



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Bishop celebrates 50th anniversary Mass at Marian High School

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

MISHAWAKA — “Put out into the deep!” announced Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to the Marian High School community during their golden anniversary Mass on Sept. 4. This joyous occasion commemorated the completion of the endeavor undertaken by the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Leo A. Pursley, to construct a second Catholic high school to serve the needs of the South Bend and Mishawaka area in 1964.

Present for this special Mass were Benedictine Father Jonathan Fassero, a member of the first graduating class of 1968 from Marian, and Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral and a 1985 graduate. Also in attendance were priests from St. Jude, St. Anthony de Padua, St. Bavo, St. Matthew and St. Thomas Parishes, as well as priests and brothers of the Conventual Franciscans, based in Mishawaka.

Faith is about trusting Jesus. The bishop noted, “Jesus comes to the shores of our life, Pope Francis says, ‘He makes Himself close to our failures, our frailty and our sins in order to transform them.’”

“Put out into the deep,” Bishop Rhoades said, “means to be docile and obedient to the words of Jesus.



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass on Thursday, Sept. 4, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Marian High School in Mishawaka. Shown with Bishop Rhoades are Benedictine Father Jonathan Fassero, a graduate of the Class of 1968, the first graduating class from the school, and Father Christopher Lapp, right, chaplain at Marian High School.

With Jesus, everything changes in our life. He fills our nets. He satisfies our deepest desires.”

“We let Him into our boats, into our lives, and we put out into the deep with Him,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“To put out into the deep is to go out of ourselves and our own small world, and open ourselves to God and what He can do,” the bishop added.

“When we go out of ourselves toward God and toward others, we

open our hearts to friendship and to solidarity,” he said. “We too become fishers of men. We witness joyfully to the Gospel. When we journey

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RED MASS OPEN TO ALL THE FAITHFUL

A Red Mass will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The South Bend area Red Mass will be Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Jubilee priests honored, remembered at Mass

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — While the joy of honoring priests’ jubilarians who serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was prevalent in a jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Sept. 11 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, a sense of sadness also filled the church as one jubilarian — Father Leonard Chrobot — was remembered for his life of service. Father Chrobot, who celebrated 50 years of ordination to the Priesthood this year, lost his life from injuries sustained in an auto accident last Tuesday. Of the nine jubilarians this

year, two were particularly celebrated as historical. Father Robert Traub is celebrating 75 years of Priesthood. He turned 101 in August. And Father Paul Miller is celebrating 70 years of ordination. “Truly amazing,” Bishop Rhoades noted in his homily at the Mass that was concelebrated by over 30 diocesan priests and assisted by several deacons.

Golden jubilees included Father Walter Bly along with Conventual Franciscan Fathers, Bernie Zajdel, Joseph Kiene and Fred Pasche. Father Pasche was recently transferred from St. Anthony of Padua, Angola, to a parish in Terre Haute. “We’ll miss him and remember him in

prayer,” Bishop Rhoades said of Father Pasche.

Msgr. Bill Schooler is celebrating his 40th anniversary and Holy Cross Fathers Michael Belinsky and Martin Nguyen are celebrating their 25th anniversaries.

“To all our jubilarians, we say thank you,” Bishop Rhoades said. “We thank you for your priestly life and ministry. We thank you for giving your lives to God and His Church. We thank you for making present the pastoral charity of Jesus, the love of the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.”

Bishop Rhoades said all priests are called and empowered to con-

tinue Christ’s work of salvation, His ministry of reconciliation, of shepherding the flock of God, and of teaching the Gospel. Priests are consecrated and sent to lead God’s holy people in love, to nourish them by His Word, and to strengthen them through the sacraments.

“This is what our jubilarians have done for 75, 70, 50, 40 and 25 years,” Bishop Rhoades said. “They have strived to do so with the help of God’s grace, the grace they received at their ordinations. When they were ordained, they were united in a special way to

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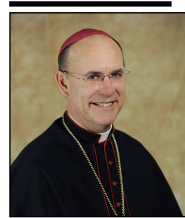
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St. Matthew, Secondary Patron of Diocese



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The apostle and evangelist, Saint Matthew, is the secondary patron of our diocese. His feast day is September 21st. Though his feast is not celebrated this year since it falls on a Sunday, it will be celebrated at Saint Matthew Cathedral since, as titular patron of our co-cathedral, it is observed as a Solemnity there according to liturgical law. I will be celebrating Confirmations at Saint Matthew's on Sunday, confirming the young people on their patronal feast day.

I've been reflecting on the significance of our secondary patron. Matthew was one of the Twelve chosen by Jesus to preach the Gospel to the world. He did so not only orally, but also by writing. The tradition of the ancient Church attributes to him the authorship of the first Gospel. It was written to Christians of Jewish background.

I think about some unique features of Saint Matthew's Gospel. Thanks to Saint Matthew, we have the account of the visit of the Magi, showing the child Jesus adored even by Gentiles (chapter 2). Thanks to Saint Matthew, we have the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 to 7). And thanks to Saint Matthew, we have an abundance of teaching on "the Kingdom of heaven." Saint Matthew's Gospel is even called the "Gospel of the Kingdom." Saint Matthew shows how the Kingdom of God, predicted in the Old Testament, is now present in the life of Jesus and in the life of the messianic people He founded and convoked, the Church.

In reflecting on our secondary patron himself, it is good to remember that he was a "publican," that is, a tax collector. Tax collectors are often linked with sinners and prostitutes when mentioned in the Gospels. Jesus chose as one of the Twelve a man who was regarded as a public sinner. Matthew (also called Levi) was a collaborator with the Roman occupiers and their unjust and greedy treatment of the people of God. Tax collectors were also examples of being miserly and taking extra money from the people. Remember Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, who became rich by defrauding people.

Pope Benedict XVI once said that Jesus' choice of a tax collector to be an apostle demonstrates that Our Lord excludes no one from His friendship. Many were shocked that Jesus called Matthew to follow Him. They were further shocked when Jesus attended a large dinner that Matthew hosted in his house, a gathering that included other tax collectors and sinners in attendance. On that occasion, Jesus explained His rationale and mission: *Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners* (Mark 2: 17).

The choice of Matthew reminds us of an important and fundamental truth of our faith. It is the good news of the Gospel: God offers His grace to sinners! He is rich in mercy!

Pope Francis' motto as a bishop and now



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Michelangelo Merisi, known as Caravaggio, painted this piece of artwork depicting The Calling of St. Matthew. It was completed in 1599-1600 for the Contarelli Chapel in the church of the French congregation, San Luigi dei Francesi in Rome, where it remains today.

as the pope hearkens back to the calling of Matthew, the tax collector. His motto is *miserando atque eligendo* (having mercy and choosing). These words come from a homily of Saint Bede on the calling of Matthew where he wrote that *Jesus saw a publican, looking upon him with mercy and choosing him, said to him: "Follow me."* The Vatican issued a statement after Pope Francis' election explaining his choice of this motto. It said:

"The Holy Father, Francis' motto comes from a homily by the Venerable Bede, a priest, commenting on the Gospel passage of Saint Matthew's call, where he writes *Vidit ergo Jesus publicanum et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi: 'Sequere me'* (Jesus saw a publican, looking upon him with mercy and choosing him, said to him: 'Follow me').

The homily (of Saint Bede) is a tribute to Divine Mercy and can be found in the Liturgy of the Hours for Saint Matthew's feast day. It takes on a special role in the spiritual life of the Pope. In fact, on the Feast of Saint Matthew, September 21, in the year 1953, the young Jorge Mario Bergoglio experienced, at the age of seventeen years, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. Following a confession, he felt his heart touched and sensed the descent of the mercy of God, who with a look of tender love, called him to the religious life, following the example of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

When chosen as a Bishop, Bishop Bergoglio recalled this moment of the beginning of his special consecration in the Church and decided to choose Saint Bede's expression as his motto and programme for life: *Miserando atque eligendo* (He showed mercy and called him), which is now in the Papal Coat of Arms."

When we think of our diocese's secondary patron, we can be reminded of the Divine Mercy. Jesus looked upon Matthew the tax collector with great mercy and chose him to be an

apostle. Pope Francis experienced this gaze of Jesus at the age of 17 and discovered his own vocation. God filled the young Jorge Bergoglio with His love on that day back in 1953, September 21, the feast of Saint Matthew. God touched his life and the future Pope found his vocation. Pope Francis says that on that day, he felt in a very special way "the loving presence of God in his life" and that God was gazing upon him "with a look of tender love." He sensed the "descent of the mercy of God." He felt what Saint Matthew felt when Jesus called him to be an apostle.

It is in prayer and in the sacrament of Penance that we too can experience God's loving presence and the descent of His mercy. There is another tax collector whom we read about in the Gospel of Luke, the one who went up to the temple to pray, along with a Pharisee. This anonymous tax collector humbly trusted in divine mercy while the Pharisee boasted about his own perfection. The humble tax collector would not even lift up his eyes to heaven. He beat his breast and said: "God, be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus said: "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew got up from his station as a tax collector to follow Jesus. He became a great apostle and an evangelist. He teaches us God's saving mercy. He gives us all hope. I invite you to pray the following prayer, the Collect from the Mass of the Feast of Saint Matthew, the secondary patron of our diocese:

O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father Traub observes 75 years as a priest

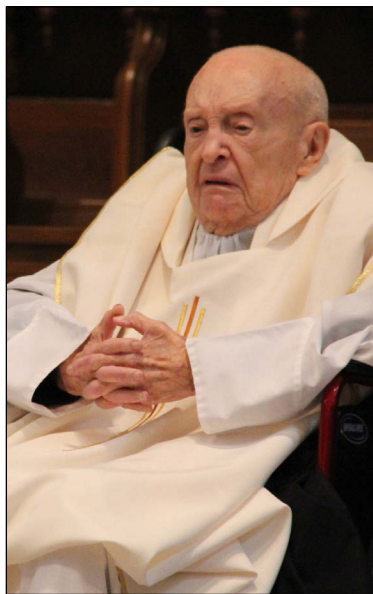
BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Father Robert L. Traub, who on Aug. 23 turned 101 years old, also is observing his 75th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood this year.

He was ordained on June 3, 1939, by Bishop John F. Noll, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Born in Muncie to Adam and Anna Traub, Father Traub is the oldest of nine, with five brothers and three sisters. And it appears longevity runs in the family. His father and mother lived to be 82 and 86, respectively.

After his ordination, Father Traub earned a teaching degree from the University of Notre Dame, and initially was appointed as an assistant at St. Joan of Arc Church, Kokomo, in September 1940 with residence at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. In July 1943,



KAY COZAD

Father Robert Traub, who turned 101 in August, celebrates the 75 anniversary of priestly ordination at the Priest Jubilee Mass on Sept. 11 with fellow jubilarians.

he was named to the teaching staff of Catholic Central High School, Hammond, instructing courses in Latin, religion, civics, economics and American history.

In July 1955, Father Traub was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church, Bluffton. Thirteen years later he was transferred to Besancon to serve as pastor of St. Louis Church for two years. Following that assignment, he was named pastor of St. Mary Church, Huntington. In July 1978, he was assigned as pastor of St. John Bosco Church, Churubusco, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege.

Father Traub retired on Sept. 11, 1978, and was in residence at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne, for nearly 20 years. He assumed the duties of temporary administrator there in 1988 for about three weeks. Currently, he lives at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne.

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Christ, the Good Shepherd. They have served not as hired hands, but as shepherds, in imitation of Christ, the Good Shepherd.”

St. Augustine taught that charity is the first duty of a good shepherd. Priests need inner strength to be men of charity, that charity that is strong enough to lay down one's life for the sheep.

“What other source could there be of such inner strength, if not

from prayer, from that loving contemplation of the face of Christ, the Good Shepherd?” Bishop Rhoades asked. “Priests must be in love with Christ, so that our words and actions will mirror His charity. We must be shepherds with big hearts, like Pope Francis.”

Bishop Rhoades said the readings of the day expressed the meaning of the ministerial Priesthood.

Bishop Rhoades thanked the laity for their support of priests, “your helping them to live their vocation with fidelity. Our love for Christ and His Church unites us, a love that springs from the grace of our Baptism as well as

from the grace of the sacrament of Ordination, the love that is the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Bishop Rhoades said, “The Eucharist is, of course, the basis of our priests' identity and the high point of their mission. Here is made present the very words of today's Gospel: ‘the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep,’ for here the sacrifice of the Cross is made present, the sacrifice that was the definitive act of Christ's priesthood.”

A special luncheon for the priests was held at the Archbishop Noll Center following the jubilee Mass.



