Sisters Society, visit [womenstaskforce.org](http://womenstaskforce.org).

## Enrichment, support program offered for divorced Catholic adults

MISHAWAKA — The diocesan Office of Family Life is hosting a 12-session spiritual enrichment and support program for Catholic adults who have experienced divorce. The program will be held at the St. John Paul II Center in Mishawaka on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. from Sept. 8 through Nov. 24.

The program is based on the DVD series "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide," which features noted experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Christopher West and Father Donald Calloway, and covers topics such as dealing with anger, relating to a former spouse, raising children, handling finances, struggling to forgive and developing a deeper relationship with Christ.

The cost for the program is \$20, which includes a personal reflection journal and refreshments. To register, contact Helen at 574-234-0687 or [haustgen@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:haustgen@diocesefwsb.org).

## Associated Churches and USF partner to feed hungry

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis students will participate in a food drive on Aug. 24. Volunteers will disperse throughout the 46808 and 46802 zip codes from 1-3 p.m. collecting food for the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County's Neighborhood Food Network.



## ND conference to explore Romero contributions

NOTRE DAME — A major three-day international conference that will explore the past and present theological contributions of Archbishop Oscar Romero, and his enduring impact upon daily life in Latin America will be held Sept. 25-28 at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero was assassinated by a hired killer while celebrating Mass at a Carmelite chapel located in the Hospital de la Divina Providencia of San Salvador.

Only a few days before his tragic death, Romero told an editor of the Mexican magazine *Excelsior*: "If they kill me, I will rise again in the people of El Salvador. ... If they manage to carry out their threats, as of now, I offer my blood for the redemption and resurrection of El Salvador. If God accepts the sacrifice of my life, then may my blood be the seed of liberty and the sign that hope will soon become a reality. May my death, if it is accepted by God, be for the liberation of my people, as a witness of hope in what is to come. ... A bishop may die,

but the Church of God, which is in the people, will never die."

Exploration of the international significance of the life and martyrdom of Archbishop Romero upon the Church of the future, and continuation of Archbishop Romero's staunch opposition to violence, poverty, social injustice and oppression is the raison d' être for the annual Romero Days symposiums and lectures, which have been held at Notre Dame every March since 1987, and for the International Conference on Archbishop Óscar Romero, being held at the University of Notre Dame.

This international gathering is sponsored by generous support from Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), The Kellogg Institute for International Studies, The Institute for Latino Studies (ILS), The Center for Social Concerns (CSC), The Department of Theology, The Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts (ISLA) — all at the University of Notre Dame — and by anonymous donors.

To honor Romero's martyrdom and his message, the conference is

bringing together approximately two dozen internationally-recognized Romero experts including Msgr. Ricardo Urioste, president of the Fundación Óscar Arnulfo Romero and a personal friend of Msgr. Romero; Dominican Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame; James Creagan, former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras; Roberto Cuéllar, executive director of the Interamerican Institute of Human Rights and formerly Romero's attorney and legal advisor; Michael Lee, associate professor of Systematic Theology at Fordham University; Julian Filochowski, chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust in England and author of Romero's nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize; Claudia Bernardi, professor of community arts at the California College of the Arts and member of the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team, which exhumed mass graves in El Salvador, Guatemala and Ethiopia; Damian Zynda, director of Christian formation at the Church of the Transfiguration; Tom Kelly, associate professor of systematic theology at Creighton University; Guadalupe Montalvo, who will offer a personal account of what Romero's efforts meant to her and to her fellow community members at Perquin, El Salvador, and other distinguished experts from around the world.

For more information contact please contact Maria Elena Bessignano at 574-631-4741 or via email at [bessignano.1@nd.edu](mailto:bessignano.1@nd.edu)

## Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will serve as presenting sponsor of WatchND platform

MISHAWAKA — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame athletics department and Fighting Irish Digital Media, will become the presenting sponsor of WatchND, the exclusive online video channel of Notre Dame athletics. Through this partnership, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center hopes to use the unique lens of Notre Dame athletics to further the message that a healthier life is attainable by all.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will strengthen its existing relationship with Notre Dame athletics as its official wellness partner by sponsoring all WatchND digital platforms, including web, mobile and tablet applications. In addition, Notre Dame athletics will join Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center as a partner in the "This Counts" movement.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center recognizes the significant health and well-being challenges facing the community and nation today. The "This Counts" movement, organized by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, encourages people in the community to begin their wellness journey by making positive everyday choices. "This Counts" reinforces that simple decisions like taking the stairs, choosing a healthy snack or playing with your children count on the journey toward better wellness.

This innovative partnership is a statement of commitment directed at bettering the lives of those in the area. Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center recognizes the impact that

Notre Dame athletics makes on this community and is honored to partner to inspire improved health.

Learn more about WatchND by visiting [www.watchnd.tv](http://www.watchnd.tv).

## 'Saturdays with the Saints' series to be offered at ND

NOTRE DAME — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame begins its fifth year of the popular "Saturdays with the Saints" lecture series. Distinguished members of the Notre Dame faculty will offer lectures on various saints at 10:30 a.m. on select ND home football game weekends.

For fall 2014, Saturdays with the Saints offers another great opportunity to spend time in the company of saints. Starting the season on Aug. 30, Lawrence Cunningham, professor emeritus, Notre Dame, will give a presentation on "Mary" at Notre Dame — Mary in art and image on Notre Dame's campus.

In honor of the Synod on the Family, there will be a presentation on "A Family of Saints: Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, as encountered by Dorothy Day" (Thérèse, 1960) on Oct. 4. The holiest of all families will be the topic on Nov. 15 with a presentation titled "The Holy Family: Images in Art."

Other saints, old and new include, "Theologian and More: Thomas Aquinas the Saint" on Sept. 6, and two of the newest saints will be discussed in "Saints as Popes: The Canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II" on Oct. 11.

All lectures are free, open to the public, and held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Andrews Auditorium — Lower Level, Geddes Hall, on the University of Notre Dame campus. Find out more at <http://icl.nd.edu/events/saturdays-with-the-saints/>

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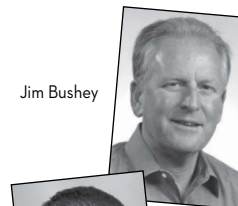
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### USF Formula for Life continues inroads in Haiti

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis Formula for Life students and their faculty adviser continued to make inroads in their service to Haiti by connecting with local officials and medical providers during a May visit.

Since its founding in 2007 by a USF student who encountered a starving Haitian infant during a mission trip, the student-led group has supported Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage with funding for food, clean water and most recently, a new building. Through its 5K walk/run and silent auction, in addition to community-wide fundraising, Formula for Life has raised nearly \$90,000 for the construction of the new orphanage, now being built. The group delivered funds raised to drill a second well during the May

visit, helped make concrete blocks for the building and continued to network through local officials and resources.

Formula for Life faculty adviser Dr. Amy Obringer and students Megan Kelley and Rachel Bornhorst flew directly to northern Haiti to work on relationship development, while a first-time student group toured the country and orphanage.

Obringer's group received a report of good health for the orphanage's children from its physician and met with the administration, faculty and students of Notre Dame School of Nursing in Haiti, discussing USF nursing students training with them during future visits.

Both groups made concrete blocks at the orphanage construction site. The four-and-a-half-foot foundation has been poured for the spacious building, and four layers of concrete block have been set for the walls, which await approval and

window placement by the engineers. The group also witnessed the drilling of the second well.

Nursing major Ben Simmons made the Haiti trip, calling it eye opening, "from the moment we stepped off the plane until the moment we stepped back on the plane."

The trip changed his perspective on quality of life. "Here in the States, we think we need an iPhone, expensive clothes, cars and so forth to be happy. We take for granted our running water, electricity all throughout the night, washers and driers," he said.

"In Haiti, impoverished as they are, some wonderful people struggle to make it work. We had an opportunity to meet with a host family, see their house, ask them questions and become their friends. They lived in a house perhaps a bit larger than my bedroom! It's wild to think a family of four lived in such a small area," he said.

