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Dwenger students encouraged to 'live life on a higher plane'

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “Live life on a higher plane” was the overarching message offered by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to the 1,069 students plus staff and faculty of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. The bishop made the first of four diocesan high school pastoral visits on Jan. 8.

Bishop Rhoades used the crozier, on loan through the University of Notre Dame, that once belonged to Bishop Joseph Dwenger, second bishop of the diocese for whom the school is named.

Still celebrating the Christmas season, which ended on Jan. 10 with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Bishop Rhoades presented a gift to the students — “The Pocket Gospels and Psalms,” which is published by Our Sunday Visitor. Pope Francis has urged the faithful to carry a pocket-sized book of the Gospels and to read it often to meditate on Jesus’ words and deeds.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged the students to do the same — read and reflect on the Gospels and psalms daily. Bishop Rhoades said this gift, which he personally presented to each student after Mass, was a reminder



Francie Hogan

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers a pocket-size book of the Gospels and Psalms to each student at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. He encouraged the students to read from the book every day “to live life on a higher plane.” It was the bishop’s Christmas gift to the students as the Mass fell in the Christmas season on Jan. 8.

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Three cultures at St. Patrick thrive in faith sharing ‘Why Catholic?’

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Patrick Parish, on the south side of Fort Wayne, is rich with three distinct cultures thriving there. Pastor Society of the Divine Word Father Andrew Thu Pham shepherds his diverse congregation that includes Hispanic, Vietnamese and Anglo cultures, members of whom make up the over 100 devout participants in the faith sharing “Why Catholic?” program.

“Why Catholic” is a comprehensive adult formation program that began in earnest in 22 parishes, including St. Patrick, across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2015. The program is based on the four pillars of the Catholic faith as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, offering insight into prayer, core beliefs, the sacraments and morality.

Developed by RENEW International, the Catholic ministry organization that recently presented ARISE Together in Christ, the four-year program includes workshops, faith enrichment events and prayerful small group discussions that help parishioners relate Catholic teaching to their everyday lives and according to its website www.renwintl.org is suited for small Christian communities, parish catechists, RCIA candidates, parents with children preparing for sacraments and families looking to deepen faith. The program offers several translations including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, French, Chinese and more, so participants can meet in language specific small groups in homes or parishes.

Father Thu Pham said the program that began

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Bishop blesses narthex, baptismal font at St. Charles Borromeo Church

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — Hundreds met on the last day of the Christmas season as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the new narthex at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne. In addition to the new gathering space, the bishop also blessed the new baptismal font and ambry, which is the repository for the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Holy Chrism. The bishop then celebrated Mass for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord with all those gathered prayerfully inside the church.

In his homily Bishop Rhoades said, "Multitudes of people from all over Jerusalem and the region of Judea went through the desert wilderness to the Jordan River, one of the lowest points on the face of the earth (some 1,200 feet below sea level), really to the middle of nowhere, to hear John the Baptist preach and to be baptized by him. From Jerusalem, it would take many hours to walk there, through rugged terrain and desert heat. They did so because they thought John might be the Christ."

The bishop shared, "Today is the feast in which we celebrate the arrival of the new Joshua at the Jordan River. The name 'Jesus' is the Greek for 'Joshua,' a name which means 'God saves.'"

Jesus comes to lead Israel through the Jordan and to the new Promised Land.

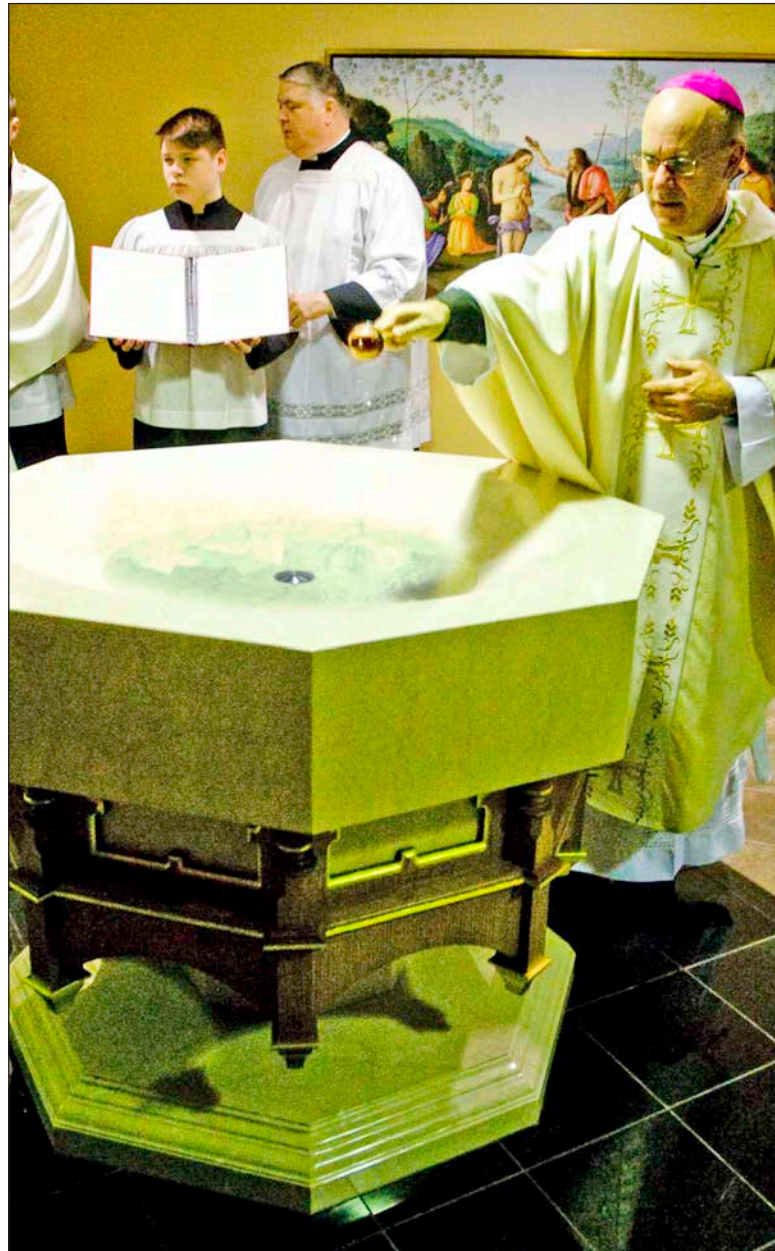
"We celebrate today Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River," Bishop Rhoades said. "Certainly He did not need baptism or repentance. He was without sin. But He went into the waters like all the other people to demonstrate His solidarity with them. He shows us that He came to unite Himself to sinners whom He had come to save. This action, at the beginning of His public ministry, foreshadows how Jesus will bear the sins of all the world on the cross at the climax of His public ministry."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of how the catechism makes this point in its explanation of the Baptism of Jesus: "Jesus allows Himself to be numbered among sinners; He is already the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Already He is anticipating the 'baptism' of His bloody death." (CCC 536).