KAY COZAD

Five of the nine priests who are celebrating jubilees this year pose with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne following the Priest Jubilee Mass celebrated on Sept 11. From left are Conventual Franciscan Father Bernard Zajdel, 50 years, Father Robert Traub, 75 years, Bishop Rhoades, Father Paul Miller, 70 years, Father Walter Bly, 50 years, and Msgr. William Schooler, 40 years. Jubilarians unable to attend were Conventual Franciscan Father Joseph Kiene and Frederick Pasche, both celebrating 50 years and Holy Cross Fathers Michael Belinsky and Martin Nguyen, both celebrating 25 years. Father Leonard Chrobot who celebrated 50 years of ordination to the Priesthood died in an auto accident Tuesday.

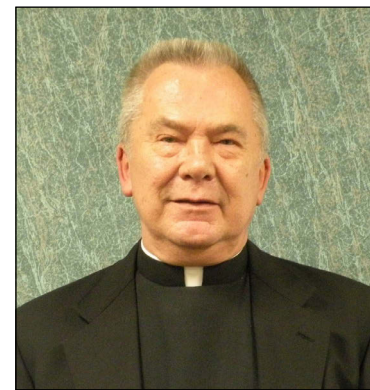


PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Marian High School
- Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. — Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 25, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga School, Yoder
- Friday, Sept. 26, through Saturday, Sept. 27 — International Conference on Archbishop Oscar Romero, Center for Arts and Culture, University of Notre Dame

Father Leonard Chrobot dies

BY KAY COZAD



FATHER LEONARD F. CHROBOT

SOUTH BEND — Father Leonard F. Chrobot, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has died following a car accident. He was 76.

Born one of three children to Henry and Marie Chrobot in South Bend in April of 1938, Father Chrobot's early education began at St. Adalbert School. He attended St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake, Michigan, during his high school years. His seminary studies took him to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, after which he was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 30, 1964. He later earned a master's degree from Purdue University and a doctorate from Wayne State University.

Father Chrobot's priestly service included teaching at Bishop Dwenger High School from 1964-1967, then as assistant to the pastor at St. Hyacinth Parish. He also taught at the University of Notre Dame. He was released from the diocese by Bishop Pursley to serve at Orchard Lake Seminary in Michigan where he taught and served as academic dean from 1968-1976 and president from 1977-1987. It was there that he had the privilege of the first of several meetings with then Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow who later became Pope John Paul II.

In 1989, Father Chrobot was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Culver until his reassignment in 1991 to St. Adalbert Parish where he shepherded the people there for four years. In 1995 Father Chrobot was appointed pastor of St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend and in 2001 he was appointed pastor of both St. Hedwig and St. Patrick Parishes.

He was noted for his great interest in Polish-American Culture and was proud of his Polish heritage. He was involved in many ethnic heritage events and appointments,

including founding the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington, D.C., and received a number of honors and awards, including the Fidelitas Medal, presented to him by Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in 2005. Father Chrobot retired in August 2013 and was currently residing at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Father Chrobot recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood and in an interview recalled for *Today's Catholic* a very special moment when he and his mother greeted Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, “John Paul II to me is one of the greatest figures of the 20th century. When I met him at St. Peter's Square he gave me his full attention even with 10,000 people around. That was a remarkable gift that he had.”

Father Chrobot enjoyed his time at his cottage at Lake Tyrone in Michigan, where he was known to entertain both family and friends. Tracy Hoff, Father Chrobot's niece, recalls her beloved uncle as “very family oriented” and having his large extended family up to the lake for holiday celebrations.

She considered him an “intellectualizer,” as well. “He loved to talk about philosophy, politics, spiritual issues and world issues,” she says, noting that he would speak with anyone who would challenge him.

Some of Hoff's fondest memories stem from the holidays when Father Chrobot would celebrate

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'It pierced my heart like a knife,' nun says after visit to Iraqis

BY DOREEN ABI RAAD

BEIRUT (CNS) — Sister Marie Claude Naddaf, provincial leader of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for Lebanon and Syria, is still shaken by what she witnessed visiting Irbil, Iraq.

Representing the Union of the Superior Generals of women religious in Lebanon, Sister Marie Claude accompanied Catholic Near East Welfare Association on its Sept. 2-5 mission to the capital of the Kurdish region in Iraq.

More than 100,000 Christians and other minorities sought refuge in the region following attacks by Islamic State militants. Many were given less than an hour to flee their houses.

"I saw with my eyes, listened with my ears, met them (refugees) and received them in my heart," Sister Marie Claude told Catholic News Service. "I was not at all expecting to see that much misery, poverty and sadness in the eyes of the refugees."

"For me, it's very difficult to find the words to describe this tragedy, people who were uprooted from their civilization, their culture, their land. They were pulled out like weeds — expelled, exiled and taken away. Will the world even try to understand and feel what these people are feeling?"

Sister Marie Claude lived through Lebanon's 1975-90 war, the current war in Syria, and has served Iraqi refugees who fled to Syria after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

"But never before have I witnessed anything like this, people living on the streets, when before they were living comfortably with dignity in their homes," she said. "It pierced my heart like a knife."

Most of the displaced adults are educated professionals — doctors, engineers, architects, government workers, teachers and university professors — who were providing services to the Iraqi people.

Now their future is uncertain.

Sister Marie Claude likened their plight to that of the first Christians living in the catacombs, exposed to the elements



CNS PHOTO/MOHAMED MESSARA, EPA

Iraqi Christians from Qaraqosh, who were forced to flee from advancing Islamic State militants in Mosul, take a rest at a makeshift shelter at St. Joseph Shrine near Irbil, Iraq, Sept. 10. Sister Marie Claude Naddaf, provincial leader of Lebanon and Syria for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, is still shaken by what she witnessed visiting Irbil.

and all kinds of dangers.

A recipient of the "International Woman of Courage" award from the U.S. State Department in 2010 for her work with abused, neglected and trafficked women, Sister Marie Claude has continued to be one of the Middle East region's most effective champions for at-risk women.

"There are all these political strategies and policies concerning women's rights and violence against women, yet women are left exposed on roads and sidewalks of Irbil, exposed to all kinds of violence and dangers, and nobody is doing anything to raise a voice for them," Sister Marie Claude said. "The world is able to see, but it seems it doesn't want to look at them."

During her visit, she heard about a pregnant woman who was living in a tent with about 20 other people when she went into labor. The woman delivered her baby without any medical assistance.

"There was not even anything to cover the newborn baby with, except a shirt off of somebody's back."

The next day the baby was very sick, so the mother walked

with her baby to the dispensary tent. Because there was a team of about 15 doctors, all exiles from Qaraqosh volunteering their time, the baby's life was saved. But the baby's face was severely burned from exposure to the sun during the walk.

"I want to send a plea to the world. This is enough. It cannot continue," Sister Marie Claude said.

She questioned a policy of ordering airstrikes against the Islamic State.

"The U.S. minister of defense is saying that each airstrike would cost \$8 million," she said.

Instead, she said, the international community should work toward liberating the villages that were taken over by Islamic State militants and, through the United Nations, create a protected zone.

The objective of such raids, Sister Marie Claude said, is "just to protect their own interests, especially the areas rich in oil."

Yet the Church, she said, is a shining witness amid the misery.

Among the displaced are two bishops, priests and more than 100 sisters who are living among the people, helping them and sharing in their sorrows, she said.

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Six profess final vows, ordained deacons in Holy Cross

NOTRE DAME — With joy and thanksgiving, the Congregation of Holy Cross celebrated the final profession of vows of six men at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father Richard V. Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, celebrated the Mass and received the vows of Matthew E. Fase, David J. Halm, Timothy N. Mouton, Stephen C. Pepper, Daniel M. Ponisciak and Christopher M. Rehagen.

The six — the largest class of Holy Cross deacons in more than a decade — took vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the past several years, they have been in a period of temporary vows, which they renewed annually. On Sept. 13, they committed their lives and work to the communal life and ministry of Holy Cross.

They were ordained to the Order of the Deacon at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Moreau Seminary Chapel by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

A Grand Rapids, Michigan, native, Matthew Fase is the second youngest of five children of Steve and Patty Fase of Rockford, Michigan. Fase entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2006 as an Old Collegian.

During his formation, Fase served in religious education at Christ the King Parish, South Bend (2007-2008); as a tutor in the South Bend juvenile correctional facility (2009); RCIA team member at Christ the King (2009-2010); at Our Lady of the Road Drop-in Center, South Bend (2011-2012); marriage preparation, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Granger, (2012-2013); and as a grief counselor for Notre Dame Campus ministry (2013-2014).

David Halm is the only son of the four children of Deborah Kuns and John Halm of Clyde, Ohio. He entered Holy Cross in August 2000 in the Old College Undergraduate Seminary.

During his formation in Old College, Halm was a fifth-grade religious education teacher at Sacred Heart Church in Lakeville (2000-2001); he participated in the Notre Dame study abroad program in Rome (2001-2002); and he assisted with freshmen retreats



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Six Congregation of Holy Cross seminarians were ordained to the Order of Deacon on Sunday, Sept. 14, in Moreau Seminary Chapel by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The six, standing behind Bishop Rhoades are, from left to right, Deacons David Halm, Daniel Ponisciak, Matthew Fase, Stephen Chase Pepper, Christopher Rehagen and Timothy Mouton. On Sept. 13, the six celebrated the final profession of vows at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

for Campus Ministry (2002-2003). As part of the candidate program (2003-2004), Halm ministered to the sick at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. Halm was a counselor at Stone Soup Center, South Bend (2005-2006).

Halm served in marriage preparation at St. Pius X Catholic Church (2011-2012); in grief ministry for Notre Dame Campus Ministry (2012-2013); and as assistant rector and rector of Fisher Hall at the university (2013-2014).

Being a Holy Cross priest could be in Tim Mouton's blood. He has two uncles, Father Jeffrey Allison and Father Daniel Panchot, who are both Holy Cross priests.

During his formation, Mouton served in Bible study at Holy Cross Parish, South Bend (2009-2010); as a youth mentor at Rise Up Academy in South Bend (2011-2012); in marriage preparation at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend (2012-2013); and as a student teacher at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend (2013-2014).

Stephen Chase Pepper is the oldest of two sons of Barry K. and Lorrie S. Pepper of Huntsville, Alabama.

Pepper served his postulant year in adult faith formation/Bible study at Christ the King Parish. During the following summer, he served at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. As a first-year professed seminarian, Chase served at the Catholic Worker drop-in center in

South Bend. During his final two years as a professed seminarian, Chase served in the marriage prep ministry at Notre Dame.

Daniel Ponisciak, born in Philadelphia, is the middle of three boys of Dorothy and Michael Ponisciak of Fox Chase Manor, Pennsylvania.

Ponisciak served in the adult Bible study program at Christ the King Parish as a postulant. During his first year of temporary vows, Ponisciak served in homeless ministry at HOPE Ministries, South Bend. During his second year in temporary vows, Ponisciak worked in marriage preparation ministry at Christ the King Parish. In his final year as a seminarian, Ponisciak coordinated preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation at Notre Dame.

Christopher Rehagen is a native of Jefferson City, Missouri, a twin and the oldest of the four sons of Mark and Susan Rehagen.

He will serve as a deacon at Christ the King Parish, South Bend.

During his formation, Rehagen served as a team member for the Notre Dame Confirmation program (2009-2010); at Stone Soup Community in South Bend (2011-2012); RCIA team member at Christ the King Parish (2012-2013); and as assistant director in the Old College Undergraduate Seminary at Notre Dame (2013-2014).

Father Chrobot was preceded in death by his parents and several family members. He is survived by his sister Joan and her husband Charles Webber and his brother Hank Chrobot as well as several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and two great-great nephews. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Sept. 13 at St. Hedwig Church.

Mass. And "he always brought his dog. He loved his dog, Burek," she recalls.

Bishop Rhoades said in a diocesan statement: "Father Len served for 50 years as a priest. He will be truly missed by so many who experienced the Lord's grace through Father Len's ministry. May God grant him the reward of his priestly labors."

CHROBOT

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Mass in his mother's home for his entire family. When his mother died, Hoff took the tradition to her home. Last Thanksgiving nearly 40 family members were present to celebrate



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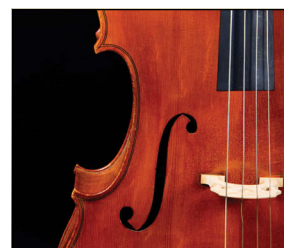
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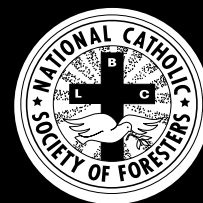
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U.S. BISHOPS LISTEN AS ISRAELI ATTORNEY GIVES EXPLANATION OF LAND USE AROUND JERUSALEM



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U.S. Bishops John O. Barres of Allentown, Pa., and Dale J. Melczek of Gary, Ind., listen as Israeli attorney Daniel Seidemann gives an explanation of land use at an overlook on Mt. Scopus in East Jerusalem Sept. 12. Eighteen bishops are on a nine-day prayer pilgrimage for peace in the Holy Land.