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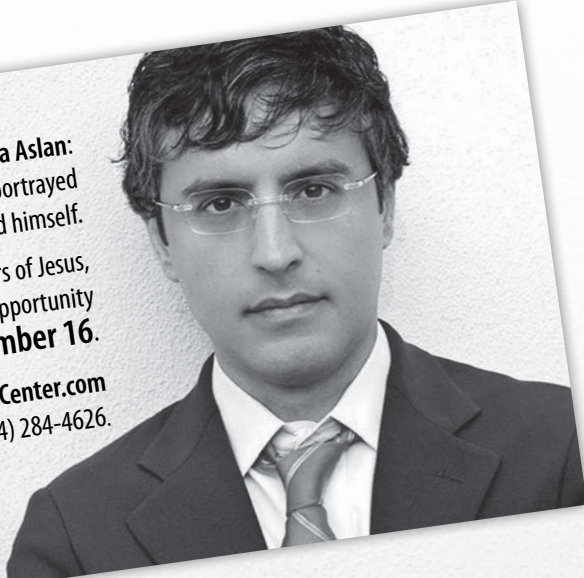
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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS

## St. Francis Xavier Parish thriving after 150 years

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

PIERCETON — The members of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Pierceton are unanimous in their love for and praise of the small Catholic community and nearly all are active in church life and events.

Brian Sexton, a relative newcomer to the parish who moved from the Gary diocese, says St. Francis parishioners are very welcoming. Though he came from a large parish with many more ministries, he believes that a larger percentage of St. Francis parishioners are active in the church.

“The great thing about a smaller church is that you get to know people ... you feel more like family,” Sexton said. As a person who likes to be involved, he headed up the RCIA program last year and now serves on the parish council. “I’m always there,” he said, if Father Chuck Herman needs something done.

Father Herman himself is still getting acquainted since his appointment to the position of St. Francis Xavier pastor by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades just last month. As a newcomer, his initial impression of the parish is similar to Sexton’s. He’s found “a very active, very welcoming community with a lot of enthusiasm. They like to get things done.” The parish population is about 150 families with members of varying ages. “We have ‘em all,” he said. And there are ministries for everyone.

Men of the parish may join the fledgling Knights of Columbus chapter. Only one year old and not yet chartered, the 12-member organization or “round table” helps around the church, works at the church cemetery and assists elderly in the community. Plans for the future, according to Fourth Degree Knight Don Ripplinger, include a parish breakfast and father-daughter dance.

The music ministry at St. Francis is headed up by Georgia Tenney, who has been organist there the past 10 years. She plays for the Saturday evening Mass, while guitarists Betsy Hoffman and Susan Eberhardt cantor and play at Sunday morning Masses, including the popular 7:30 a.m. Mass at nearby Jellystone Campground, which Father Herman has re-instituted after a long hiatus. Substitute organist and cantor Ann Zydec assists Tenney and will step in during the winter months. Though there’s no church choir at present, Tenney confides that Father Herman wants one, so there’s a plan underway to begin recruiting singers at Christmas time.

St. Francis Xavier is active in the broader community as well and participates in a three-church free dinner ministry with the local Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Each congregation takes its turn planning the weekly menu, prepar-



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**St. Francis Xavier Parish was founded in 1864. The first St. Francis Xavier church is shown above in this archive photo.**

ing and serving the food. Seventy-nine people from the area attended the most recent dinner, said Tenney.

Ministries serve parishioners both young and old. Children’s religious education classes are held each Sunday morning after the 9 a.m. Mass. Sharon DeLong oversees the program, which serves preschool through eighth-grade, while Don Ripplinger teaches Confirmation classes. DeLong says the number of children in the program increases yearly. She, too, enjoys the “small community” atmosphere of the parish.

Shut-ins and the elderly are served as well. Lay ministers take the Holy Eucharist to them on a weekly basis and Father Herman visits them monthly.

A new Parish Life committee will begin in the fall to plan activities, which promote the sense of community that parishioners seem to enjoy. Tracy Ripplinger revealed plans for the second annual parish Oktoberfest, which is slated for Saturday, Oct. 25. A six-piece polka band will play for dancing and entertainment, a photo booth will be on site, German food will be served, and a German dessert contest will be judged by the pastor, she said. It is expected that with deep German roots himself and fluency in the language, Father Herman should feel very comfortable during the festivities.

Planning such events might be daunting but the advantage of belonging to a family-oriented par-

ish, said Ripplinger, is that people simply ask, “What can I bring? What can I do?” so that things run smoothly and easily.

She is especially proud of the church’s first place award in this year’s Pierceton Days Parade. The parade theme was “Saturday Night Fever” and St. Francis Xavier’s entry entitled “Staying Alive for 150 Years in Christ” exemplified both their parish longevity and their community spirit. As usual, many parishioners helped with the project. These are the kinds of things “that bring people together,” she added.

At the time of the 100th anniversary celebration in 1964, then-Bishop Leo A. Pursley wrote of “the spirit of the Catholics of Pierceton who, despite being a mission for so long without a resident pastor, kept alive their love for their parish church and their pride in serving it.”

Former parish administrator Father Robert Schulte observed at the time of the 125th anniversary celebration in 1989, “I remember St. Francis Xavier as a remarkable small parish where most people know one another and support one another in times of need. The ladies of the parish had been especially ready to help whenever needed.”

That welcoming attitude continues and the small faith community of St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton, now pastored by Father Chuck Herman, continues to thrive and appears more than ready to carry on the spiritual mission established 150 years ago by its Catholic predecessors.



TIM JOHNSON

**The present St. Francis Xavier Church was dedicated in 1972 by Bishop Joseph R. Crowley.**



## Parish family celebrates

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

PIERCETON — The small parish community of St. Francis Xavier is active and thriving 150 years after early pioneers founded the Catholic church in Kosciusko County in northeastern Indiana. That church was filled to overflowing Aug. 17 as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was on hand to celebrate the anniversary Mass for the parish faithful. Joining Bishop Rhoades were Father Chuck Herman, pastor, and former parish administrator, Msgr. Bruce Piechocki.

“I’m so happy to be here with you,” said Bishop Rhoades, adding that he enjoys celebrating the liturgy in the many churches in the diocese and especially likes the feeling of family in the small parishes.

“I’m very happy to be with your family,” he told them.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily by sharing his impressions of the parish. “I’ve enjoyed reading about the 150-year history of St. Francis Xavier Parish in preparation for today’s celebration,” he said. “I learned that in the early 1860s, just a few years after the Diocese of Fort Wayne was established, priests came here to Pierceton on horseback to minister to Catholics. In 1864, a frame-structured church was built. The mission life of this parish began, and from 1864 to 1950, priests from surrounding communi-

ties served the Catholic community of Pierceton. Let us remember today these pioneer priests and the people, your ancestors in the faith, who built up this parish in faith, hope and charity.”

Bishop Rhoades went on to recall the appointment in 1950 of the first resident pastor, Father Robert Hoevel, by then-Bishop John F. Noll, an event which began a time of stability and growth for the parish. Just recently, he continued, “I appointed another resident pastor here and I am very grateful to Father Chuck Herman for assuming this responsibility.”

In 1972, he reminded the congregation, the late Bishop Joseph R. Crowley, an early administrator of the parish, dedicated the present church, and it was later served by Msgr. Robert Schulte, Father Ken Sarrazine, Father Dale Bauman, Father Drew Curry and others who speak very warmly about St. Francis Xavier Parish.

“This church building shows your connection with your history. I understand that the crucifix and stained glass windows are from the old church. But today’s celebration is about much more than physical buildings. It is about faith — the faith of the Catholics of Pierceton and this parish that has been lived and passed on for 150 years,” said the bishop.

The Gospel for this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time told of a



# OF CATHOLIC LIFE IN PIERCETON



PHOTOS BY JERRY KESSENS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke of evangelization during his homily at the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass on Aug. 17. He said, "After 150 years of faith, may that faith continue to shine through your witness of love in this community."



JERRY KESSENS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass of St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton, on Aug. 17. Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, former administrator, left, and Father Chuck Herman, the pastor, right, were concelebrants.



Bob Bohn, parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Parish, fashioned a cross from left over pieces of the stained glass when the original church windows were remade for the new church in 1972.

Canaanite woman of faith, a Gentile, whose daughter was afflicted by a demon. She begged and pleaded for Jesus' help until He finally answered her prayers and healed her daughter. Jesus spoke in glowing terms of the woman because of her perseverance in faith.