The bishop suggested parishioners reflect on the following when they gaze upon the painting of the Baptism of the Lord by the new baptismal font.

At the moment of Jesus' Baptism, St. Luke reveals, "heaven was opened."

"The Holy Spirit came upon Him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said to Jesus: 'You



Photos by Jerry Kessens

Above, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 10, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the new baptismal font at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne.

are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased," the bishop said. "This was an amazing scene! Heaven stands open above Jesus. He came to earth to open heaven for us. God the Father proclaims who Jesus is: His beloved Son with whom He is well pleased."

Below, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the gathering area of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

The third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, appears in bodily form like a dove.



Bishop Rhoades quoted Pope Benedict who wrote: "The mystery of the Trinitarian God is beginning to emerge, even though its depths can be revealed only when Jesus' journey is complete."

Bishop Rhoades noted, "Later, at the end of His earthly mission, Jesus will send His disciples into the world to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We entered into Jesus' own Baptism when we became Christians, when we were baptized. We became beloved sons and daughters of God the Father. The Holy Spirit came upon us and gave us new life."

"With the sacrament of Baptism," he said, "we truly became a new creation, as St. Paul teaches. We received new life. God's Spirit filled our souls and transformed us with His supernatural life."

Regarding the new narthex, Msgr. John Suelzer, pastor of St. Charles for the last 30 years, said, "Many parishioners are so pleased that this has become a reality and value. It is my hope, it was always my dream, that this would be the community builder that we all seek in our church: To build up community and to build up God's kingdom here upon this earth. I appreciate the generosity of our many parishioners, who gave so generously for this gathering space, to make it a reality."

Jack Krouse, who managed the building project, said he immensely enjoyed working with Msgr. Suelzer. "He's not our typical client in that he was so patient and contractors responded accordingly by giving 110 percent." Weigand Construction was the contractor. Larry Weigand, chief executive officer, and retired Bob Weigand, who is a charter member of the parish, commented, "What a beautiful gathering space. We are so proud to be a part of a gathering space such as this."

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in October, has helped unify the three cultures in the parish. "My hope was to use "Why Catholic?" to help parishioners learn more about their faith and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It gives them an opportunity to meet and share and know one another better."

He continued, "'Why Catholic?' is a continuation of the ARISE program and was encouraged and supported by the local bishop (Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades). It's based on Scripture and the catechism, so I think is a good thing with a solid foundation. Now we just have to use it, share it and live it."

The eight-member Anglo group at St. Patrick is as diverse as the parish population said coordinator, Paul Offerle, with each of the three cultures represented including their

Vietnamese pastor, Father Thu Pham. The group meets once a month in the church and follows the "Why Catholic?" 12-session booklet. Each session begins and ends with prayer, offering relevant Scriptural readings followed by reflections from the book and time for discussion. Offerle has been inspired by learning so much about the medley of prayer forms the Church offers from the Liturgy of the Hours to contemplative prayer. He said, "I'm interested in the different types of prayer and look forward to seeing how different people pray." As for the program he added enthusiastically, "I would encourage everyone to go to one of the meetings. Give it a try!"

Ilda Galvan is coordinator of the nine Hispanic groups that meet four times each month in various members' homes, with time off through the busy holidays. The groups, each comprised of eight to 12 men and women who are intentional about deepening their understanding of the Church's teachings, chose to meet weekly to allow more time

for discussion and reading the Bible. Galvan, who came to the U.S. from Mexico 20 years ago, said it is easy to get caught up in life's demands. But the "Why Catholic?" program has helped her to see that "the first thing in your life is Christ!"

One group of six Vietnamese parishioners and a family of four meet in various homes each month to study the "Why Catholic?" program. Coordinator Chien Nguyen is inspired by the 12-lesson program and said, "I like it. You learn about the Catholic faith. You learn about prayer. And you learn about how to share the Gospel with people." After Father Thu Pham spoke to Ntuyen about the program he agreed that he would like to take it to his cultural community within St. Patrick. "I want 'Why Catholic?' to spread out to my community. I hope they can join with our group," he says.

For more information on "Why Catholic?" or parishes offering the program contact Allison Sturm at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or call 260-399-1452.



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. — Mass, Saint Anne Community at Randallia Place, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Jan. 18, to Saturday, Jan. 23 — Visit to Haiti as Member of the Board of Catholic Relief Services

Ecumenical Evensong in Fort Wayne on Jan. 24

All are invited to celebrate the Week of Christian Unity by participating in an ecumenical Evensong (the sung office of Evening Prayer in the Anglican tradition) at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, in Trinity Episcopal Church at 611 West Berry St. in downtown Fort Wayne. Parking is available behind the church and is easily accessible from Wayne Street.