Archbishop Sheen's sainthood cause suspended indefinitely

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The canonization cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen has been suspended indefinitely, according to a statement issued Sept. 3 by the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, where the archbishop was born. The suspension was announced “with immense sadness,” the diocese said. “The process to verify a possible miracle attributed to Sheen had been going extremely well, and only awaited a vote of the cardinals and the approval of the Holy Father. There was every indication that a possible date for beatification in Peoria would have been scheduled for as early as the coming year.” Archbishop Sheen, who gained fame in the 1950s with a prime-time television series called “Life Is Worth Living,” died in New York in 1979. The diocesan statement said the Archdiocese of New York denied a request from Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, president of the Archbishop Sheen Foundation, to move the archbishop's body to Peoria. Deacon Greg Kendra, in a Sept. 3 posting on his blog *The Deacon's Bench*, said the reason for the request was for “official inspection and to take first-class relics from the remains.” A Sept. 4 statement from Joseph Zwilling, communications director for the New York Archdiocese, said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York “did express a hesitance in exhuming the body” absent a directive from the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes and family approval. The statement added that Archbishop Sheen's

“closest surviving family members” asked that the archbishop's wishes be respected and that he had “expressly stated his desire that his remains be buried in New York.”

Pope appoints 14 couples to attend Synod of Bishops on family

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — More than 250 participants, including 14 married couples from around the world, were expected to attend October's extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. In addition to 114 presidents of national bishops' conferences, 13 heads of Eastern Catholic churches and 25 heads of Vatican congregations and councils, the pope appointed 26 synod fathers to take part in the Oct. 5-19 synod. A list of the appointments was released Sept. 9 by the Vatican. Almost all of the 26 papally appointed voting members are from Europe. Of these, none of the 14 cardinals, eight bishops and four priests appointed by the pope is from North America or other English-speaking countries. Some of the papal appointees include German Cardinal Walter Kasper, Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels, and Italian Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, as well as Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, director of *La Civiltà Cattolica* journal, and Msgr. Pio Pinto, dean of the Roman Rota, a Vatican-based tribunal that deals mainly with marriage cases. However, among the nonvoting members of 38 observers and 16 experts appointed by the pope, the majority are laymen and laywomen, including 14 married couples, and they are more geographically diverse, with several

coming from Asia, Africa, Oceania and the Americas, as well as Europe.

Christian leaders meet Obama, discuss concerns for Mideast minorities

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Eight Eastern Christian leaders spent 40 minutes talking to President Barack Obama about the situation of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East. “We felt how deeply moved he was by what was happening to the Christians there,” Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, Maronite patriarch, said at a Mass later the same day at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church. The Sept. 11 Mass closed the three-day inaugural In Defense of Christians summit. A conference organizer told Catholic News Service an American businessman from the Middle East sent his private jet to transport the Christian leaders to the summit. The cardinal said each of the leaders from Eastern Catholic and Orthodox rites had a chance to speak individually to Obama, who the White House said “dropped by National Security Advisor Susan Rice's meeting at the White House.” Although the White House did not release details of the discussion, throughout the summit the Christian leaders spoke of the threat to Christians and other minorities posed by Islamic State militants, particularly in Iraq and Syria. Several said they were advocating religious freedom, an inherent right. They spoke of the need for local leaders and the international community to become involved in a solution because, as one Orthodox bishop said, “no one can possibly agree to a beheading.”

At wedding, pope says spouses make each other better men and women

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Presiding over the wedding of 20 couples in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis celebrated marriage as the union of a man and woman playing complementary roles during their common journey through life.

“This is what marriage is all about: man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man,” the pope said Sept. 14. “Here we see the reciprocity of differences.”

The pope spoke during a wedding Mass for couples from the diocese of Rome.

In typically frank style, Pope Francis admitted married life can be tiring, “burdensome, and often, even nauseating.”

But the pope assured the brides and grooms that Christ's redemptive sacrifice would enable them to resist the “dangerous temptation of discouragement, infidelity, weakness, abandonment.”

“The love of Christ, which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife, is able to sustain their love and to renew it when, humanly speaking, it becomes lost, wounded or worn out,” he said.

Pope Francis also offered practical advice for dealing with marital discord.

“It is normal for a husband and wife to argue,” he said. “It always happens. But my advice is this: never let the day end without having first made peace. Never. A small gesture is sufficient. Thus the journey may continue.”

Speaking three weeks before the start of an extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, the pope emphasized the importance of the

institution based on marriage.

“It is impossible to quantify the strength and depth of humanity contained in a family: mutual help, educational support, relationships developing as family members mature, the sharing of joys and difficulties,” he said. “Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the bricks for the building up of society.”

The newlyweds ranged in age from 25 to 56 and represented a variety of situations, with some already having children or having lived together before marriage.

Cohabitation, though not a canonical impediment to marriage, violates the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and sexual love. Pastoral ministers helping Catholic couples prepare for the sacrament are urged to encourage them to regularize such situations prior to marrying.

At the start of the papal wedding Mass, the brides, wearing traditional white gowns, were accompanied up the aisle of the basilica by their fathers or other male relatives. The grooms entered with their mothers. One at a time, each couple read the wedding vows and exchanged rings before the congregation and the television audience.

As a thank-you present to the pope, the couples jointly contributed to an educational and recreational center for disadvantaged youth in a suburban neighborhood of Rome, to be established by the local branch of Caritas.

The ceremony was the first public papal celebration of a wedding since 2000, when St. John Paul II joined in marriage eight couples from different parts of the world as part of the Jubilee for Families. He also publicly presided over another joint wedding for a group of couples in 1994 as part of his celebration of the International Year of the Family.



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Newly married couples Marco Purcaro and Laura Capurso, center, and Fiorenzo Genito and Lidia Tortora, right, react after exchanging vows as Pope Francis celebrates the marriage rite for 20 couples during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Sept. 14. At left is Flaviano Picchi and Giulia Capozzi, who are preparing to exchange vows.

White Mass for medical workers set Oct. 8

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Second Annual White Mass for all medical workers and their families at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 8. In the South Bend area, a White Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. Pius X, Granger.

A banquet at St. Mary's Oechtering Hall will follow the Fort Wayne Mass. Cost for the banquet is \$15 per person.

The Catholic Medical Guild is sponsoring the event. To register for the banquet, visit www.fortwayneccma.com.

The banquet speaker will be Matthew Hanley, a senior fellow at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Hanley holds a medical degree in public health and will speak on the topic, "Ideological Medicine: Serving Aims, Not Humanity."

Hanley's writing on matters of public health, ethics, religion and culture has appeared in a range of national and international publications and venues. His book "Affirming Love, Avoiding AIDS; What Africa Can Teach the West" was awarded a best book prize by the Catholic Press Association.

He worked for Catholic Relief Services from 2001-2008 as a technical advisor. He has traveled extensively in Africa, supporting the Catholic Church's responses to the AIDS epidemic. He holds a master's degree in public health from Emory University in Atlanta.

Hanley has offered the commentary in this week's feature of The Catholic Doctor is In, located on page 15.

Respect Life month kicked off with rosary

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will kick-off Respect Life Month by leading a Rosary For Life on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the abortion clinic on Ironwood Circle. Young people and families are especially encouraged to attend, and the Office of Family Life will be giving away pro-life balloons, bumper stickers, brochures and other promotional materials on site.

Serra Club of South Bend donation serves seminarians

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend recently presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a check for \$1,800, proceeds from the sale of Father's Day cards at three local parishes. The cards, which had a theme of St. Joseph as the pillar of families, were sold to raise funds for the education of diocesan seminarians.

Serra Club is an organization that promotes, supports and prays for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. Meetings are held twice a month at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. On the first Friday of each month, Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Fatima

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SJHS STUDENTS EXPLORE ARTIST'S LIFE AND ARTWORK



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend recently teamed with the University of Notre Dame to participate in a multi-discipline program, Guayasamin's Art in Motion Project, that allowed them to explore the life and artwork of Oswaldo Guayasamín, one of the most prominent Latin American artists of the 20th century. The students created the mural, shown above, in response to their studies.

Chapel at noon followed by lunch and a meeting in the lower level of the medical center. On the third Wednesday of the month, a 5:30 p.m. dinner is followed by a 6 p.m. meeting. The Wednesday meeting usually includes a guest speaker.

To learn more about the Serra Club contact Ray and Susan Vales at 574-204-2084.

Knights of Columbus Council 5521 celebrates 50 years of service

SOUTH BEND — A new council of the Knights of Columbus was formed to serve Catholic families on the south side of South Bend in 1964. On March 1, the council was chartered and chose Ave Maria in honor of South Bend's strong ties to the Blessed Mother with 118 Knights who became charter members, led by their first elected Grand Knight, Frank D. Pritchett.

Ave Maria Council 5521 will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for its member knights on Saturday, Sept. 20. The evening will start with a special blessing of the council located on South Ironwood Drive, followed by a dinner and special presentation to the council from the state office. Jim Murphy, a popular nationally renowned Catholic evangelist, is the guest speaker for the celebration.

This event is designed to honor

all member knights and their families that have volunteered 50 years of time, treasure and talent to support the Catholic parishes of St. Matthew, St. Jude-Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Hungary.

For more information on the 50th anniversary celebration, contact Chuck Bergman at 574-303-7020 or chuckbergman@sbc-global.net.

40 Days for Life fall campaign announced

SOUTH BEND — The 40 Days-for-Life campaign will run from Wednesday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle, will offer a daily vigil at the Prayer Peninsula from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mass is offered each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Divine Mercy. Mass each Saturday during the 40 Days-for-Life is celebrated at 8 a.m. in the back of The Life Center.

For more information visit www.40DaysforLife.com/SouthBend.

Life Chain celebrates Respect Life Month

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph County Right to Life will celebrate Respect Life Month at the Right to Life parking lot and

gazebo, 2004 Ironwood Circle, from 1-3:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. An opening will be followed by Mass at 1:15 p.m. celebrated by Holy Cross Father Bill Miscamble. At 2:30 p.m. a Life Chain along State Road 23 and N. Ironwood Rd. will be followed by closing remarks and social time at the gazebo at 3:30 p.m. Signs are available at the Women's Care Center at 1635 N. Ironwood. Parking is available at CE Lee Paint store, Women's Care Center and the Right to Life Office at 2004 Ironwood Circle.

'40 Days for Life' campaign unites community

FORT WAYNE — The 40 Days for Life campaign, a prayer vigil for an end to abortion will be held Sept. 24 through Nov. 2. The vigil will be held at First Pilgrim Holiness, located at 1508 Ardmore Ave. in Fort Wayne. A kickoff event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 2-4 p.m. at Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway in Fort Wayne, with guest speaker and pro-life advocate Ruth Yorston.

Churches, organizations, families and individuals may sign up to stand in prayer at First Pilgrim Holiness Church during the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each Wednesday will conclude with a prayer gathering from 7-8 p.m. led by a guest speaker to pray for pregnant women contemplating abortion and their babies.

To sign up for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil contact coordinators, John and Karla DiFilippo at 260-341-7839.

Terry Barber to present talks on New Evangelization

BLUFFTON — St. Joseph Church, Bluffton, and the Knights of Columbus Council 7555 are cosponsoring several talks on the New Evangelization by Terry Barber, an internationally known speaker on Catholic topics and founder of Saint Joseph Communications, Inc., Lighthouse Catholic Media. Barber is a cohort with Jesse Romero of the EWTN Radio Network's "Reasons for Faith — Live."

Barber will talk briefly at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 27, and the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28. On Sunday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m., Barber will speak on "The Ten Commandments of Evangelization." On Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., Barber will speak on "Confidence in God." The programs will last about 90 minutes.

Childcare will be available, and refreshments will follow the programs.

For information, contact St. Joseph Church at 260-824-1380, Larry Leitz at 260-824-4607 or email leitz@adamswells.com.

Victory Noll Center to celebrate fall festival

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will host a Fall Festival from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, in conjunction with the United Nations celebration of World Day of Peace.

A hayride, peace walk, learning station, treats and information to help everyone become peace makers and live the beatitude: "Blessed are the Peace Makers, for they shall be called Children of God!" (Mt 5:9) will be available.

More information is available at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

USF Jesters accepting registrations for season

FORT WAYNE — The Jesters of the University of Saint Francis is accepting registrations for 2014-2015 from people ages 6 and older with developmental disabilities.

The program began Saturday, Sept. 6 and will meet each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the dance studio at the USF North Campus, 2702 Spring St. The cost is \$60. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact director Allison Ballard at allis2b@yahoo.com or 260-745-3107. Registrations will be accepted through Saturday, Sept. 27.