"The Canaanite woman is a model of faith for us," said Bishop Rhoades. She knew that she had no claim on the God of Israel or its Messiah. But she trusted in His goodness and mercy and persisted in her pleas for help. "I wish to encourage you as a parish community that celebrates 150 years to persevere in faith and persistent prayer, like the Canaanite woman."

"We've all inherited the beautiful gift of faith and are called to live that faith with strength, conviction and courage, trusting in the Lord's mercy and goodness. We also have a mission to pass on the faith, to spread the faith, and when needed, to defend the faith."

"A truly vibrant parish is one that evangelizes. I pray that you will focus on this mission. Your patron saint, Francis Xavier, was one of the greatest missionaries in the history of the Church. May the Lord bless you with his missionary zeal!" Bishop Rhoades exhorted the faithful.

He instructed parishioners, "Reach out to inactive Catholics and the unchurched. Reach out with love especially to the sick, the suffering, the lonely and the vulnerable. After 150 years of faith, may that faith continue to shine through your witness of love in this community."

Bishop concluded by saying, "May God bless you and St. Francis

Xavier intercede for you!"

After the anniversary Mass, parishioners gathered in the hall adjacent to the church for a catered breakfast and extra chairs were set up to accommodate the crowd.

Thirty-one-year parishioner Pat Landrigan echoed the sentiments of many others on their special day. "This is a really, really nice parish, very warm," he said. Landrigan was a lector during Mass and helps with maintenance at the church.

Bob and Martha Bohn were waiting patiently for the meal to begin. Parishioners for six years, they moved from Manchester. "We love it," Martha said of St. Francis Parish. Her husband Bob had created a cross fashioned from pieces of stained glass, which were left over when the original church windows were remade for the new church in 1972. It was on display in the church hall.

It was clear that the people of St. Francis Xavier Parish were enjoying the special celebration. Both young and old exhibited the joy associated with such a wonderful occasion and the family-friendliness for which the parish is well known.

The present St. Francis Xavier church building was dedicated on April 16, 1972, by Bishop Joseph R. Crowley. At left are Father Martin Horvath and Father Frank Kronewitter.



Following the Mass Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins St. Francis parishioners at a breakfast gathering in the hall adjacent to the church.



Knights of Columbus stand guard as the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass begins at St. Francis Xavier Parish on Aug. 17.



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## Rearview mirror

As I was traveling to my destination this morning, minding the road's familiar twists and turns, navigating the occasional pothole, I was taken with the notion that grief is much like a journey down a road well traveled. After the loss of someone dear, we may find ourselves on an unfamiliar though well traveled highway, with grief as our traveling companion. We may even find ourselves a bit lost at times along the way.

There may be days when the sun shines warmly on our faces, and others when the glare blinds our eyes. A storm may erupt when we least expect it, but we navigate the slippery road of grief nonetheless. Many times we simply wish to stop and stare longingly into the rearview mirror at our past, becoming engulfed in the memories of what once was.

But like driving a car, though, we must glance occasionally into the rearview mirror to see where we

have been; we simply cannot fix our eyes there and move forward safely. Of course we must remember the past. It is the foundation of our present life. Our past, with its challenges and joys, and all that transpired in between, has made each of us who we are today. But we can't live there. However, we can use our memories as a springboard to a hopeful future.

I visited with a gentleman who was receiving visitors at his deceased wife's showing recently. He shared sweet stories of his life with his beloved — how they met, their growth as a couple and even their retirement plans — and spoke of how blessed he had been for over 34 years to have loved this dynamic woman who had lost her battle with cancer. He spoke of the journey they shared as her health declined following a recurrence of the 15-year-old disease.

"I feel like I was blessed with twice as much time as what some



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others get with this disease," he said, confiding that research reports a six-year reoccurrence rate for a high percentage of patients in remission. "I will always miss her, but I know things will be alright eventually," he concluded.

This gentle man had looked to his past and even through the lens of grief felt only love and gratitude for what he had. With hope fueled by faith he turned to his future and rested in knowing that life would go on eventually — a different life, but

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## With faith comes wisdom



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 16:13-20

The first section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend with its first reading.

The author of this section of Isaiah lived when the southern Hebrew kingdom, or the kingdom of Judah, still existed. Only later was this kingdom, and the other Hebrew kingdom, the kingdom of Israel, overwhelmed by outside invaders.

As has been, and is so often the case of national rulers, the king of Judah governed the country with the assistance of aides and subordinates. The principal assistant wore a distinctive badge to indicate to any and all that he acted in the king's behalf. This distinctive badge was a key.

In this reading, God, speaking through the prophet, stated that a chief minister would be selected to serve the king and to carry out the royal will. This official would wear the key.

An important point in this reading is that God very much intervenes in human lives and uses human agents to accomplish the divine will and to communicate God's words to people.

The prophet, the king and the chief minister all were in the roles of human agents commissioned to bring God to the people, and the people to God.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans again is the source of the Church's second reading. Romans has been read for the past several weekends.

It is a great testimony to the majesty of God. As such, it is a great profession of Paul's own faith. The Epistle used an interesting phrase to describe God. He is the "counselor" of the faithful, to quote this reading. To counsel necessarily implies communication. God communicates with people. People communicate with God.

For its third reading this weekend, the Church offers us a passage from St. Matthew's Gospel. It is an especially descriptive and enlightening reading.

The occasion occurs at Caesarea Philippi, a place north-east of Capernaum. At the time of Jesus, this place was a resort. The River Jordan forms here from springs and small creeks flow from it. Still picturesque, it is a modern, popular place for relaxation and for delighting in nature.

Central to the reading is Peter's confession of faith in Jesus. The Lord asked Peter, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Jesus, identified with the "Son of Man," of the Old Testament, who was God's special agent, unflinchingly was true to God.

Peter replied that the people are confused. Some saw Jesus as a prophet, such as John the Baptist, or even Elijah.

Jesus pressed the question, and Peter declared that he himself sees Jesus as the "Son of the living God," a profound proclamation of the Lord's own divinity. Peter had faith, and faith gave him insight and wisdom.

## Reflection

Before accepting Christianity, two steps are necessary. The first is to realize that God exists. The second is to believe that God communicates with people, and people may communicate with God. Neither is easy in our culture.

God is not boisterous. He does not shout divine Revelation at us. He does not thunder divine decrees. Indeed, humans cannot comprehend the divine message unless they have faith. Otherwise, it is puzzling or even nonsense.

These readings build upon the basic thought that God exists, a Supreme, eternal Being, great and unique in power, wisdom and mercy. Such was the testimony of Paul in the Epistle to the Romans, read this weekend.

The readings from Isaiah and Matthew clearly indicate that God speaks through human instruments, such as Isaiah, such as the king and his servant.

What about Peter? His great faith gave him extraordinary wisdom. In his faith, he saw genuine reality. Jesus is God. What does our faith allow us to see? Are we confused? Or, are we secure in our knowledge of God?

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 22:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30

## Looking back on 'mystery priest' at car crash

Katie Lentz had plucked the perfect dress for her Sunday surprise, and the yellow J. Crew frock was dangling in the back of her 1989 Mercedes, bouncing along the highway as the sun streamed in and oldies played on the radio.

The 19-year-old blonde from Quincy, Illinois, had just completed her summer internship in Jefferson City, Missouri, and she had hatched a plan to surprise her friends there by making a final visit. She set off around 8 a.m. on that Sunday, Aug. 4, and began the two-hour drive so she could go to church one more time with the gang she had worshipped with every week that summer.

As she drove south on Highway 19, Katie saw a truck swerve into her lane. She tried to steer away but couldn't react quickly enough. A drunk driver hit her head on, and suddenly Katie felt herself moving — the car rolled in one complete rotation and landed on the driver side, Katie's body trapped in the mangled Mercedes, inches from the ground. She felt a shooting pain, looked up and saw blood, the steering wheel mashed into her stomach and blocking the view of her broken legs. She knew something was wrong because the car wasn't upright.

"Is this real life?" she asked repeatedly.

Katie couldn't see the witnesses and emergency responders, but the Pentecostal Christian remembers asking them to pray for her, to pray out loud.

Then came the man in black, a priest carrying anointing oil and offering to bless the person in the car. Once he received permission from a sheriff, he walked up to Katie quietly, anointed her, absolved her and stepped away. Someone asked him to return, saying Katie had requested more prayers, so the priest returned and prayed at her side.