The Right Rev. Edward Stuart Little, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, will be the officiant at the service. The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will preach. Clergy from local Christian denominations have been invited as well.

The liturgy will observe the Eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and music will be led by combined choirs from Trinity Episcopal Church and the Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



The Conversion of St. Paul

Our Lady of Hungary begins 100th anniversary celebration

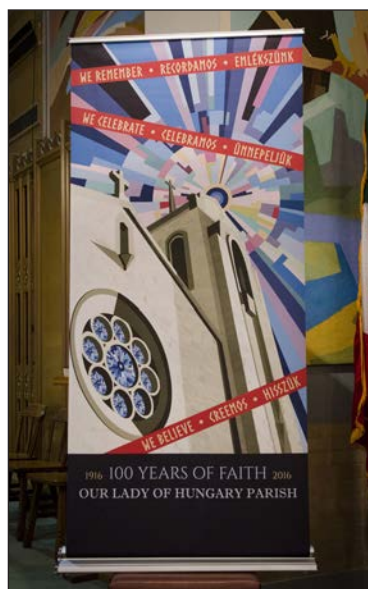


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Archbishop Michael Blume (Class of 1960), apostolic nuncio to Uganda, and native of Our Lady of Hungary Parish, receives the gifts at offertory.



The Our Lady of Hungary Parish community gathers for a reception to mark the beginning of the South Bend parish's 100th anniversary celebration.



Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend began its 100th anniversary celebration on Jan. 10. The parish began as a mission church of St. Stephen's Parish in 1916 when St. Stephen's pastor, Father Lawrence Horvath, built a church for Our Lady on Catalpa Street near Prairie Avenue. It became an independent parish years later when the present church was built on Calvert Street. Bottom center is the banner for the centennial celebration.



Jim Highfield

Our Lady graduates joined in the 100 Years of Faith Celebration at Our Lady of Hungary Parish of South Bend with Mass and a reception on Sunday Jan. 10. Pictured from left are Father Kevin Bauman (Class of 1974), pastor of Our Lady of Hungary; Jim Highfield (Class of 1962), Michigan State District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus; and Archbishop Michael Blume (Class of 1960), Apostolic Nuncio at Secretary of State, Vatican, presently serving as papal nuncio to Uganda.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades walks to a classroom visit with Bishop Dwenger High School Principal Jason Schiffler.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with Brook Griffith, who was brought into full Communion with the Church at the Mass and Madeliene Barondeau, who was confirmed at the Mass.



Photos by Francie Hogan

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with the actual crozier of Bishop Joseph Dwenger. The crozier is on loan from the University of Notre Dame.

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to live life on a higher plane.

To live life on a higher plane, Bishop Rhoades told the students not to live their lives superficially. He asked them to go deeper to experience the joy and happiness that God wills for them.

Boredom and sadness, seeking pleasure in the wrong places were examples of living superficially, and trying to find happiness in things that really do not bring fulfillment can actually lead to harm and destruction.

Rather, Bishop Rhoades told the students, to “live life on a higher plane, live in the freedom of the Gospel,” he said.

“When we live in union with the Lord, in His grace,” he said, “... we experience liberation, ... we experience true happiness.”

He said the school’s motto; “citizens of two worlds” was another way of saying living life on a higher plane. “In other words, we live not only as citizens of this world, but citizens of heaven,” the bishop said. “You live differently.”

Living life on the higher plane is about doing good, doing the will of the Father, the bishop emphasized.

Relating to the day’s Gospel, the bishop said that “if we don’t want to live life superficially, we need to withdraw to a deserted place and pray, have that relationship with God.”

To live life on a higher plane, there are two necessary things, the bishop noted: “acts of mercy and love, giving of oneself — and this flows from prayer, from our relationship with God, our relationship with Jesus.”

The Mass served as a memorial Mass for the late Fred Tone, beloved past principal, coach

and dear friend to Bishop Dwenger High School. Tone died on Dec. 29, surrounded by his family and was laid to rest on Jan. 3.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of how Tone lived his life on a higher plane. “His life was about his faith, and his family and Bishop Dwenger High School,” Bishop Rhoades said. Despite his struggles with fighting cancer, he still had joy. His witness at the recent celebration of the school’s state football title was about the Bishop Dwenger community. “He lived life on a higher plane even though his body was being ravaged by the disease of cancer. His goodness is giving of self, so what an example he is for all of us.”

Prior to Tone’s death, Indiana State Representatives Bob Morris and Dennis Zent secured The Sagamore of the Wabash Award, Indiana’s highest award. At the conclusion of the Mass, Morris, Zent and Rep. Liz Brown, on behalf of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, presented the award posthumously to Tone’s wife Sandy and son John, a physical education teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Also at the Mass, two students received the sacrament of Confirmation and one received her first Holy Communion. They included sophomores Brook Griffith, the candidate for full Communion in the Church, and Madeliene Barondeau who was confirmed.

On his tour of the school, Bishop Rhoades visited the theology classes of Joseph Garcia where the students are studying the Great Thinkers of the Church and Jessica Hayes’ honors theology class.

Between the visits to the classes, Bishop Rhoades had lunch with the Bishop Dwenger Student Council members. He also met with the school’s theology teachers and administration.



After lunch with the Student Council, Bishop Rhoades posed with council members, from left, Nick Houk, Sierra Tippmann, Lily Anderson, Kailyn Burns, Savannah Schenkel and Quinton Davis.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to Joseph Garcia’s Catholic Great Thinkers class.