Correction

The story about the Mass at the University of Saint Francis published in the Sept. 7, 2014 issue of *Today's Catholic*, should have listed Sister Gayle Rusbasan, campus minister at the University of Saint Francis, as a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart.

Franciscan Center facility commemorates 25 years

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades dedicates new building

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the newly remodeled Franciscan Center operations building at 1015 East Maple Grove Ave., in Fort Wayne, named in honor of Jean Kelly, one of the center's founders.

"The Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who strengthens through His Son in the Holy Spirit, bestows His love and blessing in a particular way on those who are in need, and on those who minister to them," Bishop Rhoades prayed, at the center on Sept. 2.

"Today, we ask for God's blessing on this new home of The Franciscan Center, which is celebrating 25 years of service to the local community," Bishop Rhoades continued. "It is a place where you will continue to help feed the hungry, aid the poor and needy and tend to the sick. By this great work, you will further the mission of Jesus Christ, and bring His people closer to Him."

An open house with tours of the operations building and refreshments followed the blessing ceremony.

"Derived from the Secular Franciscan Order, The Franciscan Center was founded in 1989 by Kelly and Sally Ley," said Tony Ley, executive director. "The

genesis of its beginnings was a single homeless woman living in Johnny Appleseed Park in need of food," he continued. "Sally started by helping her with food, then shelter."

By preparing a few small lunches out of her own home kitchen and delivering them to the homeless population in Fort Wayne, Sally soon had Kelly's assistance along with Paul Savage. "This simple mission grew from there," added the executive director, who with his mother also was involved with the center from its beginning. "They later opened two homeless shelters, one for men and one for women," he added.

After a few years, it was decided the shelters should be turned over to Vincent House, now Vincent Village, a transitional shelter with affordable housing for homeless families in Fort Wayne, he explained. The mission's focus to the poor would be on providing food and other basic essentials. After several years of operating a sack-lunch program out of St. Peter's Catholic Church, the operations were moved to the former school building of Sacred Heart Parish at 4643 Gaywood Dr.

"By 2011, a mission that began with a single sandwich, had evolved into an organization with a support staff of five employees and over 60 volun-



PHOTOS BY JERRY KESSENS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks during the blessing of the The Franciscan Center building at 1015 East Maple Grove Ave. in Fort Wayne on Sept. 2. Named in honor of one of the cofounders, Jean Kelly, the new structure was remodeled to fit the various needs of The Franciscan Center. The center provides sack lunches that are delivered to 1,100 people on Saturday mornings. The ministry also provides a food pantry and Medicine Cabinet and serves 1,400 to 1,700 people every week.



The exterior of The Franciscan Center is shown above. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the center on Sept. 2.

teers, providing its services over 80,000 times a year to many repeat clients," said Tony Ley, who was named executive director in 2011.

Even though the use of the Sacred Heart School building was a definite blessing, Ley continued, it had disadvantages, mostly due to its lack of accessibility. "Because of the building's design, reaching any of our services required trekking up and down a long flight of stairs," said Ley.

An adjacent building, which had served as Sacred Heart's convent until 1975, was purchased in April 2013 from The Church, a local ministry operating out of the facility. The structure subsequently was remodeled to fit the various needs of The Franciscan Center to include a room addition.

"This acquisition has allowed us to provide all of our services on the ground floor making us accessible to those with mobility issues. As an added bonus, this new building at its payoff will account for \$20,000 in annual savings," Ley explained. "Because of her silent strength and her devotion to the poor, we honored the late Jean Kelly by naming this new building after her," he concluded.

The Franciscan Center volunteers deliver 1,100 sack lunches every Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. The ministry also provides a Food Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. and offers a Medicine Cabinet on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. The center serves approximately 1,400 to 1,700 people every week.



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: children learning faith through senses

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

"If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The children will be our teachers if we know how to observe them."

— Sofia Cavaletti

SOUTH BEND — Sixty years ago, Dr. Sofia Cavaletti and Gianna Gobbi developed a new approach to catechesis by the careful observation of children using manipulative materials to internalize and ponder the mysteries of the Catholic faith. This type of faith instruction was named the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is a hands-on approach to faith instruction centered on liturgy and Scripture.

After reading some of Dr. Cavaletti's books, Msgr. Michael Heintz introduced this program to St. Matthew Cathedral in the fall of 2000 under the leadership of parishioner Marie Harrer.

According to Harrer, there are three levels in which children are grouped by developmental planes. Level 1 includes children ages 3-6, level 2 ages 6-9, and level 3 ages 9-12. Level 1 was introduced to St. Matthew in 2000, level 2 in 2008 and level 3 in 2010.

"The lessons are developmentally appropriate for children and capture sensitive periods for learning. For example, language is most easily acquired by the younger child and so, lessons on nomenclature are initially presented to our youngest children in the program (three to six years old)," says Harrer. "Formation of a personal moral code begins around age 7 and so, moral parables are initially presented to children ages 6-9."

The material used in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is placed at the disposal of the child to work with each week. The catechist and parish members make the materials available to the children; there are no textbooks. Eucharist is central to every level in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, even to the youngest child. The catechist remembers that Christ is the teacher and their responsibility is to prepare an environment called the atrium, which aids in the development of the religious life of the child.

"A small part of the weekly gatherings are dedicated to the catechist's presentations, while the bulk of the time is reserved for the personal work of the child," notes Harrer. "The attitude of the catechist is marked by humility before the capacities of the child."

Jessica Keating, a catechist for level 1 of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, finds the program incarnational in two ways.

"First it is explicitly Christocentric, introducing children from the outset to the most essential mystery of the faith: the mystery



KAREN CLIFFORD

Catechist Marie Harrer works with a student in St. Matthew Cathedral's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, and will focus on the theme "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

of the Word made Flesh in Jesus Christ, the Sacrament of the Father. Second, its pedagogical structure. The young child takes in his or her reality and makes meaning through the senses," Keating emphasizes.

Keating adds, "Think of how a child learns her mother tongue. It is not through long hours of study, pouring over grammar rules and vocabulary; rather, she learns it immediately and vitally — language becomes part of the child."

Special memories of the children's insights from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd have been abundant since the program's inauguration at St. Matthew. Nancy Becker, co-director of religious education at the parish, recalls a presentation to level 1 atrium during her first year as director.

"I had brought the materials home to prepare to give the presentation to the children in my class. As I used the materials to practice, my then three-year-old son, who has Down syndrome, became completely mesmerized by the words from Scripture and the image of the Good Shepherd and the sheep. He kept asking me over and over again to repeat the lesson. When I had finished he spent a long time quietly working with the material, very content and satisfied," says Becker.

The impact of the presentation had a lasting impact on Becker's

son. "He fell deeply in love with the Good Shepherd from that first presentation and has been enjoying the lessons and the time he has to spend in the atrium ever since. He is now in fourth grade and looks forward every week to his time in the atrium," Becker says.

A memory from last year involving a five year old in the atrium emphasizes the effect of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on young minds.

"Ms. Keating, I have a great idea. I'm going to make a card for God and His Son," he said. About 10 minutes later, this child was kneeling with his eyes closed holding his card up in the air, in the gesture of the offering, which he had learned the previous week," says Keating.

Msgr. Heintz finds Sofia Cavaletti's vision for catechesis a good fit as one of the children's religious education programs offered at St. Matthew.

"What I find most moving about her work and the approach of her catechesis is that it is fully sacramental, biblical and liturgical all at the same time. Much like the preaching of the Fathers (Cyril of Jerusalem, for example), her work and her methods capture the spirit which animates the very life of the Church," Msgr. Heintz concludes.

Online Food Safety Training Program available for volunteer food handlers

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

INDIANAPOLIS — Parish volunteers that handle food have a free online resource they can access to ensure food safety at parish events, or Church-sponsored venues involving food.

The program called IN-TRAIN is an online, electronic food safety and handling training program that volunteers can access anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Whether it is food served at a funeral reception, a parish retreat, picnic or festival, parish volunteers and those who supervise them have access to a new online training food safety program," said Glenn Tebbe, who serves as the executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Indiana.

Prompted by a study panel of the Indiana General Assembly, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) sought to provide resources for a food safety-training program.

"We wanted to develop something that was hassle-free, and easily accessible for volunteers of nonprofit organizations," said Scott Gilliam, director of the Food Protection Program for Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH).

"The goal of IN-TRAIN is to ensure food safety for the public," Gilliam said. "If someone were to get sick due to improper food handling, not only could a person be harmed, but the incident could also harm an organization's brand, mission and the good work the particular nonprofit is trying to accomplish."

Gilliam calls the IN-TRAIN a "refresher course" for those handling food. The program developed by the ISDH's Food Protection Program is based on a national program called TRAIN. TRAIN was developed by the Public Health Foundation. Indiana has purchased its own affiliate site, IN-TRAIN, to provide similar food safety training, but both can be accessed because TRAIN sites are connected. Learners on IN-TRAIN can access information about state, local, national and even international training opportunities available to them, online and in person.

IN-TRAIN operates through a collaborative partnership with state and federal agencies, local and national organizations, and educational institutions. TRAIN is funded by its network affiliates and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A subcommittee of the Finance Committee examined ways for improving food safety and handling procedures for nonprofit organizations, including Catholic parishes. The IN-TRAIN program took about 11 months to develop,

according to Gilliam.

In addition to the online program, the department developed several handouts. For example, handouts can be downloaded, printed and hung in areas where food is prepared. Voluntary safety standard handouts include proper hand washing and drying procedures; proper food cooling; a self-inspection check list; ideal refrigeration temperatures for various types of meat, poultry and casseroles; and proper manual washing of equipment, dishes and utensils.

Nonprofits are exempt from a variety of food safety and handling regulations. According to Gilliam, because nonprofits have voluntarily complied with best practices for safety and handling the program is seen more as an effort to make "modest improvements" to safety and handling. The program's goal is to provide a uniform training program that anyone can access to ensure basic food safety and handling is followed.

How it works: After completing a short online registration, the training video takes roughly 35 minutes to complete. Gilliam said the department sought feedback from nonprofit organizations during the development of the program on how to best develop and deliver a program that would be applicable to their organizations' volunteers.

Tebbe, on behalf of the Catholic Church, participated in a panel that provided practical feedback on how a program might be best implemented in a parish or Church ministry setting. In addition to the Indiana Catholic Conference, Gleaners Food Bank and the United Way of Central Indiana also provided feedback to ISDH on how to develop a voluntary program to ensure food safety and handling.

"Parish volunteers across the state of Indiana will be able to access this tool to ensure food safety and handling," said Tebbe. "Parishes have not had any incidences or problems of food poisoning or persons being harmed by improper food handling and we want to keep it that way."

Tebbe added, "Given the many venues our parishes serve others in providing or handling food, our participation in the IN-TRAIN program, it is another way the Church can make a good faith effort to promote the public good and safety by voluntarily enhancing standards. I am hopeful members of our faith community take advantage of this resource."

For more information on IN-TRAIN or to register for the online training go to <https://in.train.org>.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL CELEB

Marian High School
50th Anniversary
Celebration of Mass
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
September 4th, 2014



Marian High School Principal Mark Kirzeder speaks to the assembly following the 50th anniversary Mass.



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The Marian High School community gathered Sept. 4 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mishawaka high school. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the Mass celebrant.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades assembles with members of the Class of 1968, the first graduating class of Marian High School in Mishawaka.

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with Jesus, we put out into the deep. We do good things, help others and build a better world.”

The founders of Marian High School shared this vision to lead students to Christ, even though initially they faced challenges and setbacks, Bishop Rhoades related in a historical account of the school.

Bishop Pursley sought to build new Catholic high schools in Fort Wayne and Mishawaka and launched the Bishop's School Building Foundation to raise funds for construction.

The bishop was able to move forward with Marian High School because of a very generous gift — a donation of over 36 acres of land for the construction of the facility from the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Those in attendance offered their support

and gratitude for the heartfelt generosity of the sisters.

Although the school was initially set to open in 1963, weather-related delays pushed the opening to the fall of 1964. Bishop Pursley blessed the cornerstone of the school on Aug. 9, and then, on Sept. 4, the school opened with its first class of 230 freshmen, some of whom were present at the 50th anniversary Mass.

At its origins, Marian was almost completely staffed by Salvatorian priests and brothers from Wisconsin, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

Since then, the school has cast its net to help cultivate the minds and hearts of thousands of students.

“For 50 years, Marian has provided excellent Catholic education to students from throughout Mishawaka, South Bend, Elkhart and the surrounding area,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Marian High School has a proud half-century of history, but I think of the history yet to be made. You are part of that

history. I encourage you, students, faculty, staff and friends, to put out into the deep, to trust in the word of Jesus like Peter did, and you will have a great catch.”