To the crowd gathered around Katie, the priest seemed to vanish out of thin air, just as he had appeared. Katie was finally extricated from the car and flown to Blessing Hospital in Quincy. As news of the near-fatal accident spread, word got out about a "mystery priest" on the scene. ABC News dubbed him a "guardian angel," and a composite sketch of



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CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

the unknown man emerged. The story went viral.

It wasn't until Friday that a fellow priest told Father Patrick Dowling the story had made national news. The longtime priest, a 69-year-old native of Kilkenny, Ireland, reluctantly identified himself.

Father Dowling had subbed for a sick priest that Sunday morning and was driving home in his white Toyota Camry when he spotted ambulance lights and pulled over. It was a frightening scene, and Father Dowling didn't want to get in the way of the emergency responders, but he felt compelled to approach the car. After 15 years in prison ministry, he'd learned the power of showing up, breathing in and reaching out. He'd even witnessed moments of grace among inmates on suicide watch.

"It's totally a matter of faith," he said. "When the Lord sends you, He gives you His Spirit. You trust, you have faith in the Holy Spirit."

One year later, Katie, who is walking unassisted and hoping to make a full recovery, still thanks God for Father Dowling's presence that morning. "I believe father was sent from God," she said. "He was my earth angel that day. And he was there for everyone on the scene, because it was really chaotic and they didn't know what they were going to do. He provided a lot of comfort."

Katie's priorities have come into sharp focus, and she changed her career plans to follow her passion — sports, not dentistry. She sees the car crash as an opportunity to evangelize in a way that isn't "pushy," as she put it. "All I'm doing is telling my story. I can share what God did for me."

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## READINGS for the week of August 31

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

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

The Sunday Gospel reflection for Aug. 31 can be found online at [todayscatholicnews.org](http://todayscatholicnews.org). Look for Msgr. Campion under columnists.



# Is artificial insemination wrong even among married couples?

Artificial insemination introduces sperm into a woman's body by use of a thin tube (cannula) or other instrument to bring about a pregnancy. Artificial insemination can be either *homologous* (using sperm from a woman's husband) or *heterologous* (using sperm from a man she is not married to). Both forms of artificial insemination raise significant moral concerns.

Bringing about a pregnancy by introducing a cannula through the reproductive tract of a woman and injecting sperm into her body raises concerns about reducing her to a kind of conduit for the purposes of obtaining a child. These actions fail to respect the most personal and intimate aspects of a woman's relational femininity and her sexuality. She ends up being treated or treating herself as an "object" for the pursuit of ulterior ends. A man also violates his sexuality, as his involvement becomes reduced to "producing a sample," usually by masturbation, which technicians then use in order to impregnate his wife or another woman. Similarly, any child conceived in this manner is potentially treated as an object or a "project to be realized," rather than as a gift arising from their shared bodily intimacy and one-flesh union.

Back in 1949, a prescient Pope Pius XII already recognized some of these moral concerns when he wrote: "To reduce the common life of a husband and wife and the conjugal act to a mere organic function for the transmission of seed would be but to convert the domestic hearth, the family sanctuary, into a biological laboratory. Therefore ... we expressly excluded artificial insemination in marriage."

The Catholic Church addressed this matter again in greater detail in 1987 in an important document called "Donum Vitae" ("On the Gift of Life"), noting that whenever a technical means "facilitates the conjugal act or helps it to reach its natural objec-

tives, it can be morally acceptable. If, on the other hand, the procedure were to replace the conjugal act, it is morally illicit (unacceptable). Artificial insemination as a substitute for the conjugal act is prohibited."

Some Catholics have nevertheless suggested that artificial insemination might occasionally be permitted in light of another passage from the same document which they interpret as allowing for an exception: "Homologous artificial insemination within marriage cannot be admitted except for those cases in which the technical means is not a substitute for the conjugal act but serves to facilitate and to help so that the act attains its natural purpose."

Interestingly, at the present time, there do not seem to be any real-world examples of insemination technologies that facilitate the conjugal act. Hence, while the statement above is true in a theoretical way, in practice there do not appear to be any specific technical methods to which the statement would in fact apply, so the claim of some Catholics that an exception exists for homologous artificial insemination does not appear to be correct. The core problem remains that even if sperm were collected without masturbation, the subsequent steps of introducing a sample into a woman's reproductive tract, through a cannula or other means, would invariably involve a substitution or replacement of the conjugal act, which would not be morally acceptable.

To procure sperm without masturbation, a couple could use a so-called "silastic sheath" during marital relations (a perforated condom without spermicide). This would allow some of the sample to pass through, and some to be retained and collected, and would assure that each marital act remained ordered and open to the possibility of transmitting the gift of life.

Yet even when using a morally-permissible sperm procurement technique, the subsequent mechani-



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cal injection or insemination step itself would raise serious moral concerns. Clearly, a marital act would not cause the pregnancy, but at best would cause gamete (sperm) collection. The pregnancy itself would be brought about by a new and different set of causes, whereby the mechanical actions of a technician would substitute for, and thus violate, the intimate and exclusive bond of the marital act.

Homologous artificial insemination, in the final analysis, does not facilitate the natural act, but replaces it with another kind of act altogether, an act that violates the unity of the spouses in marriage, and the right of the child to be conceived in the unique and sacred setting of the marital embrace.

The beauty of the marital embrace and the noble desire for the gift of children can make it challenging for us to accept the cross of infertility and childlessness when it arises in marriage, even as it offers us an opportunity to embrace a deeper and unexpected plan of spiritual fruitfulness that the Lord and Creator of Life may be opening before us.

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to work through our grief and move forward or remain in the pain and live in the past.

Griefshare.org, a bereavement website, recently offered, "Our hope lies before us, not in the memories of our past. Life's path leads us forward and our decisions must be made based on our present and future needs not on our past memories." Doing the hard work of mourning means looking to the past for a time and allowing ourselves to move through those painful feelings that are stirred by our longings — and then, in time, moving forward to create a new life, all the while holding our precious memories dear. Our future, you see, stands on the shoulders of our past.

This road we travel with grief at our side is a well-traveled road. Many sojourners have traversed this path before us finding their way to hope. In that hope there is the promise to each of us that we are not alone — never alone. In the pain of loss — our seeming constant

companion — when we may find ourselves lost and weary, the support and wisdom of others who are familiar with this sometimes-agonizing road can sustain us.

As we journey into the future, we may find that as we work through our pain we learn to slow down and appreciate life's landscapes in a different way. We may even reach out to others who have merged onto this chaotic highway with a loss of their own. Our compassion and grace grow as the road of healing opens before us.

So, though the rearview mirror is useful at times on our journey down the road of grief and loss, it is only for short and healing glances into the past rather than long fixed stares. Our grief work will drive us forward to the crossroads and when we are ready, we will move into the future with hope in our hearts.

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# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 24, 2014

Matthew 16:13-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: when Peter grasps the keys to the Kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	OTHERS	ELIJAH
JEREMIAH	ONE OF	PROPHETS
THAT I AM	SIMON	PETER
SON OF JONAH	BLOOD	REVEALED THIS
ON THIS ROCK	CHURCH	THE GATES
KEYS	KINGDOM	BIND
ON EARTH	HEAVEN	ORDERED

## THE KEYS

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S E T A G E H T K E Y S
E O R D E R E D W L I O
L O N E A R T H K H N N
P T O O N E O F T A H T
I H M J F H J D N J E H
C E I D C J E N A I A I
S R S R B L O O D L V S
I S U P A B I N D E E R
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C F V T M A I T A H T C
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# HOPE

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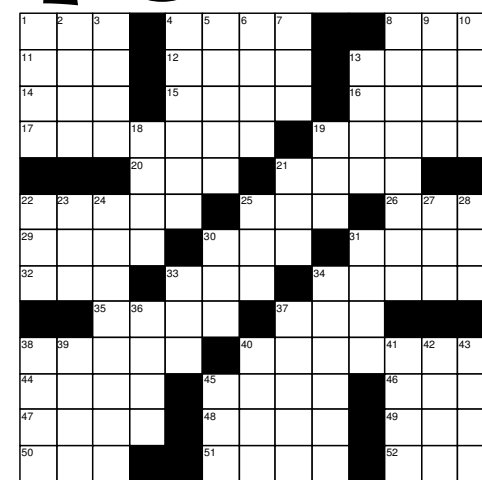
one built on the past he held dear. There was no urgency in his voice for this new life. He simply was sifting through his memories as he mourned his loss.