Fred Tone, beloved former Bishop Dwenger principal, dies

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Former Bishop Dwenger High School Principal J. Fred Tone died Dec. 29, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne of cancer. He was 70.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, to Thomas and Eleanor, Tone grew up on the south side of Fort Wayne and attended Bishop Luers High School and Indiana University. He began his career at Bishop Dwenger High School in 1968 first as social studies teacher and assistant football coach. By 1986, he was serving as dean of students and in 1994 became the school's third principal. He retired following 42 years of service there in 2010.

Tone served as coach in several sports including football and the wrestling program he established in 1973. He also periodically coached basketball, baseball and track.

Tone was involved in several improvements at Bishop Dwenger that included a new library, cafeteria, five classrooms, an auxiliary gym and a weight room in the mid '90s. He also oversaw the \$8 million project that gave the school a new fine arts wing, additional classrooms, and a campus ministry area among other additions.

During his time as principal at Bishop Dwenger, the school was named one of the top-50 Catholic schools in the nation and a U.S. Department of Education blue-ribbon school. Tone was a member of the National Association of Secondary Principals, Indiana Football Coaches Hall of Fame and Indiana Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Carl Loesch, Secretary for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said of his longtime friend and mentor, "Fred was always a whirlwind of energy. He was always writing notes on napkins and slips of paper, always keeping lists of people to talk to, students to meet, athletes to inspire. I remember his humor, his faith and his always striving to improve."

Of Tone's contribution to the Bishop Dwenger community he said, "It is an understatement to say that Fred had a significant impact on Bishop Dwenger and the diocese. Over his 40 years at Dwenger he taught, mentored, coached, advised and inspired thousands of students and hundreds of teachers. He was a key mentor to me as a young teacher and coach and later as a principal."

He recalls, "I will miss his gravelly voice, his hearty laugh, and his entertaining and inspiring stories. With Fred, there was no place for half-measures. He was always all-in, for his students, his teachers, his family, his teams and even fishing. His living witness of striving for

greatness despite our human failings, of always making the most of our God given talents, and having unshakeable faith in God will be lessons I treasure having learned from Fred. Farewell, my friend."

Jason Schiffli, current principal of Bishop Dwenger High School, remembers his predecessor and friend of 15 years this way, "Fred was everyone's coach, teacher, mentor, motivator, friend, historian and father-figure. He epitomized what it meant to be a 'Citizen of Two Worlds' by always caring about people and the Church. He uniquely saw every conversation and moment as an opportunity to teach. You always came away from a Fred Tone conversation with a new fact or new perspective. Fred's love and animated personality touched everyone's heart and funny bone. He will forever be remembered as a serious and animated competitor, and lived his life to the very end as fighter."

He continued, "Like everyone, I loved Fred for his genuine spirit and contagious personality. There isn't a place or a person at Bishop Dwenger High School that wasn't affected by Fred Tone. He was the creator and the keeper of our beloved traditions. Fred Tone established a culture at Bishop Dwenger, where everyone in the community, past and present, hold dearly on to a lingering pride, which reminds everyone that they are part of something unique and great."

Chris Svarczkopf, dean of students at Bishop Dwenger, has known Tone for more than 35 years first as opposing wrestling



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Fred Tone, in announcing his retirement as principal of Bishop Dwenger High School, is shown in a classroom in April of 2010.

team coaches. "I knew then that he was a pretty intense guy and great motivator," he said. The year Tone stepped into the leadership role as principal at Dwenger Svarczkopf joined the staff as dean of students and head football coach. Of the man he considered his mentor and father figure, he said, "Fred is the person that looked for the best in everyone or brought it out in them." He recalls many times hearing Tone tell a student, "I'm not going to give up on you."

Svarczkopf was awe inspired that Tone always had time for people. "Fred made you feel like you were his best friend. He always had time for you," he said, adding, "He was the best motivator and most positive person I've ever known. ... My life is better because of him."

Tone is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sandy, two sons, John F. Jr. (Karin) of Fort Wayne and Jason M. (Cheri) of Suffolk, Virginia, and six grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers, Thomas and Michael and a sis-

ter, Marsha Gibson, all of Fort Wayne. Tone was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Statement from the J. Fred Tone Family concerning the Sagamore of the Wabash Award

Jan. 8, 2015

We are grateful for all of the love, support and prayers that have been shared so generously with our family over the past six months. As you might imagine, it has been a very difficult time for all of us. It has been so heartwarming to experience such an outpouring of thoughtfulness, encouragement and kindness. The stories and special memories that so many people have shared with our family will serve as a continual reminder of the positive impact Fred has had on our community, most especially the Dwenger family.

We are honored to accept this award on behalf of Fred and are grateful to Representatives Morris and Zent for being instrumental in obtaining this special Sagamore of the Wabash distinction. When this presentation was planned, obviously our hope was that Fred would be here imparting words of wisdom to us and sharing one of his infamous stories. We were trying to keep the award a surprise to him, but in his usual "Fred way," we do believe he saw some email correspondence and thus knew about this honor being bestowed upon him. You can't keep a secret from him. So, we are happy to know that Fred knew, prior to his passing, that so many people hold him, and his contributions to our community, in such high regard.

He was a man who helped so many young people to believe in themselves, a man who had the willingness and courage to take risks, learn from his mistakes and inspire others as a result. Our hearts are heavy and we will miss his physical presence in our lives. We find comfort in our faith and in the consolation from family and friends who care so deeply for us. Thank you,

Sandy Tone
Karin and John Tone
Cheri and Jason Tone



Francie Hogan

Sandy Tone, left, accepts the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, Indiana's honor to those who make a significant contribution to life in the Hoosier State, from State Representatives Bob Morris, Dennis Zent and Liz Brown. Sandy and John Tone accepted the award posthumously on behalf of Fred Tone. The presentation was made after an all-school Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Jan. 8 at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Religious liberty in jeopardy under proposed bill expanding protected class status in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — On the heels of a turbulent 2015 legislative session battle over the new state Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), Hoosier lawmakers returned to the statehouse Jan. 4, to address an ongoing controversy between religious freedom and an expansion of protected class status for the LGBT community.