Bishop Rhoades also prayed for the school community to become further entrusted to Our Lady of Lourdes, the recently declared Marian patron of the school, “so that she who was never afraid to put out into the deep, as the most perfect disciple of her Son, may continue to intercede for you in your holy mission here at Marian High School,” the bishop said.

Before the conclusion of the Mass, school officials presented Bishop Rhoades with a unique painting of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, Indiana's lone canonized saint, as a gift to the diocese. The portrait was a combined effort by Marian art teacher Kitty Gunty and former student Sara Holderbaum, who have consistently strived to use their artistic talents to give back to both Marian High School and the diocesan community.

Those in attendance from the original class were offered a tour through the school to explore new additions, old favorite places, and to meet current faculty and students. The celebration was a warmly received tribute by all in attendance and it called to mind past memories of happiness and hospitality.

John Ferretie, who graduated with the original class in 1968 and served as a teacher, coach and assistant principal during his tenure, shared the joy of his experiences and gratitude at having been at Marian. “I have so many memories as a student and staff member here. This has been such a wonderful community,” he said. “I really look back to the people here and relationships I have had with them. Some of the best years of my adult life were spent at Marian.”

Cyril Devliegher, principal from 1972-82, remarked that he “took over during a period of uncertainty and transition, which was also the state of the Church as a whole after

Vatican II. But by having as our primary goals to remain optimistic, to uphold fiscal responsibility and to promote orthodox theology, the school began to thrive and eventually grew into the flourishing community we have today.”

Current Principal Mark Kirzeder remarked, “It's great to have the bishop's support. It's a confirmation that he understands and appreciates that Marian High School continues to contribute within diocese. This school is only successful if we remain true to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and I think that we really are trying to do that on a daily basis with our students. We are always trying to live by example, to refocus our energies and all of our programs to constantly reevaluate whether we really are fulfilling our proclaimed mission to spread the Gospel to make Christ known, loved and served. I feel as long as we are doing that, then the Lord will continue to bless us here for the next 50 years.”

RATES 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Marian High School celebrates 50 years of learning, service and leadership

BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — In 1962, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, donated a 36-acre site located directly south of their convent, Mount Alverno, to establish a new Catholic high school in the South Bend-Mishawaka-Elkhart area.

After two years of planning and construction, and with a cost of \$1.9 million, the class of 1968 entered the doors on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1964 to start their freshmen year. The first freshmen class consisted of 131 boys and 108 girls. Each year another class was added until there were four grades and the school was full. That first class celebrated the first Marian graduation in 1968.

The Marian Knights donned school colors of blue and silver, which were voted on by the student body the first week of school. The students started their day at 8:40 a.m. Each class was 50 minutes long and their day ended at 3:56 p.m. Mass was

held in the cafeteria. The boys took up three classrooms on one side of the building, the

girls in three classrooms on the other side. They did not have any mixed classes until the first class became seniors.

Bishop Leo A. Pursley chose priests and brothers of the Salvatorian Order and Sisters of St. Francis to administer and staff the classrooms. Father Donald Verhagen served as the first principal. One lay teacher, Bob Otolski, also served as the football coach.

Otolski recalled that first season fondly, "I remember August 1964 very well. It was very hot and the school was not done. There was dust and dirt everywhere. I brought the borrowed football equipment we got from Indiana University back to Marian on a trailer."

"We not only had to use borrowed equipment, but we did not have practice facilities," Otolski said. "Our first team practice was held in a cornfield across from the school. Our first game was against South Bend Central."

"Our opponents came with a cross between ridicule and pity," he said. "They didn't know whether to laugh at us or

feel sorry for us. We were so new. But we had the last laugh as much to their surprise we won that first game, 7-6. Marian began its winning tradition with that first team of young men from every possible type of family."

"I have very strong ties to Marian," Otolski said. "It is a time I will never forget, and I am proud to have been there at the beginning. That first pioneer group had a tremendous sense of spirit. Marian has never lost that spirit."

That first year the football team consisted of a 33-man squad led by Dave Dhoore. The defeat of South Bend Central was witnessed by 3,000 fans, a testament to the support the Marian community had. The team would go on to an 8-1-1 record — quite a remarkable feat for a first-year program. In addition to football, Marian had a successful basketball season with a 14-7 record. Though there was no baseball, wrestling, golf or crosscountry, the school did have a track team in the spring.

The pride and determination that was shown by those first teams have been a motivation for subsequent teams. An unknown 1968 graduate gave this quote, "As you can see, we are proud, very proud. Proud of what we are, and what we will be. What records we set this year we are proud of. We will even be prouder of the athletes who will follow us, breaking the tape a second or so quicker, because they will have inherited the desire to play, win and claim the victory with honor and undying spirit — a tradition which we, the first graduating class of Marian High School have begun."

Today, Marian High School continues the 50-year tradition of Catholic education to learn, serve and lead — the school's motto.

When asked what the students would consider the strength of Marian High School Principal Mark Kirzeder, who became the school's new principal in July, told *Today's Catholic*, "Primarily, I believe our students would view Marian as a place where people, faculty and staff alike, will care about and love them as individuals created by God."

He noted, "Often I see students return to see a favorite teacher or staff member to say thank you for the gifts of faith, love, understanding or compassion that were given many years earlier. These gifts, more often

than knowledge of a specific content, are what students tend to be most grateful for."

Referring to the Marian community, Principal Kirzeder called it an ever-growing family.

"We pride ourselves on the close personal relationships that all members of our community experience," he said. "It is with the support, prayers and help of the entire Marian family, that we endeavor to provide an education that is not only rigorous, but rooted in the rich tradition of our Catholic faith."

"All members of the Marian faculty are passionate about the subjects they teach, dedicated to the mission of providing Catholic education to all students that walk through our doors, and committed to making God known, loved and served in this life, so that we can all be with Him in the next," he said.

Marian High School and Wendy Bogner provided this historical information. Tim Johnson contributed to this story.



Marian High School is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

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Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration profess vows

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrated the days surrounding the feast of St. Clare with great solemnity as they witnessed several young women taking their next step in religious life.

On Aug. 9, Sister M. Petra Nielsen, Sister M. Benedicta Duna, and Sister M. Cecelia Clare Stoffel renewed their temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. On Aug. 10, Sister Mary Anthony Winger professed temporary vows for a period of three years. On Aug. 10, six young women, Sisters Mary John, Mary Bosco, Mary Augustine, Cora Marie, Michael Marie and M Karol Ann were admitted to the novitiate after completing a year of postulancy.

Three originally from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend include Sister Mary Bosco (formerly Kim Davis) from Ossian, and a parishioner of St. Therese Parish, who met the sisters at Bishop Luers High School during a vocation event, Sister Mary Augustine (formerly Celeste Warrell) from St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, who met the sisters through their high school retreats and Sister Michael Marie (formerly Janet Hilger) from Fort Wayne, and a parishioner of Queen of Angels Parish, who became acquainted with the sisters when they came to Bishop Dwenger High School for Vocation Days.

And on Aug. 11, the feast of St. Clare, Sister M. Madeleine Schumacker, Sister M. Anna Joseph Nelling and Sister Maria Gemma Salyer professed perpetual vows as Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Extended study of Christian spirituality

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center, 1900 W. Park Dr., is offering an extended program that will delve deep into the study of Christian spirituality.

"Foundations of Christian Spirituality," is a yearlong reflective study of the Wisdom Tradition over the centuries. Participants will meet on 10 Thursdays from September of 2014 to May of 2015 for daylong sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided each session.

The program will explore the classic elements of monastic and contemplative life. The program offers a reflective personal and transformative process for all who desire deeper life in Spirit and more intentional living of the Christian life. The rich and inspiring teaching is centered on the saints, mystics and spiritual teachers of the Christian centuries, personal contemplative prayer practice and the writing and living of a personal rule of life.

Each session will be a separate topic and have required readings. Participants will be introduced to the practice of contemplative prayer and spiritual discernment.

Those completing this initial program may apply for Phase II of the program, "Spiritual Direction

Program and Practicum," in which participants will engage in a two-year formation to prepare them to become spiritual directors.

For more information about these programs, or an application packet, call 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or visit www.olvm.org/vncenter.

'Celebrate. Living. Discipleship.' ministry event planned at Our Lady of Good Hope

FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, is hosting a ministry awareness event at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, and at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28. The event is open to everyone and is meant as a celebration of all the wonderful things happening in the parish and diocese, and serves to educate the public on ministries and services available from both a service and volunteer perspective.

The parish is focusing on discipleship in the month of September, and in particular, the role of the laity in bringing Christ's presence to others in everyday lives.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope, said, "Although we certainly need the collaboration of the laity for the internal needs of the Church, we must make sure that people understand their role goes beyond volunteering for something at church or attending Mass one hour a week."

More information about Our Lady's Celebrate. Living. Discipleship event is available on the parish website at <http://olghfw.com/>.

Saint Joseph High School named to Catholic Education Honor Roll

MANASSAS, VA. — The Cardinal Newman Society has recognized Saint Joseph High School in South Bend on the Catholic Education Honor Roll: 2014 Schools of Excellence. Since 2004 the Honor Roll has celebrated quality Catholic education throughout the United States.

Honor Roll schools receiving this designation are marked by the integration of Catholic identity throughout all aspects of their programs and excellence in academics. This year 71 schools received the honor of being named as a School of Excellence, and an additional nine received the distinction of Honorable Mention. This is less than 5 percent of the Catholic high schools in the United States.

"Since competition began in 2004, the Honor Roll has been a helpful tool for administrators, families and benefactors in recognizing the quality of a Catholic high school education," said Patrick J. Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Society. "The Honor Roll schools are a reminder that Catholic education is getting better every day — not only academically, but in the renewal of Catholic identity — and we are delighted to see the increased level of competition among the schools that participated in the program this year."

BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



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Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, students and staff honored the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday on Sept. 8 by praying the rosary together in front of a specially-designed rosary consisting of cupcakes aligned on a golden ribbon. A beautiful image of Mary and a crucifix completed the special rosary. To conclude the celebration, students and staff were treated to a cupcake. The cupcake rosary was provided by Sacred Heart's Home and School Association. Pictured are the fourth-grade students with teacher Rose Smith and Principal James L. Faroh, Sr.

BISHOP ACCEPTS SUPPORT FOR FRANCISCAN EDUCATION



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades accepted a donation of \$10,000 for Franciscan seminarian education support from Worldwide Seminarian Support (WSS) representative Ben Becker on Sept. 10. The funds were raised at the third annual 5K "Race for Faith" run and auction on the University of Saint Francis campus on July 26. The Franciscan Brothers and Sisters ran the 5K in donated Adidas shoes that were then auctioned off following the race. WSS has been of support to seminarian education in Tanzania and India and now in the U.S. In the picture from left are Joe Garcia, senior run committee member, John Becker, founder and president of WSS, Ben Becker, chairman of the fundraiser event and president of WSS Future Board, Bishop Rhoades, Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and Andy Passino, event auctioneer.



RED MASS

The tradition of the Red Mass

The Red Mass is an ancient custom dating back to the 13th century, when the solemn votive Mass began being celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year. From the earliest of times, the Mass has been attended by the judiciary, attorneys at law, law professors, high-ranking government officials, distinguished guests and others who work in the legal arena. The Mass was intended to gather those from the legal profession for the purpose of seeking divine guidance and strength for the coming terms of court.

The Red Mass is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit, from whom flows the wisdom, understanding, counsel, patience, energy and courage necessary for the administration of justice. Those who work in the legal profession prayerfully seek these virtues, which are essential to the courtroom, law practice and public post.

Originating in the great cities of Europe, the Red Mass tradition continues in Westminster Cathedral in London, and in other preeminent cathedrals of Paris, Rome and other European capitals. The Red Mass came to America in October of 1928, where it was first celebrated in New York's Old St. Andrew's Church, located in the shadow of the towering state and federal court-houses.

The tradition is celebrated annually in Washington, D.C., at the start of the Supreme Court term, where the justices are joined by members of the bar, president, members of Congress, law faculty, diplomats and other such officials. The Red Mass has further spread throughout the United States, to venues such as Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Indianapolis and New Orleans, to name a few.

The venerable custom derives its name from the red vestments of the celebrant, representing the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit, and from the brilliant scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices of the middle ages. The Mass is attended by those of Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and all religious beliefs who work in the legal arena, as they come together for this annual public celebration of faith and the law.

Invoking the ancient tradition, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited those who strive for the cause of justice to the Fort Wayne area Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m., and for those in the South Bend area at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:15 p.m.

The invitation to the celebration of the Red Masses is extended to all.

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Judge, deacon to speak at Red Mass dinner in Fort Wayne

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — When the Honorable Marc R. Kellams speaks at the dinner following the Red Mass in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, Sept. 24, he will bring the perspective of a Catholic deacon and a circuit judge in southern Indiana's Monroe County.