I have heard some say those who grieve must let go of their past memories. But how is that possible when they are truly the stuff that we are made of? Others have said the memories bring such pain that they won't look to the past. But how can we have hope for our future without healing our past?

I have learned that remembering our deceased loved one and all that they meant to us can be painful at first. There is a very real loneliness to those memories as we ache for their very presence in our lives. But there is healing there as well. As time marches on we have the choice

# The CrossWord

August 17, 24 and 31, 2014



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**Based on these Readings:** Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rm 11: 13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28; & Is 22: 19-23; Rm 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20 & Jer 20: 7-9; Rm 12: 1-2; Mt 16: 21-27.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | 26 Licensed practical nurse | 25 ___ Rummy (card game)   |
| 1 Church bench                    | 29 Baby powder              | 27 For                     |
| 4 Vocation summons                | 30 Lord title               | 28 Catholic sister         |
| 8 Gnawer                          | 31 S. American country      | 30 "___ of the Living God" |
| 11 Hello (Spanish)                | 32 Sees                     | 31 Oink animals            |
| 12 Lotion ingredient              | 33 God triumphed            | 33 Rained on               |
| 13 Depend                         | 34 Tyre and ___             | 34 Dogs eat table ones     |
| 14 Escape key                     | 35 Forever and ever ___     | 36 Laugh at                |
| 15 # of Spirit's fruits           | 37 Microgram                | 37 Mom                     |
| 16 Done                           | 38 Stupefy                  | 38 Spire ringer            |
| 17 "Violence & outrage is my ___" | 40 "Offer your ___"         | 39 Canal                   |
| 19 Heavy-set                      | 44 Red-haired Viking        | 40 Pallium fabric          |
| 20 Cooking tool                   | 45 Unconsciousness          | 41 Stack                   |
| 21 Animal insect                  | 46 Annex                    | 42 Evils                   |
| 22 Remove pins from               |                             | 43 Small ground plot       |
| 25 The living ___                 |                             | 45 Accountant              |

Answer Key can be found on page 19



# Fall Sports

**BISHOP LUERS ANNOUNCES NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne has selected Rick Brown as athletic director. Brown taught at Huntington North (2007-2014) as a physical education teacher and served as assistant coach for football, wrestling and track. Brown has a bachelor's degree in health and fitness from Purdue University, a master's degree from Concordia University in secondary education and a MS in athletic administration from Western Kentucky.

## Fort Wayne Catholic high schools conditioned for the fall season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rosters have been firmed up and athletes from the Fort Wayne area Catholic high schools are conditioned for the fall season. Both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger boast a considerable amount of talent in northeast Indiana as they vie for Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) titles and postseason crowns. John Bennett returns as athletic director for Bishop Dwenger while Bishop Luers welcomes Rick Brown to the post. Here is a preview of the 2014 teams.



### Bishop Dwenger High School

#### Girls' soccer

The Bishop Dwenger girls' soccer team plans to continue their winning tradition, repeat their SAC title and advance in the post season. However, due to injury, they will have to do it without their star player and state leader, senior Kellee O'Shaughnessey. Other senior captains back to lead the Saints are Lexie Royale, Liz Ball and Michelle Adgalanis.

#### Golf

With several invitationals under their belts in August, Coach Kurt Leffers and the Bishop Dwenger golf team are off to a good start. The lady linksters will look to improve their score each week in matches on courses across the Fort Wayne area as they prepare for the 2014 conference showdown slated for Sept. 13.

#### Volleyball

Bishop Dwenger returns six seniors, two juniors and a sophomore to their varsity squad, which includes all six starters. The Saints' mix of talent and experience will be key to meet their goals to win their conference, sectional and advance to state for the 2014 season. Leading captains for the blue and gold will be outside hitter Megan Coffin and setter Haley Henline, with Abby Bojrab and Ellen Ross listed as newcomers to watch.

#### Boys' soccer

Varsity players returning to the Bishop Dwenger boys' soccer team include: Matthew Anderson, Cesar Borjas, Vaughn Gallager, Andrew Harter, Austin Ly, John Pollifrone, Jared Roy and Dan Ruiz, with Nathan Abel and Brian Gore listed as captains. In his rookie season at the helm, but no stranger to the soccer program at Bishop Dwenger, Coach Carl-Philip Dorissant lists speed on offense and overall defense as the strengths for the Saints.

#### Tennis

With a goal to defend their 2013 SAC and sectional titles, the Bishop Dwenger boys' tennis team will be led by four returning letter winners in Patrick Holly, Patrick Blee, Griffin Lapan and senior Joseph Verocco. Lost to graduation were the No. 1 doubles team of Bertram Najev and Charlie Scott who were state runner-ups. Newcomers rounding out the varsity roster for the Saints include Gavin Williams, Brandon Toliver and freshman David Maxson.

#### Football

Although the Saints lost key players to graduation that put up big numbers, they return a talented line-up for 2014. Team strengths include a strong defense and the experience of their offensive linemen, cornerbacks and all three linebackers. Bishop Dwenger will look to their captains, signal caller Cody Miller, Sam Schenkel and Andrew Gabet, for leadership to continue their winning tradition under the direction of tenured Coach Chris Svarczkopf, who returns for his 13th season with an impressive record of 127-35.

#### Cross-country

Both the boys' and girls' teams have top area runners

returning for 2014. Senior Greg Tippmann finished 77th at the state meet, while Megan Brelage, Abby Brelage, Erin Kilgane, Claire Manning, Mary Momper and Caroline Masters are all back for the girls. Kevin Wuest and Bryson Tretter are also back for the decorated boys' program that made it to state in 2013 for the sixth time in the last nine years.



### Bishop Luers High School

#### Football

The Bishop Luers football team returns a lot of experience with some exciting young players coming up. In his second start at the helm, Coach Kyle Lindsay is excited for the season and the future of the program. "We have a good blend of experience, speed and size. That may not equate to a bunch of wins, but we should be an exciting team." Ten offensive players return along with eight defensive starters including captains Solomone Smith, Matt Gigli, Joey Lamping and Noah Wezensky.

#### Tennis

In his fourth season as head coach, Joel Pyle returns a talented roster, positive attitudes and players with a continued effort to improve. "We have many returning talented players across the board and we're very excited and impressed with what we've seen from our newcomers. We are very much looking forward to 2014 and adding to the BLHS trophy case," the general manager of K105-FM detailed. Seniors Isaiah Klotz and Erik Woehner will serve as co-captains for the Knights, which finished with an outstanding 11-3 overall record a year ago.

#### Girls' soccer

Excited to see the team and Bishop Luers program continue to grow, new head coach J.C. Couto, returns senior captains Sheyna Coy, Aubrey Fipel and Maddy Strack to provide great leadership to his young roster along with three key returnees who he feels will help a whole lot with their talent and experience on and off the field. With a challenging schedule from the start, the Knights hope to be a team that works hard together on and off the field to achieve the highest level they can possibly achieve.

#### Boys' soccer

After losing in double overtime to the eventual state champs, Coach John Myers is hopeful Bishop Luers will continue their winning efforts on the soccer field in 2014. "We have the potential for success if they learn to play with confidence and poise as the season progresses," Myers predicted. The Knights have some work to do, finding new leaders with the loss of a very talented senior class, which included Nick Strack who will be suiting up at Oakland University this season. Back to lead Bishop Luers are Andrew Schenkel, Ben Parks, Jake Shifflet and Jorge Barron.

#### Cross-country

Official practices started Aug. 4, but Bishop Luers' runners have

been conditioning all through the summer months to prepare for the 2014 fall season. The Knights will host the Bishop Luers Invitational at Foster Park on Aug. 23 and the annual all-Catholic meet at Guerin Catholic High School will take place on Sept. 13 this year, while the SAC meet is set for Oct. 4. The postseason will kick off Oct. 14 for the Bishop Luers' cross-country teams.

#### Golf

The Knights return three starters from a year ago with captains Katie Prendergast, Sarah Braun and senior Brianna Butilison all back, along with sophomore newcomer Katie Leja. In his eighth season as head coach, Tom O'Brien hopes to build on a strong 2013 finish when Bishop Luers won three of their final four matches. O'Brien's goals are the same each year: improve weekly and keep the game fun.