A proposal to expand civil rights protection for sexual orientation and gender identity raises concerns of potential infringement on religious freedom according to Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, who serves as the official public policy watchdog for the Roman Catholic Church in Indiana.

"The Catholic Church has a long history of supporting the dignity of the human person including those with same-sex attraction. We also oppose unjust discrimination," said Tebbe. But he explained the current proposals leave too much room for interpretation, which could potentially result in Catholic ministries being forced to support immoral behavior.

Tebbe, who serves as the official representative of the five Indiana bishops, and the

Catholic Church in Indiana said, "The Catholic Church and its affiliated institutions have a long tradition of service, responding to persons of all faiths and those who profess none when they face a crisis or need. We provide opportunities for education and healing and comfort for people of all faiths and situations to live a full and fruitful life."

"In accordance with Catholic teaching, the Church has both the right and the duty to carry out its mission of mercy without having to cheapen the notion of mercy out of coercion or intimidation," said Tebbe.

"When seeking to assist someone in need, we do not first ask whether the person is Catholic. We serve others not because 'they' are Catholic, we serve because 'we' are Catholic, obligated to do so by our faith," he said. "Our disapproval of one's conduct or lifestyle should not cause us to shutter our institutions or ministries. Difference of opinion is not the same as discrimination."

Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle) said that given the firestorm that erupted last session over the state's RFRA and concerns of potential discrimination of the LGBT community, he

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wanted to take a "more proactive approach" at balancing and protecting civil rights and religious freedom.

Senate Bill 100, authored by Holdman, adds sexual orientation, gender identity, active-duty military status and veteran status as protected classes under Indiana's civil rights laws. It prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and access to credit.

Holdman said the bill was drafted to place certain protections against government sanctions on religious institutions. And that he has done his best to work with staff attorneys to try to think through unintended consequences that would infringe upon the first amendment right of religious freedom, but conceded that it's difficult to account for everything. Holdman is offer-

ing an alternative proposal, SB 344, which addresses an expansion of civil rights yet removes transgender persons from the bill to give more time to study the issue and how to address it.

Tebbe said while he greatly respects Sen. Holdman and his efforts to codify a balance of civil rights and religious freedom in SB 100 and SB 344, he said "as a matter of principle, religious liberty demands more than a mere 'exemption' in the law." Tebbe said, "Religious Freedom is a fundamental, and foundational first amendment right. Whether it is an institution or an individual, no one should be forced to act in a manner against conscience or creed."

As it relates to the proposal, Tebbe expressed great concern over the vagueness of the terms sexual orientation and gender identity. "These terms are ambiguous, subjective, self-determined and problematic as they relate to the application in a state statute," Tebbe said. "The legislation grants the Civil Rights Commission the latitude to shape the regulation and interpretation of the newly-worded rights. Politics and trends affect the definition of these things which are subject to change."

Tebbe said that he appreciates Sen. Holdman's efforts to both uphold the dignity of the person dealing with sexual orientation issues and to accommodate for religious institutions and their affiliated organizations. "In spite of these efforts, the fact remains that religious freedoms are not guaranteed for all," said Tebbe. "Due to concerns about the terms and the effects of the law, we cannot support SB 100 or SB 344 in its current form," said Tebbe.

Tebbe said he is hopeful that he and others can continue to work on the proposals.

"During the process, we must show mutual respect for one another so that dialogue and discernment can take place to ensure that no one in Indiana will face discrimination whether it is for their sexual orientation or for living their religious beliefs," said Tebbe.

Both SB 344 and SB 100 have been assigned to the Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, which is chaired by Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne). Long said he intends to have the committee hear both bills later this month.

Church's credibility found in showing mercy, pope says in new book

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Being ministers of God's mercy, Church members overcome "prejudice and rigidity," taking risks like Jesus did in order to heal and to save, Pope Francis said. In Jesus' day, lepers were cast out of the community "to avoid contamination: the healthy needed to be protected," but Jesus, at His own risk, "goes up to the leper and He restores him, He heals him," Pope Francis said in a new book-length interview on mercy. "By welcoming a marginalized person whose body is wounded and by welcoming the sinner whose soul is wounded, we put our credibility as Christians on the line," the pope told the Italian journalist Andrea Tornielli in "The Name of God Is Mercy." The book was scheduled for a worldwide release Jan. 12. In the interview, the pope spoke about experiencing an overwhelming sense of mercy during Confession when he was 17 years old, provided more details about stories he has recounted in homilies, explained his comment, "Who am I to judge" about a homosexual person seeking God and discussed the need he saw to invoke a jubilee Year of Mercy.

Seek out signs God offers everyone for finding Jesus, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Go out and seek the signs God is offering everyone today that will lead to Christ, Pope Francis said. The thirst for God is present in everyone, and it's the Church's task to help those with "a restless heart" by pointing them to the true light of Christ, the pope said Jan. 6,

the feast of the Epiphany, which marks the manifestation of Jesus as Savior to the world.

The best legacy children can receive from parents is faith, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The best thing parents can pass on to their children is their religious

faith, Pope Francis said as he baptized 26 babies. Ensure this faith "not be lost, help make it grow and pass it on as a legacy," he told the infants' parents and godparents. The pope presided over the annual morning liturgy in the Sistine Chapel Jan. 10, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. He told the parents that when he asked them, "What do you ask of God's Church" for their child and they responded, "Faith," the ritual was part of "a chain" of

handing on the faith throughout history. "These children, as the years go by, will be taking your place with another child — your grandchildren — and they will ask the same thing: faith," he said in his brief, unscripted homily. "Don't forget that the greatest legacy that you can leave your children is faith," he said, adding he hoped they would always be capable of helping their children grow in the faith.