The Red Mass — an ancient custom dating back to the 13th century when the solemn votive Mass began being celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year — will be held in Fort Wayne at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Lawyers, judges and civil government officials are invited. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the celebrant and extends an invitation to all to attend the Red Mass. The Mass, dinner and speaker are hosted by the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne.

Bishop Rhoades will celebrate the Red Mass in the South Bend area on Monday, Oct. 6, at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Judge Kellams has served as a Circuit Court Judge in Monroe County, Indiana, for 34 years. Since 1983, he has taught trial advocacy at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, his alma mater. He served as a longtime member of the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference, chaired the committee when it reviewed the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct and made recommendations to the Indiana Supreme Court for revisions to the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct to provide clearer direction and comments to help guide the ethical decision making of judges.

Judge Kellams has given a number of lectures and moderated panel discussions for judges on the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The topic of Judge Kellams' talk after the Red Mass, which will follow the dinner, is "The Balance of Faith and Profession." His talk will explore his approach to his two vocations while keeping clear lines between Church and state consistent with ethical guidelines applicable to judges and attorneys.

Deacon Kellams, an ordained deacon of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, serves St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington.

The deacon said of his duties: "My primary ministry is one of service to the sick and elderly; coordinating and training volunteers to visit the hospital, elder-care facilities and the homebound. I also always have a number of



PROVIDED BY JUDGE MARC R. KELLAMS

Deacon Marc R. Kellams, a Circuit Court Judge in Monroe County, Indiana, will be the speaker following the Red Mass in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24.

parishioners whom I visit, I fill in for the volunteers when they are unavailable and I spend time with those who are dying and their families, especially during the last days. I also serve at Mass, witness weddings, baptize infants, teach baptismal preparation and RCIA classes, lead rosaries and assist with funerals and committal services."

He said his calling to the diaconate is a difficult concept to describe "and always sounded a little pretentious for me to state; as though God chose me as especially worthy," Deacon Kellams noted. "Those of us in the ministry know only too well how unworthy we truly are, even though when called we respond. Nonetheless, a calling is a feeling, a longing, a tugging at the heartstrings to serve God. It is the confidence after much contemplation and prayer that we must surrender to it."

Deacon Kellams said his parents instilled in him the obligation to help others "and thus I volunteer for various civic, legal and religious organizations," he noted.

Deacon Kellams adheres to Paul's words in his farewell speech at Miletus from Acts 20:35: "In every way I have shown you that

by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

As a judge and law professor, he said, "My faith is a guide for how I live my life and my hope is that it serves as an inspiration to others."

Deacon Kellams offers encouragement to those in the legal and civil service to allow their faith to shape their decisions.

"People of faith in all traditions are taught to love God above all things and to love one's neighbor," he said. "Basic concepts of honesty, fairness, equity, kindness and mercy are applicable in any professional setting."

The deacon and judge enjoys reading and is a devoted father and grandfather.

Those interested in learning more about the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne can visit www.stthomasmorefw.org. Father Mark Gurtner, the diocesan judicial vicar and chaplain of the society, celebrates Mass at 12:05 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Coverage of the Red Masses in Fort Wayne and South Bend will be featured in upcoming issues.

When ideology supplants public health

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently announced a new recommendation for AIDS prevention: uninfected people at risk of HIV transmission should take a pill — a particular antiretroviral drug — on a daily basis. The technical term for this strategy is “pre-exposure” prophylaxis.

Its wisdom aside, this shift in emphasis comes with a little noticed admission: according to the *New York Times*, CDC officials “have long been frustrated that the number of HIV infections in the United States has barely changed in a decade, stubbornly holding at 50,000 a year, despite 30 years of advice to rely on condoms to block transmission.”

Translation: Pope Benedict XVI was right when he had the temerity to observe that condoms were not the solution to AIDS. For this, you recall, he was castigated as a

dangerous threat to public health. Might the critical gaze actually be better fixed upon our public health officials?

After all, imagine if they had had the courage to heed what Cardinal Ratzinger expressed with characteristic clarity back in 1988: “whoever dares to say that mankind ought to refrain from that inordinate sexual license which gives AIDS its effective power is put on the sidelines as a hopeless obscurantist because of his public attitude. Such an idea can only be deplored and passed over in silence by the enlightened of today.”

Some have had the intellectual honesty to critique the prevailing “risk reduction” approach. As one of these foremost critics, Edward Green (formerly at Harvard), wrote in the *Washington Post*: “I am a liberal on social issues and it’s difficult to admit, but the pope is indeed right. The best evidence we have shows

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that condoms do not work as an intervention intended to reduce HIV infection rates in Africa.” Green has not shied away from pointing to the association between greater condom use and higher infection rates, and has subsequently written that in making his comments, the pope “had summarized the best current research on AIDS prevention in Africa.”

These are fighting words. Advancing even this limited and pragmatic argument for behavior

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Discipleship requires faith



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 20:1-16a

The last section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend with its first reading. Virtually none of the prophets of ancient Israel wrote when times were good, or at least when the prophets perceived the times to be good.

Certainly, the author of the section of the Book of Isaiah from which this weekend’s reading comes hardly regarded the times to be good.

It was bad from another perspective. Hard times were not the only distressing story. God’s people had returned from Babylon, where they and their ancestors had been in exile for four generations. They had greeted the news that their exile was over with great rejoicing, convinced that God had provided for them and had rescued them. Eagerly, and with great expectation, they had returned to their homeland.

At last back home, they found only want and despair. It is easy to imagine their anger. They were furious with God, and this prophet had to call them back to trusting God.

In this reading, Third Isaiah warns the people not to put their trust in scoundrels. Instead, the prophet tells the people to call upon God. In God alone is true strength, regardless of fleeting appearances to the contrary.

For this weekend’s second reading, the Church offers us a passage from the Epistle to the Philippians.

The Apostle Paul, in this epistle’s soaring language, proclaims the divinity of Christ, the Savior, the Son of God. Paul continues to explain the intimate, inseparable link between the Lord and true disciples.

Come what may on earth, a disciple is constant in loving God and following Christ in obedience to God.

St. Matthew’s Gospel provides the last reading, a parable. This parable is set within the context of everyday life in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Agriculture was the pursuit of most. Life was difficult. Many did not know where to find their next meal. Gainful employment was at a premium. A *dinarius* was a typical day’s wage.

Men looking for work, and income, came to village centers each morning, making themselves available for work. Persons with projects came to these places and hired the men.

It was a buyer’s market. No labor statutes or requirements for any minimum wage restrained employers in their pursuit of profit. Still, at least for Jews, certain expectations of fairness prevailed.

Jesus used the term “vineyard.” It immediately brought to mind Old Testament references to Israel as God’s vineyard. So, the story from the beginning had a theological and ethnic quality. God owned and cared for the vineyard. He set the rules.

The message is that God is enormously generous. On our own, we actually deserve nothing. Our salvation is from Jesus.

The second lesson is that God’s ways are not necessarily our ways.

Reflection

For some weeks, the Church, through these weekend readings, has been calling us to follow Christ. Wisely, in this process, the Church recognizes that some of us hesitate not because we do not want to be with the Lord, but because we bear the burden of guilt or doubt. We think that our self-created distance from God is too great to bridge.

Emphatically, in these readings, the Church reassures us of the unlimited mercy of God. God is the source of life. He lavishly offers it to us.

Whatever our sin, if we repent, even at a late hour, God’s loving forgiveness awaits us. It is our choice, however, to be with God, to be disciples. No one is dragged, kicking and screaming, into heaven. Discipleship requires our faith. Paul’s words call us to faith with the reminder that without God all is folly, all is impermanent, and all is death. God alone offers life.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 - 12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

The 20-something decorator: Creating beauty at home

When my cousin Emily moved into a one-bedroom apartment in Chicago’s Gold Coast neighborhood this June, it marked her 10th home in five years, a residential whiplash involving sweat, tears and 11 roommates.

But it was also a notable first: Emily’s first time living alone. Six-hundred square feet, all hers.

Where to begin, what to do with that exclusive space? The prospect was overwhelming, so Emily mapped out the apartment, breaking it down foot by foot, complete with three-foot, one-inch windows and markers for the kitchen sink.

At 23, Emily is one year out of college, working in marketing and development at a Catholic primary school. Her future, like her apartment, remains a work in progress.

She gave me a Skype tour Monday night, wearing a white tank top, a messy bun and a broad smile. She was sunburned and hot, perched between a box fan and her MacBook, planning to lug the patio table she had inherited from the previous owners into the kitchen later that night.

Settling in has been a slow process, she said. “I think I might still be searching for that feeling of being home.”

I spotted familiar elements amid the cherry hardwood floor: the big blue reading chair Emily purchased with babysitting money back in sixth-grade, the Ikea curtains splattered with pink rosebuds, the quilted headboard she scored through a One Kings Lane mega-sale. But most of all, Emily’s new apartment is becoming familiar through the estrogen-laced act of decorating by tip toe — breathlessly, experimentally, Pinterest-ly, the kind that is done with a tilted head and a searching soul. Is this who I am? Who I want to be?

Among the young women I know — both the renters and the mortgage-bound — decorating is not just an exercise in aesthetics but in awareness and gratitude, an attempt to create a little beauty in the place where you hang your key, lay your head and stack your dishes. It’s not just an HGTV habit, but a worldview.

“I think it has to do with Catholic social teaching,” Emily said, “that we believe there’s value and dignity in everything, there’s beauty every-



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

where. Taking a second to appreciate that goes a long way in valuing your own daily life and appreciating what you have.”

For Emily that means arranging souvenirs that make a small space feel as vast as her passport: masks from Venice, a starfish from China, a five-inch Eiffel Tower and a wooden necklace from Brazil. They’re piled on her dresser-turned-hutch right now, awaiting proper display.

It means buying herself flowers just because.

It means posting the occasional Instagram picture, like the bustling street scene she recently snapped while walking home from work, a way to pause and soak in the moment.

I have far to go in my spiritual journey, but my ability to recognize the beauty around me feels like a sacred one. I can’t help but marvel over the nearby Aspens, fluttering in the late-summer sun. They look just like the impressionistic leaves painted by the late children’s-book illustrator Gyo Fujikawa, sage and lime-green circles filling the page, spiraling toward the heavens.

“You were born to make art,” writes Emily Freeman in her latest book, “A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live.” “You were also made to live art.”

Indeed, we were fashioned in the image and likeness of the Creator, and so we are called to create — with our sunburns and our one-year leases, with the borrowed and the broken, the reupholstered, the rearranged and the reimagined, with our feet planted in the here and now and our eyes looking up.

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Saint of the week:



Therese Couderc

1805 - 1885 Feast - Sept. 26

Born to a French farm family, Marie-Victoire Couderc joined a new religious teaching order, but was sent to manage a mountain hostel for women pilgrims at the shrine of St. John Francis Regis. It became a successful retreat house under her guidance, and the order split into a teaching ministry, the Sisters of St. Regis, and a retreat ministry, the Congregation of Our

Lady of the Cenacle. Mother Therese was superior of the Cenacle sisters until 1838, when Jesuit advisers began replacing her with a succession of wealthy women. She lived out her days as an ordinary nun, suffering deafness and painful arthritis at the end. She wrote that “the surrendered soul has found paradise on earth,” and was canonized in 1970.

Love is our Mission: the family fully alive

St. John Paul II often underscored the irreplaceable mission of the family in saying that “the future of humanity passes by way of the family.” Pope Francis has also spoken frequently about the centrality of the family in passing on the faith and the cultural values of a people. In fact, much of the beginning of his papacy has been focused not only in talking about these issues, but also galvanizing the Church to focus on them as well.

For American families, in particular, these are exciting times. Families from around the world will be meeting in Philadelphia in September of next year to reflect upon the critically important mission of the family. This Eighth World Meeting of Families is being called by Pope Francis — who is expected to attend this gathering in what would be his first visit to the United States. You and your family are invited to join Bishop Rhoades, ourselves and other pastoral ministers and families for this historic event.

As part of the process of preparing for the 2015 World Meeting of Families (WMF), the diocesan Office of Family Life is coordinating efforts not only to assist families in making a pilgrimage, but also to assist all families in the diocese in their spiritual preparation for the fruits of this international encounter. What is particularly significant here is that this world gathering will be taking place in between two Synods of Bishops that will be gathering in Rome this October and next to refocus the Church’s attention on the irreplaceable role of the family for both the good of the Church and of society. Surely, this process represents a beautiful movement of the Holy Spirit!

As part of the process of spiritual preparation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, along with the

Pontifical Council for the Family, have developed a 10-part catechesis that takes its name from the theme of the 2015 WMF — Love is our Mission: the family fully alive. Over the next 10 months, the Office of Family Life will provide updates and excerpts from this catechesis which is published by Our Sunday Visitor. The office will also be assisting parishes in purchasing bulk orders that can be used in various settings by parents, married couples or even individual families.