#### Volleyball

Jay Golsteyn, former IPFW All-American returns for his second term with the Knights. After a busy summer, Bishop Luers' young team is geared up for competition. Early on will be the preseason SAC tournament beginning Aug. 21. Seniors back this year for their final appearance are Kirsten Comment, Allie Leja, Tiyona Griggs and Natalie Huntine.





# Saint Joseph High School ready to compete for victory

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

**SOUTH BEND** — The class of 2018 has many new adventures ahead of them as they transition from being in grade school to high school and nothing creates school spirit better than fall sports. The Saint Joseph High School Indians have practiced hard during the off-season and are coming out this fall ready to compete for a victory.

## Cross-country

Coach Mike McCarthy is predicting a great season for both the boys and girls. Attendance at daily summer morning running was steady, and both teams are entering the season strong.

“After being very young the last two seasons, this year we have a large group of juniors leading the team. We have a very solid 1-2 in the front of our boys’ pack with Jacob Turner and Matt Morris leading the way,” said McCarthy about the boys’ team. “Jacob Turner (16:21 5K PR, 9:48 3200 M PR) is coming off a great track season where he was the top non-senior in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter in the regional. Jacob had an excellent summer and should challenge for conference MVP as well as top spots at the sectional and regional.”

According to McCarthy, juniors Matt Morris (16:51 PR), Grayson Radvansky and Sam Roth all qualified for regionals in track and are ready to take the jump from underclassmen to upperclassmen. Sophomore Brian Lenyo was a regional qualifier last fall and gained some valuable track leg speed through the spring.

“Intrateam competition from the remaining varsity spots will come from Tristin Moreno, Peter Lenyo, transfer James Mustillo, and hopefully a few emerging runners. With a solid track season of growth behind us we are ready to run with the usual strong programs in the NIC and sectional (Penn, Mishawaka, Riley) and

know that each team is near equal in ability as the season begins. Consistency in all aspects of training (mileage, rest and recovery, school/sport balance) will be important in the fall, as they always are,” stated McCarthy.

The goals for the boys’ team are to win semi state and be represented by at least one individual in the state series.

“Where the boys have a true frontrunner the girls’ team is balanced with much depth and intrateam competition. No regular varsity athletes from the 2013 squad graduated,” commented McCarthy about the girls’ team. “Additionally, junior Hannah Conner (regional track qualifier who missed the 2013 cross-country season due to injury) is the clear No. 1 in practice. Closely behind are Taylor Rock, Megan Kitz and Mara Taylor. Where Taylor missed track season with a stress fracture but appears to be ready to race well based on summer tempo runs, both Rock and Kitz had great improvement and ran their best times in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs respectively at track season’s end. Emily Anderson and Katrina Sakimoto are also returning varsity runners who qualified in both the cross-country and track regionals last year,” said McCarthy.

The girls’ team goal will be to qualify for semi state and to run our best at season’s end.

“Last year we ran well enough at regional to beat several teams who had beaten us all season but we simply did not have the front runner to have a low enough team score to move on to semi state. With an improved ‘pack’ mean time, despite a true individual state finalist threat, we believe we can contend to move to week 3 of the state series this year,” said McCarthy.

A change in the organization will be a big help this season.

“Both teams and coaches are very satisfied to have the state series move to a four-meet, four-week series and not have to run sectional and regional in the same week as had been the case in the

past. We feel this extra recovery time will allow for peak performances by all athletes in the post-season, which is what training is all about — planning, organizing, and setting long-term goals,” said McCarthy.

## Girls’ golf

“This year’s group looks to be focused and ready to compete in every match. It is a good mix of veterans and newcomers,” said Coach Bret Bajdek.

Bajdek and Coach Harry Verhiley feel the team’s biggest strengths are the camaraderie the girls have and their willingness to practice hard. He has a big group, 23 girls, and they seem to get along well and come out to practice everyday trying to get better.

“Like most teams, getting them to forget about the bad shots and keeping a positive attitude when a round isn’t going well is always one of the bigger tests for the golfers,” said Bajdek about areas they need to work on during the season.

The team is hoping for a great season.

“Our goals are to be competitive in the NIC during the regular season and strive to improve until sectional time. We hope to be playing our best golf when sectionals roll around and give ourselves a chance to move on from there,” stated Bajdek.

## Girls’ soccer

“I predict a stronger finish than start, as we have a number of important soccer issues to solve. I expect us to be strong defensively, and will need some time to develop our midfield and forward lines. I do expect us to be a focused team and one which will rely on the contributions of many in order to succeed,” said Coach Johan Kuitse about the upcoming season.

The team has a strong senior class with excellent leadership skills.

“We have an experienced group of defenders returning this season, so we’d expect this

to be a strength for the team. I really like the effort the girls have demonstrated during the summer sessions, and I expect this to translate into a hard-working team,” commented Kuitse about the team’s strengths.

An area the team will need to work on this season is finding players who are able to put the ball in the net with a level of consistency.

“Losing our top two scorers will give others the opportunity to step up and demonstrate their ability and value to the team,” stated Kuitse.

The goal for the 2014 season is to develop as a team so that they are able to win their conference, and are able to compete against the best teams in the state.

## Boys’ tennis

Coach Steve Bender said they graduated five of the seven from last year’s 24-2 team so there will be some challenges ahead.

“We will be very inexperienced and young, but this group works hard and will improve a ton,” stated Bender. “Our strength, like every year, will be our team depth. We have a lot of guys close in ability.”

According to Bender the team will take their lumps early with a tough schedule, but get mentally tough from that and build for a strong finish.

“Our goals never change. We are out to win the NIC crown, sectionals, regionals and head downstate,” said Bender.

## Volleyball

“This will be a young team going into the season since there are only three returning varsity players. Because of that variable, this will be a rebuilding year as well as one of growth and development for each player and the team as they gain experience at the varsity level. I think the team that steps onto the court in August will be a very different one at the end of the season. We have a good core group in the returning varsity players who will

provide strong leadership, work ethic and experience to the team,” said volleyball Coach Mary Kay O’Connell about her predictions for this season.

According to O’Connell, the team has some very passionate players who love the game of volleyball. She feels they will bring a high level of intensity and joy to the court. This team is not an exceptionally tall team and they will rely on scrappy defense, steady ball handling and smart attacking.

O’Connell believes that the team will need to work on everything this season, but improving blocking will greatly impact the defense overall. Excellent ball control and defense are vital to success so the team will spend a lot of time honing these skills.

“Because this is a transition year, since we’re all getting to know each other in my first year back coaching at St. Joe, we’ll set several goals to achieve throughout the season. It will be a season to build on and grow individually and collectively as a team with each week that passes. I’m looking forward to a great season,” said O’Connell of her goals for the season.

## Football

“I predict another season in which each and every Friday night will bring exciting battles between evenly-matched teams,” said Coach Ben Downey about the upcoming season.

Downey feels the team’s greatest strengths this year are senior leadership, their ability to overcome adversity with a positive attitude and a staff that enjoys the players and collaborating together.

“We need to work on developing younger players and remaining focused on the process of becoming the best team we can be,” said Downey.

Downey’s goal for the 2014 season is “to prepare better and compete harder than our opponents.”





# Marian High School sports go 'full throttle'

BY TRISH LINNER

## Football

The theme for Marian football this season "Full Throttle — It isn't about what we do, but how we do it!" Coach Reggie Glon is determined as he enters his 21st season as the head coach of Marian High School football. Despite graduating nine seniors from last year's team, the expectations have not changed for the new senior class. Coach Glon expects to play for championships in November. Marian will return nine starters on offense, nine on defense. The Knights will need to have a great summer to compete with a daunting schedule. Marian adds Fairfield (3-A) for the team home opener. "It is time to put the past behind us and move into the future," said Coach Glon.

After a promising 4-1 start last season, the Knights (4-6) suffered a major collapse by dropping their final five games, allowing 28 or more points in four of the games. "We hope to regain the momentum that allowed them to reach the Class 3-A semi state in 2012. Quarterback Devin Cannady returns to our offense after missing the last four games in 2013. Before being sidelined, the honorable mention all-state and second team NIC selection still managed to complete 26 out of 54 passes for 471 yards and five touchdowns as well as ran the ball 61 times for 469 yards with three scores," said Coach Glon. Looking to start in the backfield will be Jacob Whitfield, Dylan Konwinski and Ricky Entzian. The team averaged 72.5 yards through the air and 249 yards on the ground last season, also returning senior wide receivers Will Whitten and Jackson Powell as well as junior tight end Kenny Derucki. Five players will return to the offensive line, Christian Dennis, Will Glascoe, P.J. Earnst, Jerome McMahon and Nick Pingel.