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Ave Maria students serve poor in India

HUNTINGTON — Twelve students of Ave Maria University traveled on a mission trip with Ave Maria's president, Jim Towey, to Kolkata, India, to serve along side the Missionaries of Charity (MC) Sisters from March 18-28, 2015. The students had the opportunity to serve the sick and dying as well as children with special needs.

The students began each day with Mass at the Mother House, where they were able to pray at Mother Teresa's tomb. Following Mass the students volunteered at one of several missions served by the sisters, including Nirmal Hriday, also known as Kalighat, the home for the dying and Prem Dan, a home for the sick. They also served at the homes for children, Shishu Bhavan and Daya Dan.

Ave Maria University student Corinne Zay has been selected to join a group of 14 students as the only freshman to travel to Kolkata and serve this May. She said, "I am blessed to have the opportunity to travel to India this spring with some of my fellow students. In preparing for this trip I have come to love the life and work of Mother Teresa and am excited to experience her work first hand in less than five months." Zay is a parishioner of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington. — Kay Cozad

Group Study of Pope Francis' encyclical, 'On Care for Our Common Home'

PIERCETON — St. Francis Xavier Parish in Pierceton is sponsoring a six-week group study of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home." Sessions will meet on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 18. If interested in participating, contact Father Chuck Herman at St. Francis Xavier at 574-594-5750.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

FORT WAYNE — A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together will be Jan. 22-24, in Fort Wayne. Visit www.wwme-ni.org or contact Dave and Jen Krueckeberg for assistance, or email dkrueck@gmail.com.

St. Michael pastor discusses immigration

PLYMOUTH — Holy Cross Father John Korcsmar, pastor of St. Michael Church in Plymouth, held an information session with parishioners on immigration on Sunday, Jan. 3.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Christmas Nativity scene offers reminder of daily life



Mary Arend

The Nativity scene at St. Gaspar del Bufalo in Rome City incorporates a poster with photos and articles that show terror and tragedies seen daily in the news. In contrast, the Christ Child comes to bring hope, joy, peace and love to all.

Thirty parishioners gathered in the school cafeteria to listen, learn and discuss immigration in the United States from the Church's perspective. Using the information from the U.S. Bishops' website www.justiceforimmigrants.org, the teachings and principles were drawn from the pastoral letter Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey to Hope.

The pastoral letter also presents the bishops' recommendations for immigration reform.

The plan was to share Church teaching on a relevant issue and discuss its applications.

March for Life planned for Jan. 22

SOUTH BEND — A St. Joseph County Right to Life March for Life will take place Friday, Jan. 22, to commemorate the unborn and stand for life.

A Rally for Life precedes the march at 11:30 a.m. at the hall at 553 Washington St. The rally will feature Silent No More speaker Terry Wedel, who will speak from experience about why abortion is harmful for women.

Following the rally, participants will march a few blocks through downtown to the Federal Courthouse at 204 S. Main St. and demonstrate peacefully from 12:15-1 p.m. Signs are provided.

For more information, visit www.prolifemichiana.org.

Life walk to be offered by Knights

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus "Walk the Talk for Life" will mark the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision with a combination of prayer, information and networking, Sunday, Jan. 24, from 2-4 p.m. The focus is "Supporting Family Life for a Culture of Life," and begins with an ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph Church, 226 N. Hill St. Father David Ruppert, chaplain of K of C Council 553, will be co-president with Pastor Kevin Mitschelen of Riverside Church.

At 3 p.m. at the Knights' hall at the corner of Hill and Washington streets a panel discussion on the family unit as a centerpiece of the culture of life will feature Father Glenn Kohrman of Holy Family Parish and Josh and Stacey Noem who all attended the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Questions and discussion, along with light refreshments, will follow and conclude by 4 p.m. For information contact Bill Schmitt at 574-232-6777.

42nd annual March for Life planned for Jan. 16

FORT WAYNE — The March for Life will be Saturday, Jan. 16. The march will begin at noon with a rally at the University of

Saint Francis Robert Goldstone Performing Arts Center, at 431 W. Berry St.

The rally's keynote speaker is Dr. Christina Francis, a board-certified OB/GYN currently working in Fort Wayne. Francis is a board member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and a speaker with Life Training Institute. She will offer her medical expertise, knowledge of bioethics and pro-life reasoning developed both here in the United States and around the globe.

Following the rally, attendees will march through downtown, ending at the E. Ross Adair Federal Building.

USF to participate in MLK Day activities

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis, in partnership with the YWCA, will pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King through "A Day On, Not a Day Off" and a panel discussion later in the week will provide opportunities for all to learn more about this great man's life and times, and to serve at campus activities and local agencies in the community. The community is invited to join the university for the following events:

Monday, Jan. 18
 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. — "Connecting With the Dream: Call to Service and Mass" (North

Campus Auditorium)

• 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Lunch at North Campus building
 • 1-4 p.m. — Service projects on and off campus (registration required) includes the following: Linus Blanket Making (USF North Campus Gym); Warm Fuzzies — learning to crochet or knit warm outerwear for children in need (USF North Campus Gym); Bread for the World letter writing — writing letters to political leaders to gain support for federal food programs; and local volunteer opportunities at the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank, Associated Churches Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Science Central, The Community Center, Friends of the Poor or The Franciscan Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

• 7-8:30 p.m. — Panel presentation "Why We Can't Wait: Our Beloved Community Seeks Nonviolence" (North Campus Auditorium)

This panel of local leaders will address the challenge of violence in the community and how the community can collaborate more effectively to bring about positive change. The panel will be moderated by Heather Jeffries, assistant professor and director of Criminal Justice and Criminology at USF. Panelists will include the following: Dr. Bill McGill, senior pastor of Imani Baptist Temple; Zena Moore-Hollins, mother of a local homicide victim; Tornell Moore, Allen County Court case manager; David Gladieux, Allen County sheriff; and Steve Reed, Fort Wayne Police Department assistant chief.