In the meantime, you can visit the website for the 2015 WMF to find the latest information: www.worldmeeting2015.org. Below is an excerpt from the Introduction to the Catechesis. By next month, we will have a diocesan page with preliminary information on what is being planned at the diocesan level. Also, check out the Facebook page: Office of Family and ProLife — Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Stay tuned!

Catechesis: Introduction

The Church believes that God exists and that He loves us. We make this claim because we have encountered and trust Jesus Christ. This trust enables a relationship in which God’s plan for all creation is revealed and disclosed. Confident in this plan, we are able to proclaim that each and every human being is created in the image of God. We believe that God creates us with a purpose and for a mission. . . .

We believe that all aspects of our lives — including our sexuality, fertility and family life — are part of this mission to live and love as Jesus taught. We believe that in the sacrament of Marriage, God has given us the gift of experiencing His covenant. In the marriage covenant, husband and wife live together in light of the covenant already



LOVE IS OUR MISSION

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established by God and Israel, Christ and the Church. We believe that marriage is the seedbed of a family, the nucleus of the domestic church, which is itself an essential member of the wider universal Church.

We acknowledge that we are fallen, and that all manner of suffering, temptations and sins can burden us and prevent us from becoming who we were created to be. But we trust that no matter what trials we face or wounds we inflict upon ourselves and others, God is faithful. His passion, crucifixion and resurrection are the decisive evidence that He will not depart from His covenant. The Lord has shown that He is stronger than all our sins and that He conquers sin. In our life together, through the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our midst, we believe that God will bring to fruition the work, which He has begun in us. . . .

We believe that love is our mission, and that this mission is the only way we can be fully alive and be who we were created to be. We believe that this love should be taught, shared and communicated in and through the family, the domestic church. We believe that the family shares in the mission of the whole Church, and we devote this catechesis to explaining this vision of love.

Fred and Lisa Everett are co-directors of the Office of Family Life.

reintroduction of DDT in many places, the World Health Organization and other entities still aim to totally phase-out DDT — as if DDT did harm, and as if there were other equally effective means of fighting malaria — within the next decade.

Meanwhile, the National Cancer Institute, and leading medical journals such as the *Lancet*, work overtime to deny credible evidence of a link between induced abortion and breast cancer. Crediting the preponderance of evidence would simply be “too political.” In other words, the science on this matter must also be ignored; isn’t that one way we tend to describe fundamentalists?

In this era of ideological medicine, which threatens man by its agenda-driven disregard for the truth, the role of the Catholic health professional takes on added urgency; bravery is needed as much as expertise.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 21, 2014

Matthew 20:1-16a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: who gets paid first for working in the vineyard. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LANDOWNER	TO HIRE	LABORERS
VINEYARD	USUAL	DAILY WAGE
NINE O’CLOCK	IDLE	ALL DAY
NO ONE	HIRED US	THE LAST
FIRST	RECEIVED	GRUMBLED
ONE HOUR	EQUAL	BURDEN
HEAT	ENVOIOUS	GENEROUS

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change instead of risk reduction has been regarded by the AIDS Establishment as dissent, and proved to be too much for them to tolerate. Green learned that the hard way; instead of being applauded for his objective and constructive insights, he was ostracized and treated with disdain.

Nonetheless, the fact of the matter is that each of Africa’s declines in AIDS rates are most attributable to changes in sexual behavior — specifically fidelity or what the public health community sometimes calls “partner reduction.” On the other hand, the range of “technical fixes” heavily promoted by the AIDS Establishment has quite simply failed to reverse these epidemics.

These failures must be passed over in silence because Benedict XVI’s larger point — that a humanization of sexuality is needed — is regarded as anathema. It is not even deemed worthy of emphasis by the authorities when serious morbidity looms large.

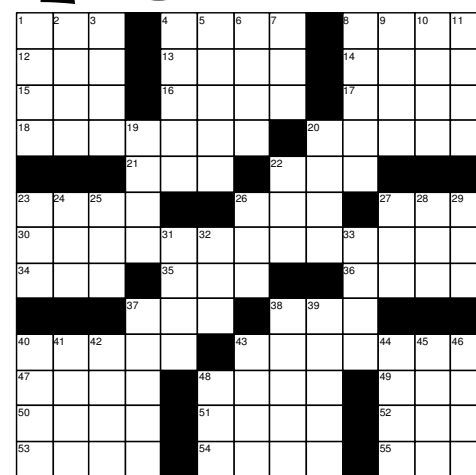
This is but one instance of what the Italian bishop and noted bioethicist Elio Sgreccia refers to as “ideological medicine,” which stands in contrast to the traditional Hippocratic brand of medicine. It is concerned with power — with advancing an agenda that “ignores or circumvents the question of truth.” Ideological medicine, in his apt diagnosis, amounts precisely “to the exploitation of the medical profession as it is forced to carry out ideological aims, whether legalized or not, that are present in the society.”

Many of today’s ideological aims revolve around issues of sexuality. But not all of them do. The severely botched response to malaria — one of the great human tragedies of the 20th century — easily qualifies as an instance of ideology supplanting public health. Environmentalists’ insistence upon taking the wildly successful pesticide DDT — simply the best anti-malarial weapon available — off the table has resulted in tens of millions of vulnerable people dying overseas.

The residual effects of Rachel Carlson’s alleged but unsubstantiated claims about the dangers of DDT in her 1962 book “Silent Spring” linger to this day. Despite the successful

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Based on these readings: Is 55: 6-9; Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a; Mt 20: 1-16a and Ex 18: 25-28; Phil 2: 1-11; Mt 21: 28-32

ACROSS

- 1 Makes food laws (abbr.)
- 4 Association (abbr.)
- 8 Talk about, with “over”
- 12 Liberal (abbr.)
- 13 Pig
- 14 Island
- 15 Hail Mary
- 16 Rabbit
- 17 Revel
- 18 They did not ___ John
- 20 ___ on a cross
- 21 North northeast
- 22 Modern
- 23 Fish lifting hood

DOWN

- 26 Mountain Standard Time
- 27 Snip
- 30 “___ & solace in Christ”
- 34 Estimated arrival time
- 35 Iniquity
- 36 Notion
- 37 Admiral (abbr.)
- 38 Attila was one
- 40 Island nation
- 43 Make children sleep, mythical
- 47 Jewish calendar month
- 48 Grating sound
- 49 Female sheep
- 50 Church center

- 53 ___ of Life
- 54 Adolescent
- 55 Sin

- 1 Excess flesh
- 2 Plunge into water
- 3 Cain’s brother
- 4 Ashy
- 5 Servant
- 6 Tender
- 7 North by east
- 8 “No one has ___ us”
- 9 East
- 10 Coin machine
- 11 Hebrew 8th letter
- 19 Intelligence
- 20 Pamper
- 22 Chinese seasoning
- 23 “To the right!”
- 24 Picnic pest
- 25 Farm credit adm. (abbr.)
- 26 Son of God, Son of ___
- 27 Moses did
- 28 How many hours the last hired worked
- 29 School group
- 31 U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 32 Border
- 33 Second son changed his
- 37 “___ on a daily wage”
- 38 Mary went in, to Elizabeth
- 39 Remove pins from
- 40 Tangy
- 41 Incense has
- 42 The ___ above every other ___
- 43 Reasonable
- 44 Allot
- 45 Church water vessel
- 46 Call while God is ___
- 48 Lab animal

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

POPE BLESSES INTERNATIONAL, INTERFAITH SOCCER MATCH FOR PEACE Taking up a suggestion from Pope Francis, Argentine Diego Maradona and other soccer stars past and present played an "Interreligious Match for Peace" and tolerance Sept. 1, drawing some 20,000 spectators to Rome's Olympic Stadium. "The match is an occasion for raising funds for solidarity projects, but above all (for promoting) values that draw people together, no matter what their culture or religious creed," the pope told the participants and organizers earlier in the day, during a private audience at the Vatican.

St. Elizabeth volleyball off to a good season start

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Sporting a new name and new uniforms, the St. Elizabeth girls' volleyball team is off to a good start this season. The eighth-grade squad recently tied for first place in a preseason tournament and won their season opener.

Formerly joined with St. Joseph School on Brooklyn Avenue, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's team is on their own now and has been coined the Pioneers.

"The girls are loving their new colors," Coach Martha Ellis reported.

Ellis lists nine on her roster, eight of whom return from a championship team a year ago. "Most of our team has been playing together since fifth grade and many play volleyball in the off season," Ellis explained of her team's cohesiveness.

"The girls have solid funda-

mentals like passing and serving and we have good leaders," she added.

The talented Pioneers have a main goal of a three-peat in 2014 after winning the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship as sixth and seventh graders for the large school league.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, the girls competed in the first annual Barney Schultz Commodore Classic hosted by St. Joseph, Decatur. The preseason tournament for the eighth graders featured seven teams, including six CYO teams, and was named in honor of the late athletic director and "go-to guy" who served at St. Joseph for 19 years and lost his battle to cancer this past summer.

In the round robin format, the Pioneers finished in first place with the exact same tally as Wyneken Lutheran. On Sept. 6, St. Elizabeth beat St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 2-0; St. John the Baptist, New Haven 2-0; St.

Rose/St. Louis, 2-0; and split with Wyneken, 1-1. Then on Sunday, Sept. 7, as CYO league action kicked off, St. Elizabeth saw St. Rose/St. Louis for the second time in a classic large school vs. small school, non-conference battle.

The two teams, who are both the reigning champs in their league, went neck and neck for most of the matchup, but it was once again St. Elizabeth pulling out the win 25-20, 25-18.

Leading the way for the Pioneers were Maria Denning with five kills and four aces and Madi Ross with 12 assists, while Gina Speer and Abby Leja added four digs each.

The St. Elizabeth Pioneers pose wearing their championship T-shirts from the Barney Schultz Commodore Classic in their home gym and donning their new name.



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ICCL Game of the Week:

Panthers square off with Crusaders

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — A buzz was in the gentle breeze as two juggernauts of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) squared off at Marian High School's Otolski Field in what may have been a prelude to the coveted championship.

While only in Week 2 of the season, both the Holy Cross Crusaders (Christ the King) and the St. Anthony Panthers (St. Joseph/St. Pius X) had dispatched their previous foes by double digits.

Other than a web-gem sack by Crusader Vincent Gutermuth, the first quarter was more about yellow flags being thrown than football as both teams measured their gains and losses by the referee's whistle.



The linen was left in the pockets of the stripe-shirted men as with 3.7 seconds left, Crusader quarterback Patrick Farris fake a handoff and then burst 70 yards untouched into the end zone opening up the scoring. The points after try was no good as the Crusaders claimed an early 6-0 lead.

The Panthers would be undaunted as they would start their next drive across midfield thanks to a 20-yard return by Kenzel Kelly.

The Panthers were counting on was quarterback Conor Ratigan placing the ball in the belly of their big back Brady Gumpf and letting the talented runner go to work.

The plan was working until a

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As CYO halfway mark nears, St. Charles leads with three strong wins

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football action is nearing the halfway mark of the 2014 season and teams are looking tough. St. Charles remains the only unbeaten squad after downing their first three opponents.

After a bye in Week 1, the Cardinals went on to beat Central Catholic, 20-0, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW), 24-8, and St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Therese/St. Aloysius (JAT) by a score of 30-0. In their first outing, St. Charles was able to pull off the victory against an up-and-coming Central Catholic program.

The Cardinals' signal caller, Blake Scheer, threw for 132 yards including two touchdowns — a 70-yard strike to Charlie Howe and a 28-yard pass to TJ Tippmann. St. Charles also had a touchdown on an 18-yard scamper by Patrick Finley, who had 68 yards rushing on the day.

The Cardinals' defense was stout and led by a trio of outstanding eighth-grade linebackers — Jared Lee, Tippmann and Alec Bunt — and a secondary that picked off

three Irish passes. Patrick O'Keefe, Finley and Peyton Davis all had interceptions for the Cardinals.

St. Charles also had an outstanding performance by its offensive line led by big Joe Tippmann, Mike Fabini, Davis, Jacob Ford and Sean O'Sullivan.

Coach Sam Talarico summarized, "I was very proud of our team for a first game. Our kids played with a lot of effort and intensity. The Central Catholic Irish team is going to get better and better. They have an outstanding coaching staff and when we play them next time, I expect it to be another tough battle."

St. Charles moved to 2-0 with their next victory over an outstanding squad from SJFW. The Cardinals' defense made stand after stand, once again led by their defensive field captain, Lee.

O'Sullivan and Joe Tippmann wreaked havoc in the Eagles' backfield all day long. The Eagles struck first on a 60-yard run from Lashon Brite. The Cardinals struck back quickly on a Finley eight-yard run set up by a 40-yard pass from Scheer to O'Keefe. Finley then returned the Eagles' next punt 30

yards for a score.