On defense the Knights will have some familiar faces returning. Back on the defensive line are Schuyler Crull, Anthony Blum, Richard White and Nate Thomas. The linebackers are Michael Voor, Patrick Coulter and Joe

Ravotto. In the secondary will be Ryan Schafer, J.P. Kavanaugh, Noah Sizemore and Alex Mroz. Newcomer Izayah Newsom will be playing roles on both the offensive line and defensive line.

## Girls' golf

Jay Dobson joins the Marian family as the new head coach for girl's golf. Dobson is a graduate of Saint Joseph who returns to the Michiana area after coaching at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The team has already participated in two invitationals. "Our greatest competition will be Saint Joseph. They recently beat us by two strokes," said Dobson.

The team has four returning seniors, with two other seniors joining them. "Lauren Jankowski and Meghan Sink will be stand-outs and vital to our success," according to Dobson. "Both have already medaled this season for low scores."

## Girls' soccer

Djamel Charvat returns for his fifth season as head coach for girls' soccer. This season the team has 14 returning varsity players and with eight more joining the varsity squad including four freshmen.

"I think seniors Shannon Hendricks, Denise Veldman and Taylor Pooley will be key players for the success of the team," said Coach Charvat. He believes the team will do well this season based on the schedule they will face. "There are always a few teams such as Penn, Saint Joseph and Warsaw that will be a challenge for us." The team just completed tryouts and kick off their first game against Warsaw on Aug. 18. The following week is the annual tournament at Saint Joseph. "I will have a good idea where we stand then and determine what kind of adjustments need to be made for the rest of the season," Coach Charvat said.

## Girls' volleyball

Marian varsity volleyball is returning four starters this season, Elizabeth Asdell, Maggie Gibson, Alyssa Hasler and Gabrielle

Ravotto. "Greatly missed will be the two first team all-state outside hitters Jordan Beuter and Allison Ketcham. Trying to fill the void of right side six-foot hitter and blocker Colleen Hunsberger will be a big challenge for this year's team as well," according to head Coach Dan Anderson who returns for his 22nd season with the Knights.

The lineup this year includes senior Monte Parker and sophomore Marielle Corbett as outside hitters. Also junior Abbey Whitfield and sophomore Emily Sharp will share the duties mastered by graduate Nikki Pullin. Junior Hannah Dietchley will be added to the roster this year working on the right side attacking and block with senior Maggie Weber working on front row and back row opportunities.

"This year's first goal will be to go undefeated again in the NIC. One game at a time, one point at a time," said Coach Anderson

## Boys' soccer

Coach Ben Householter returns for his 17th season at the helm of the boys' soccer team. The team has 12 returning varsity players from last year's squad and 10 new players to the team. "Of the 10 new players, two are freshmen, one is a transfer, one is a foreign exchange student, and the rest are moving up from junior varsity," said Coach Householter. "I expect the seniors and returning players to make a big impact." The returning seniors include Cruz Juarez, Luis Juarez, Joey Kaucic, Boniface Muguro, Simon Siguenza and Isaac Torres.

"We hope to improve upon the third place Northern Indiana Conference finish from last year and compete for the title. We also hope to improve on our runner-up finish in regionals from last season and try to get to semi state," Coach Householter said.

Rivalry games against Saint Joseph and Penn will be big games for the team this season, in addition to Elkhart Central. Coach Householter has the team focused on their all-around team defense and the chemistry of the team. Many players will be competing for multiple positions on the team and they are hoping for a great season.

## Returning football letter winners and starters (\*)

Offense			Defense		
Dylan Konwinski	Sr. (*)	HB	Ryan Schafer	Sr. (*)	S
Devin Cannady	Sr. (*)	QB	Michael Voor	Sr. (*)	OLB
Will Whitten	Sr. (*)	WR	J.P. Kavanaugh	Sr. (*)	S
Ricky Entzian	Sr. (*)	RB	Schuyler Crull	Jr. (*)	DE
Jake Whitfield	Jr. (*)	RB	Joe Ravotto	So. (*)	OLB
Jackson Powell	Jr. (*)	WR	Pat Coulter	So. (*)	LB
Will Glascoe	Sr. (*)	OL	Nathan Thomas	Jr. (*)	DL
PJ Ernst	Jr. (*)	OL	Anthony Blum	So. (*)	DE
Kenny Derucki	Jr. (*)	TE	Noah Sizemore	Jr.	DB
Nick Pingel	Jr. (*)	OL	Richard White, Jr. Sr.		DL
Christian Dennis	Jr.	OL			
Jerome McMahon	Sr.	OL			
Dominic Rulli	Jr.	RB			

## Newcomers competing for starting position

Rogelio Rodela, Jr.	Jr.	OL	Alex Mroz	Jr.	DB
Izayah Newsom	Sr.	TE/DL	Terrion Sims	Jr.	LB
			Jay Eggeman	Sr.	LB
			Gavin Verslype	Jr.	LB
			Collin Linner	Jr.	DB
			Tyrone Crump	Jr.	DB

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# Jim Caviezel's new role reflects Christ-like love

BY TONY ROSSI

Jesus, Jimmy Stewart and John Paul II. Actor Jim Caviezel believes that all three of those men are reflected in Coach Bob Ladouceur, the character he plays in the new film "When the Game Stands Tall" (opening Aug. 22).

Inspired by actual events, "When the Game Stands Tall" tells the story of Concord, California's De La Salle High School football team which, between 1992 and 2004, went on the longest winning streak in sports history with 151 consecutive wins. Ironically, Ladouceur wasn't especially focused on winning. Instead, his goal was to build character in the young men put in his charge, to instill them with skills and virtues that would serve them not just on the football field but in life.

During an interview on "Christopher Closeup," Caviezel explained that one of the reasons he took the role stems from a long-ago encounter with "It's a Wonderful Life" star Jimmy Stewart. Caviezel

recalled the veteran actor telling him, "Young man, whatever you do, make good movies."

And what qualifies as a good movie in Caviezel's mind? "A story that has redemption, a story that has real love. That's what Ladouceur teaches: real love and responsibility. Those boys would look him in the eye (and know) he loves them. That is true authenticity. Why aren't more coaches like that? It's the worst three-letter word ever: Ego. Edge God Out. So authenticity is important because there was no one more authentic than Christ. Ladouceur takes that seriously."

Caviezel added that he also admires Ladouceur for being a role model for youth. He says, "Things changed in the '80s when the saying came out, 'I'm not your kids' role model.' I think that's hurt our culture — (this belief) that I can do whatever I want whenever I want it. When Pope John Paul came to the United States, he said that every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom exists not to do what you like, but having the right to do what you ought. And he also said to set yourself up to be a saint. Bob



Actors Michael Chiklis, left, and Jim Caviezel portray De La Salle High School football coaches in the movie "When the Game Stands Tall." The film is about a Catholic high school and the record-setting winning streak of its football team.

Ladouceur has these principles."

In light of his winning record, Ladouceur received many offers to coach college or NFL teams and earn a seven-figure salary. Yet he turned them all down because he believed that his high school students needed

his guidance more. He wanted to build the next generation of leaders who would do something positive in society and become "men" in the full sense of the word.

Caviezel adds, "You think that when (guys) turn 25 or 30, they

become men. That's not necessarily true anymore. I know a lot of 40-, 50-, and 60-year-old 'guys.' What's the difference between a 'man' and a 'guy?' The guy never accepts responsibility. In order to be a man, you have to step up to your responsibility."

Caviezel models responsibility in his own life as the father of three adopted children — and as husband to his wife Kerri. He calls his family and friends "the walking presence of Christ in my life." And despite his busy schedule working in TV and film, the actor always makes time for prayer. He says, "If I don't pray, I have no gratitude and no appreciation. If I lose those two things, I have no zest for life."

Caviezel hopes that audiences turn out to see "When the Game Stands Tall" in theaters to send a message to Hollywood that movies like this can make money — and to simply enjoy an entertaining film that's appropriate for the whole family. He says, "It's not just a football movie. It's about life. The value of this film is role models, and the focus is love."