More information can be found at sf.edu/mlkday.

Office of Worship posts liturgical trainings

FORT WAYNE — The Office of Worship has organized diocesan liturgical trainings on upcoming Saturdays for lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. There is no charge to attend a training, but advance registration is required by mail or email.

Lector trainings will be on Feb. 6 at St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne, and on Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Church in South Bend. Extraordinary minister trainings will be on Jan. 30 at St. Charles Church in Fort Wayne, and on Feb. 6 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. All trainings are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and end by or before 1 p.m. More specific information, as well as the full registration form, can be found online at www.diocesefwsb.org/Trainings-And-Retreats.

Memorial Mass planned

FORT WAYNE — A Memorial Mass for Father Pat McNulty, who died Dec. 17, 2015, in Ontario, Canada, will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Eleven instituted as lectors

BY DENISE FEDEROW

WARSAW — Eleven men, who are in formation for the Hispanic diaconate, were installed to the Ministry of Lectors in a rite celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw on Jan. 9.

According to the Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons, "Before anyone may be promoted to the diaconate, whether permanent or transitory, he must have received the ministries of lector and acolyte, and have exercised them for an appropriate time," so that he may "be better disposed for the future service of the Word and the altar."

In fact, the norms say, the Church "considers it to be very opportune that both by study and by gradual exercise of the ministry of the Word and of the altar, candidates for sacred orders should through intimate contact understand and reflect upon the double aspect of the priestly office. Thus it comes about that the authenticity of the ministry shines out with the greatest effectiveness. In this way the candidates come to sacred orders fully aware of their vocation, 'fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, constant in prayer and aware of the needs of the faithful' (Rom 12:11-13)."

Bishop Rhoades told the candidates the Rite for Institution of Lectors and proclaiming the Word of the Lord was very important and that it wasn't just an appointment to an assigned parish for a prescribed amount of time, but for every day and everywhere.

He said when they proclaim the Word of the Lord in Mass they call upon the Holy Spirit with a sincere heart and love for the Word of the Lord.

The rite for the Institution of Lectors takes place during the celebration of Mass. After the Gospel, Bishop Rhoades, wearing his miter, sat and Director of Formation Deacon Stan LeMieux called the candidates.

The 11 men — including Juan Campos, St. Patrick, Ligonier; Marco Castillo, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw; Fred Everett, Corpus Christi, South Bend; Alejandro Garcia, Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend; Ricardo Garcia, St. Patrick, Ligonier; Giovanni Munoz, Christian Nieves and Blas Olaya, all from St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; Jose Ruvalcaba, St. Aldabert, South Bend; and Victor Sandoval and Huberto Vasquez, both from St. Patrick in Fort Wayne — entered into three years of candidacy last year.

Each candidate was called by name and each replied in Spanish: "Present," and then went to the bishop before whom



Photos by Kevin Haggenjos

The candidates in formation for the Hispanic diaconate posed with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after the Rite of Institution of Lectors held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw on Jan. 9. From left in the front row are: Huberto Vasquez, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, Fred Everett, Corpus Christi, South Bend, Alejandro Garcia, Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Jose Ruvalcaba, St. Aldabert, South Bend, Ricardo Garcia, St. Patrick, Ligonier and Deacon Stan LeMieux, director of formation for the diaconate. Back row from left are Deacon Dave Elchert, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, Victor Sandoval, St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, Christian Nieves, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, Marco Castillo, Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, Juan Campos, St. Patrick, Ligonier, Giovanni Munoz, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, Blas Olaya, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presents a Bible to Huberto Vasquez, of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, during the Rite of Institution of Lectors held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw on Jan. 9.

he made a sign of reverence.

Bishop Rhoades proceeded with his homily in Spanish and offered instruction on the importance of the Word of God in the ministry of the Church.

After the homily, the bishop invited all to prayer and blessed the candidates saying, "Bless our brothers who have been chosen for the ministry of lector. Grant that as they meditate constantly on Your Word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to Your people."

Then each candidate approached the bishop who gave each a Bible and said, "Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of His people."

Each candidate replied, "Amen."

Men's response

Many of the men expressed how much the day meant to them. Huberto Vasquez of St. Patrick in Fort Wayne shared his feelings. "It's very special. We were given the Word of God to practice. And that it was provided by the bishop and the Church is a great honor. I receive it with humbleness about this call from God to serve the Church," he said.

Giovanni Munoz, one of three candidates from St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, said, "It's a really joyful day and at the same time — as I meditated on the Gospel and also the homily from bishop — I realized it's not just about proclaiming the Word in church, but also out there," he said.

"I think a lot about Pope

Deacon Stan LeMieux said he receives several calls from those wishing to be deacons. He notes that those interested must first be active in the Church and recommended by their pastor. Their pastor then sends a letter of recommendation to the bishop. A five-year formation program follows and the candidates meet once a month for classes in a 10-month format. They also have weekend retreats at Lindenwood Retreat Center and classes are held on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Most of the wives also attend these retreats.

for this day and that it was a humbling thought.

Everett said they were about halfway through their formation, and in the coming semester, they were told they'd be taking a break from the academics to focus on developing preaching and teaching skills.