Finally, the Cardinals sealed the victory when Scheer threw another 22-yard strike to Howe in the back of the end zone. TJ Tippmann and Bunt did their part to set up the

Cardinals' scores with several long rushes behind great blocking from Ford, Davis, Fabini, O'Sullivan and Joe Tippmann. Finally, Michael Garrett put the exclamation point on the scores by booting all three extra points through the uprights.

The Cardinals kept their record perfect on Sunday, Sept. 14, with their victory over a tough JAT team. With the score knotted at 0-0, St. Charles was sparked by a spectacular one-handed interception by O'Sullivan. O'Sullivan's return set up a five-yard touchdown run by TJ Tippmann. Scheer then hit O'Keefe on a 55-yard strike to extend the lead.

The Cards also had touchdowns from Travis Tippmann and Bunt. Davis sealed the game with an interception.

St. Charles will face their north-side rivals from St. Vincent in Week 5 action.



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bobbled ball resulted in Crusader John Driscoll recovering a fumble and then back Jeremy Klima had a huge run down to the Panther 33.

It looked as though the black-and-blue clad squad would add to their point total, but the Panther defense stiffened and on a fourth-down-pass play, the pressure from Casey Conery and his classmates were too much for Farrisee as his throw fell helplessly to the ground.

The only remaining highlight of the half was when Ratigan threw a 35-yard bomb that just grazed the outstretched hand of his intended receiver.

The Crusaders started the second stanza with little fanfare and had to resort to punting the ball away.

The Panthers went immediately to their ground game, but after a jaunt of 14 yards Gumpf would be nicked up and sidelined.

Then it happened, a handoff to Ryan Schmitt for five, a handoff to Brennan Horvath for 12, one to John Paul Lewis for another five, Horvath for five, Lewis for a couple of carries of nine and one, methodically working down the field until the shadow of the goal line was just two yards away.

Schmitt had the honor of completing the march by plunging into the endzone with 23.8 sec-

onds left in the third.

The biggest play of the game would follow as Paxon Campbell lined up and drilled the points-after attempt giving the Panthers their first lead, 8-6.

The Crusaders had a couple more opportunities but on fourth and five with 1:20 left in the contest Panther Mitchell Floran came up with a big stop to essentially end the contest.

"Both teams played a hard-fought game, we had expected this type of contest during our week of practice," commented Panther skipper James DeBoe. "I had confidence in our string of reps so that when we need them they will be ready."

"Right now I'm just so proud of our team. They pulled together on both sides of the ball," added DeBoe. "We still have some big games ahead of us, but we will enjoy this one."

"The season is still young and we seem to be missing the little things that can turn us into a very good team," stressed long time Crusader Coach, John Krzyzewski. "I believe we have the talent as we transition some of our younger players from fifth- and sixth-grade football to varsity."

"We are still looking for leadership and more importantly a consistent fire, drive and desire," embellished Krzyzewski. "The Panthers played well between the tackles today and if we can take care of the small stuff, I believe we can come together and be one of the better teams in the league."

The Cardinals of West Side Catholic drove past the Blazers of St. Matthew, 20-7, as quarterback Ashton Ruskowski rushed for 15-yard score and connected on two others as receivers Jon Underly and Austin Lee found the end zone. The Blazers were lead by the touchdown and extra point of Christian Tate.

The Mishawaka Catholic upended Elkhart Christian in an exhibition matchup, 14-0, as Thadeous Horvath and Noah Espiritu logged TDs.

Week 3 starts a day earlier next week as the Saints will play the Blazers at Marian High School in a non-traditional Saturday contest. All scores, highlights and updated schedules can be found at www.icclsports.org.

Donor name corrected

The story about the Central Catholic football team published in the Sept. 7, 2014 issue of *Today's Catholic*, should have named Sue Hiatt as the generous donor. Mrs. Hiatt made the donation in honor of her late husband, Ed Hiatt, who served as CYO treasurer during the 1960s and '70s. Ed Hiatt died suddenly at the age of 57 from lung cancer and Mrs. Hiatt felt supporting the Central Catholic team with her gift would be a fitting way to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Ed's death as he had special ties to the schools represented on the combined team and loved his volunteer work with the CYO.

SAINTS HOMECOMING

Tuffy invites you to join us for Bishop Dwenger's
Homecoming Tailgate Party

Friday, September 19, 2014, Zollner Stadium
5:00-7:00 pm Tailgate | 7:30 pm Kickoff

Food, Fun, & Live Music performed by BDHS students! Local food trucks (*Spicer's, Rig-A-Tony's, and Rajin' Cajun*) will be at the tailgate- a perfect pre-game meal for your entire family! *Prices vary by vendor.*



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Summerfest at St. Rose
Monroeville — St. Rose Parish will have Summer Fest Saturday, Sept. 20, at Monroeville Park, beginning at 8 a.m. with a 5K run. Tournaments, games, food and beverages till 10:30 p.m. Music at 6:30 p.m. by Renegade. Call 260-602-4492 for information and registration forms.

Raffle at St. Bernard
Wabash — St. Bernard School is having a raffle with prizes of \$3,500, \$2,000 and \$500. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Only 850 tickets will be sold. Call 260-563-5746 for information. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard School.

Brat and fish fry planned to support St. Patrick, Lagro Oratory
Wabash — The Knights of Columbus, 595 S. Huntington St., will have a brat and fish fry Friday, Sept. 19, from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Children 6-12 \$4. Call 260-563-1008 for information. A silent auction has been added this year. Proceeds will benefit the historic St. Patrick Church in Lagro. Call 260-563-1008 for information.

Joymart craft show/bake sale
South Bend — The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Altar and Rosary Sodality will have their third annual Joymart II craft show/bake sale Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food will also be available. Sacred Heart is located at 63568 U.S.31 South, between South Bend and Lakeville.

Rummage sale
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, will have a fall rummage sale benefitting St. Louis Academy Friday, Sept.

19, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fill a bag for \$4 all day Saturday.

Tailgate planned for new families
South Bend — Prospective family tailgate planned for Friday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. Saint Joe vs. Marian game starts at 7 p.m. The tailgate will take place at the North Notre Dame Ave. parking lot. For information contact Lisa Kochanowski at lkochanowski@saintjoehigh.com.

Dialogue & Dine with Memorial Mass
Hartford City — John XXIII Retreat Center will offer "Dialogue & Dine," with Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi on Thursday, Sept. 25. He will speak on St. John Paul II and St. John XXIII, two of the newest saints who were canonized on April 27 this year. Dinner will be 4:45-5:30 p.m., with Memorial Mass following at 6 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted. Register by Tuesday, Sept. 23 to 765-348-4008, or email john23rd@sbcglobal.net.

A Night with St. Augustine
Notre Dame — PROCLAIM! will screen the feature film "Restless Heart" Sunday, Sept. 21, at Geddes Hall at 5 p.m. Admission of \$9 includes pizza dinner, mini-lecture by Notre Dame faculty member and movie at 6 p.m. For tickets or more information, contact Patricia Bellm at 574-631-1379 or pbellm@nd.edu or visit icl.nd.edu/proclaim.

St. Jude HASA plans fundraiser
Fort Wayne — St. Jude HASA is planning "A Three-Hour Tour on Bid-Again Island," Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Scout Park Conference Center on Meyer Road from 7-10 p.m. This Castaway party will

include beverages, heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing. Tickets are \$20 in advance at the St. Jude School office or \$25 at the door. Contact Christine Nix at 260-493-4798 or cjnix@frontier.com for information.

Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction
South Bend — The Christ Child Society of South Bend will have a dinner and auction Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Grand Ballroom at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus. Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner, open bar and valet parking. Call 574-288-6028 or visit www.letloveshine.info for information.

Mystery dinner theater
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent Knights of Columbus will have a Mystery Dinner Theater Friday, Oct. 17, at Ceruti's Summit Park, Diamond Room. Cocktails at 6 p.m. with cash bar, 7 p.m. dinner and mystery theatre begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Checks payable to St. Vincent K. of C. 11353 should be mailed to Bruce Cadwell, 1536 Tulip Tree Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or call Dennis Fech at 260-489-9620 or email dgf1950@gmail.com.

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St. Joseph School dedicated as new central city Catholic school

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph School formally opened its 2014-2015 school year as a stand-alone central city Catholic elementary school with a special all-school Mass and blessing by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Sept. 2. Father Tim Wrozek, pastor of St. Joseph Church, concelebrated the Mass.

In its 90-year history, including the past 16 years as a joint school with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, during which it educated grades 5-8, St. Joseph School has been an academic beacon for the surrounding community. Now 90-plus preschool through fifth-grade multi-ethnic students call the halls of the newly renovated building at 2211 Brooklyn Ave., their educational home.

Opening the bilingual Mass, Bishop Rhoades told the attentive congregation made up of St. Joseph students, their teachers and staff, and visitors, some of whom served at St. Joseph School in years past, of his gratitude for the “teachers and staff who work so hard to make this school a success.”

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades began by praising the students for their enthusiastic responses during Mass. “I could feel your happiness and joy while you were singing the ‘Alleluia.’ That’s why we’re here today — to sing alleluia and praise God,” he said.

The bishop appeared amazed at the number of hands that went up when he asked how many were new to St. Joseph School. Principal Cristy Jordan reports that two thirds of the students are new this academic year.

Bishop Rhoades reminded the students that they are celebrating the opening of St. Joseph as its own school where not only academic subjects are taught, but the Catholic faith as well. “You get to learn from Jesus, the Great Teacher. You get to study your faith,” he said.

Encouraging the students to pray to Jesus individually and together, the bishop taught them a prayer method that he himself learned from Pope Francis’ teachings. Using the hand as a teaching tool, Bishop Rhoades instructed the students to look at their thumbs, the closest digit to the body, and pray for those closest to the heart. The index finger, the pointer, reminds the faithful to pray for teachers and those who educate, he said. The tallest middle finger represents leaders for whom to pray, while the ring finger, considered the weakest digit, brings the weak and suffering to mind. The little finger is the furthest from the body and represents one’s self. “It’s okay to pray for ourselves,” said the bishop. “Say, Lord, help me to be good. Lord, show me Your love.”

To conclude his homily, Bishop Rhoades assured the students and staff that he would continue to pray “that God will bless you and your school.”



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses students, staff and friends of the new central city school of St. Joseph on Brooklyn Ave. in Fort Wayne, on Sept. 2.

PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

At the close of Mass, Father Wrozek thanked the bishop for his visit, after which Principal Jordan, along with staff members, were on hand to present Bishop Rhoades with a St. Joseph School sweater.

Jordan said of this special day, “It’s a day of carpentry where we’re all building this new opportunity. We consider the bishop a carpenter just like the rest of us.”

Following the Mass, Secretariat for Catholic Education Carl Loesch joined Bishop Rhoades and Father Wrozek who led the congregation into the courtyard adjacent to the newly renovated building space where the new main office is located. There the bishop blessed the building and its occupants with prayer and holy water. During the course of the blessing, Bishop Rhoades also blessed special St. Joseph prayer cards to be distributed to the dedicated teachers and staff of the new school and received a donation box decorated by the Diaz family that read: “To give a little happiness to those who need it more than us.”

Before the students returned to their classrooms, Father Wrozek led them in three cheers for their bishop, who then met with each student, answering questions, shaking hands and receiving heartfelt hugs.

St. Joseph School offers an exemplary academic curriculum that includes religion studies to its rich ethnic student body, the majority of whom are of Hispanic descent. The currently enrolled fifth-grade students will become the first graduating class of St. Joseph School in 2018. The dedicated staff of 11 teachers includes a substantially staffed resource room for those students who require additional assistance. Interestingly, the plaid for the fresh new school uniforms remains unique to St. Joseph as no other school in the United States uses it.

Father Wrozek, noting the street construction that currently surrounds the school as well as the renovation

construction within its walls, said, “As we are closer to the end of construction, we continue the construction of Catholic students to be good Catholic people. Our goal is to help the children love the liturgy and love the Catholic Church.”

Loesch concluded, “It’s a joy to see some (of the former St. Joseph staff) at Mass. We’re grateful to stand on their shoulders — honoring the veterans and welcoming the new. We’re thrilled to start making new traditions here.”

For more information on St. Joseph School call 260-432-4000 or visit www.saintjosephfw.com.



Students, staff and friends attend the first all-school Mass at St. Joseph School on Brooklyn Ave. in Fort Wayne on Sept. 2. The school offers kindergarten through grade 5 with plans to increase an additional grade each year until all eight grades are filled.



From left, Carl Loesch, Secretariat for Catholic Education, Cristy Jordan, principal of the new school, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Timothy Wrozek, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, pose at St. Joseph School on Sept. 2.