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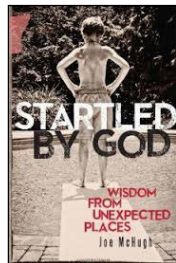


# Lazy days of summer reading

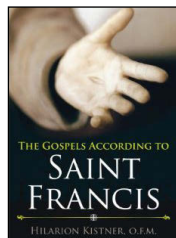
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The following are recently published books that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for purchase at your local Catholic bookstore.

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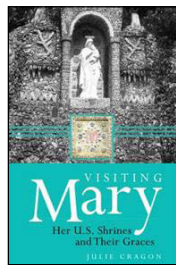


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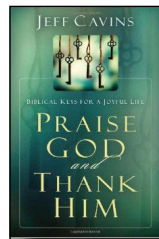


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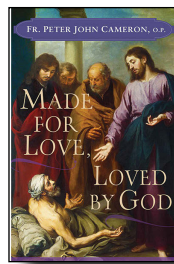
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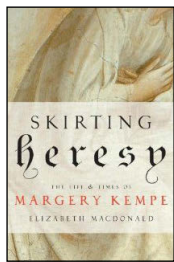
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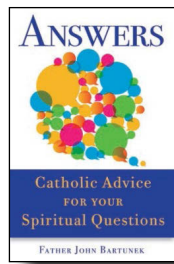
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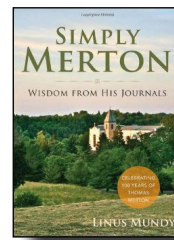
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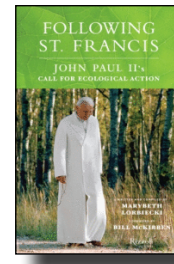


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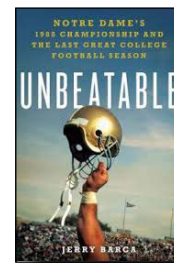


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**St. Vincent de Paul Parish to hold summer festival**

Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart will hold its annual parish summer festival on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rummage sale begins at 9 a.m. with festival start at 11 a.m. Fair food features elephant ears, Italian sausage sandwiches, pizza, chicken and rice, and authentic Mexican food including tortas, flautes, elotes, tamales, duros, tostadas, gorditas and palienta. St. Vincent is located at 1404 N. Main St., Elkhart.

**Parish picnic**

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a parish picnic from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, on the parish grounds, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr. Children's and teen games, corn and sausage roast, food and drink concessions, beer tent (open at 1 p.m.), Bingo from 1-4 p.m. and 1/2 chicken dinner with noodles and cabbage from 4-7 p.m. Chicken dinner tickets: \$8 in advance from the parish office, 574-272-9982.

**Women's fertility workshop offered**

Huntington — A NaPro TECHNOLOGY workshop about women's cycles and standardizing monthly record keeping will be Saturday, Aug. 23, at St. Mary's Assumption Hall from 1-2 p.m. RSVPs required. Contact Theresa Schortgen at 260-494-6444 or chartdaily365@frontier.com.

**A summer fish fry planned**

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will have a summer fish fry Friday, Aug. 22, from 4-7 p.m. Fish fried by Tyner IOOF. All tickets are \$9, children 6-12 are \$4 and children 5 and under are free. Drive-through and carry-out closes at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information call 574-291-3775.

**Michiana Celtic Fest**

South Bend — Join the Celts Sunday, Aug. 31, in Howard Park for a Celtic Fest. Entrance fee is \$5 and children under 12 are free. Call 574-232-2853 for information. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Council 553 and St. Patrick Church.

**Blue Suede BBQ**

Garrett — The St. Joseph School Board will have a BBQ evening Saturday, Aug. 30, outside Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. 7th St. The Velvet Jones Band, BBQ dinner, bounce house, face painting, balloons and water games will be offered. Food starts being served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children and free for those 4 and under. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

**Peace Fest**

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will have a festival Aug. 21-24. Thursday and Friday will be a rummage sale, amateur wiffleball pool play and Friday will offer breakfast. Saturday will add a classic car show, family games, food, entertainment, youth and triva night, moonlight madness rummage sale and fireworks. On Sunday, Mass will be followed by games and a live auction. Visit queenofpeace.cc for details.

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# Knights' Festival of Faith draws families to Fort Wayne

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Twenty-two councils of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Knights of Columbus combined their talents to sponsor and coordinate the Festival of Faith to celebrate the Catholic faith and family. The third annual event was held at Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne Aug. 15-16.

The festival opened on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a 6 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in which he rededicated the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to Mary. The Knights, in collaboration with the diocese, encouraged the faithful to prepare for individual consecration to Mary by using the "33 Days to Morning Glory" retreat prepared by Father Micheal E. Gaitley, a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Diocesan wide, over 12,000 faithful made an individual consecration to the Blessed Mother either at the cathedral, home parishes or individually. At Mass, nearly 2,000 faithful attended and the congregation flowed outside to the cathedral's plaza and lawn areas. At the Mass, Bishop Rhoades blessed brown scapulars to be distributed at the festival.

A large Marian procession — with 1,200 participants — walked through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne to Headwaters Park fol-

lowed the Mass. The rich ethnicity and religious communities of the diocese were well represented in the procession that was led by high school choirs, Franciscan brothers and the Knights of Columbus. Vietnamese Catholics of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, dressed in ethnic garb, car-



JOE ROMIE

**The Franciscan Brothers Minor carry a statue of Mary to lead 1,200 faithful who participated in the Marian procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne to Headwaters Park. The brothers work closely with the Knights of Columbus on the implementation of events.**

ried another statue of the Blessed Mother. The Hispanic communities of St. Patrick and St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, and other parishes sang hymns to Our Lady in Spanish. The streets were filled with devotional hymns to the Blessed Mother as bystanders watched from cafes and along the sidewalks.

At Headwaters Park, the faithful

assembled and Bishop Rhoades led the Litany to the Blessed Mother and sang "Immaculate Mary." The festival was kicked off with prayer followed by food, drinks and a square dance.

The Festival of Faith offered many elements to add to the fruits of consecration. On Saturday at the festival, area priests heard Confessions, the rosary was prayed and the Knights of



TIM JOHNSON

**Dr. Ray Guarandi gave two talks at the Festival of Faith on Aug. 16.**

Columbus' Shroud of Turin replica and video were displayed.

At the tables, a flyer published by Our Sunday Visitor called "Living the Beatitudes: The Path to a Happy Life" and brown scapulars with literature were distributed as well as a bumper sticker encouraging the recitation of the rosary for the nation.

Dr. Ray Guarandi, the popular Catholic radio host of "The Doctor is In" encouraged the hearts of parents when he spoke of "Laughter: The Sanity of Family" and later in the evening, "Why Be Catholic?" During the evening talk he spoke about ways to be certain that the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church represent the true Christian faith.

The Franciscan Brothers Minor of Fort Wayne provided children's games, rides and give-aways for families. In the afternoon, the brothers

judged the pie-baking contest.

Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, the minister general of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, spoke at the festival about the Shroud of Turin.

The festivities also included a Family 5K race, pancake and sausage breakfast, table displays from area nonprofits, musical performances by the Fort Wayne Area Community Band, Emma MacDonald, a teen singer-songwriter who sings about her faith and pro-life mission, the Franciscan Brothers Minor and the Smith Family Singers of Fort Wayne.

Mark Michuda, chairman of the Festival of Faith Planning Committee, told *Today's Catholic* the vision and purpose of the festival is to bring every mission in the diocese together "to celebrate our faith publicly."

Because the Knights of Columbus are integrated through many parishes in the diocese, they are in a good position to get that work done. He said the public event is a method of evangelization and an opportunity to fortify the faith.

Fourteen Knights of Columbus councils offered financial support and nearly 300 volunteers, including the Knights, Redeemer Radio and diocesan staff, were all part of the organization and labor of the festival.

"These councils come and work together because of this festival," Michuda said, and the visibility of this helps enhance the awareness of the Knights' mission and membership numbers.

Joe Romie contributed to this story.

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Nearly 1,600 people gathered at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne on Aug. 15 after the Marian procession and prayed the Litany of the Blessed Mother and sang "Immaculate Mary" before the opening of the Festival of Faith hosted by the Knights of Columbus.