Deacon Stan LeMieux, director of formation for the diaconate, said it was "very gratifying to see this group who've worked so hard have this honor bestowed upon them. They're very hard workers and the program is not easy to say the least," he said.

Deacon Stan said unlike the men he went through formation with, most of these men are young with young families and fulltime jobs.

The next step for the men is the Rite of Acolyte in about 12-18 months.

Tim Johnson contributed to this story.



Bibles were given Jan. 9 to 11 men in formation for the Hispanic diaconate during the Rite of Institution of Lectors held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw.

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Called to life, mercy and faithfulness

BY FREDERICK EVERETT

SOUTH BEND — Almost nine years ago, I felt that the Lord was calling me to pray outside the South Bend abortion clinic on Friday mornings when abortions were being performed. The truth is that I really didn't want to do it. In part, I remembered standing out there years earlier and how I felt so powerless as I watched the women enter to have their unborn children killed. I remembered how sad and angry I would feel afterward and I decided that it was spiritually not good for me to go.

Still, I felt that tugging at my heart. My wife, Lisa, and I were, after all, the family life and pro-life directors for the diocese. Shouldn't someone from the Church be there to be that last word of encouragement or that last invitation to reconsider? Eventually, I just put it into my schedule and started showing up to pray. I had prepared a few things to say, such as inviting the women to go over to the Women's Care Center that was next door at the time; but my main focus was just to be a friendly presence to pray for the women, the children and the staff of the clinic.

The first time I went there

was just one man outside praying. He was from Elkhart and shared with me that he was often by himself there on those Friday mornings. He shared with me a story of why he kept coming back even after becoming dejected. He said that one day he was cold and wondering whether it was all worth it. He asked the Lord for a sign that he should stay. After a few minutes, he was ready to call it quits when a car drove by slowly and a person gave him a "thumbs up." With that, he decided to stay around for a while and keep coming back.

The next week when I returned, there was no one there. As I prayed for the women who were entering, I did have a chance to say a few words, but I felt that they were doing little good. The snow was deep and it was cold and I thought that I had probably been out there long enough when I saw a car driving by slowly and I was getting a "thumbs up" from a stranger inside! So, I too decided to stay around for a while and I kept coming back on those Friday mornings when I was able to make it.

When I first started going out, I was often by myself — except for the fact that I had a

deep sense of the Lord's abiding presence. I got to know some of the staff and was even able to enter into a dialogue with one of the nurses there. After a few weeks, and almost never getting a response from the clients, I was shocked when one woman stopped in her tracks and stood staring at me after I had offered to help in any way I could. Usually, I only had a few seconds to say something between their getting out of their cars and entering the building. I had already run out of my usual material; but there she was, just staring at me. I invited her to come over where I was (since those doing sidewalk counseling are not permitted on the clinic property). She declined, but said that she would talk with me after her appointment.

When she came out, she seemed reluctant to talk with me; but after a little cajoling, she and her boyfriend met me over in the adjoining parking lot. I didn't know what to say. So I prayed to the Holy Spirit for the words to give them and He answered me. After we were finished talking and praying together, this woman looked me in the eye, called me by name and told me to keep doing what I was doing. There were hugs and she and her

boyfriend were gone.

I was never involved in a conversation like that one again. Still, in the months that followed, I found myself becoming more and more joyful. I came to realize that the reason I was going was not because of any apparent good that I was accomplishing. I was going for one reason only — because the Lord wanted me to be there. My joy came from having been faithful to this appointment of prayer, mercy and intercession.

I also realized that I was there only to do "my bit." I wasn't there to save anyone — that was and is the Lord's job. I was and am but one of His many laborers. It's His project, after all, not mine. As the soon to be canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta put it, "We are not called to be successful; we are called to be faithful." The credit for all the good that we might accomplish through God's grace belongs only

to Him. All we are called to do is to say "yes" to Him in whatever He may ask of us and for only as long as He may ask it.

After a couple of years, Lisa felt called to join me there on Friday mornings as well. About a year after that, I felt that the Lord was no longer calling me to be there weekly. Lisa, however, would continue to go regularly for years until, in fact, the abortion clinic closed down this past fall.

In this Year of Mercy, may each of us be open and faithful to our personal call from the Lord to proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of Life!

Frederick Everett is the co-director of the Family Life Office and Assistant to the Bishop in South Bend.

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Project Rachel offers post abortion hope in the Year of Mercy

BY KAY COZAD

Project Rachel, the post-abortion reconciliation program in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, offers hope and healing for those suffering from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. And with the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis in full swing, the faithful in this ministry are committed to being the face of God's mercy and forgiveness for those in need.

The diocesan ministry offers a confidential dedicated toll free number and email contact with trained priests, counselors and volunteer companions dedicated to working one-to-one with those seeking help as well as connecting women to the apostolates "Divine Mercy Ministry" in Fort Wayne or "A Haven for Healing" in South Bend that offer healing in a support group setting. Allison Sturm, ministry specialist, has three goals in her service to the ministry: "To help someone who has been part of an abortion decision find healing, pass on what I've learned from the people I've encountered through the ministry about how to be pro-life and compassionate, in hopes that God will use us as His instruments of truth and charity to help someone facing an unplanned pregnancy choose life."

One of the things she has heard from many post-abortive mothers and fathers is how difficult it is for them to pass by the crosses exhibited at parishes and schools that bear the message "In memory of the unborn." She shares that these women and men don't want to hide the truth of abortion but she advocates posting another sign on the cross that simply says "Please pray for all wounded by abortion."

As Sturm fielded calls from the confidential toll free number and email she recognized a common theme to the grief she explored with each caller: "They didn't have anyone close to them they felt they could go to," said Sturm, adding that she heard the women say "they felt alone."

"More than half said they would have kept the baby if they had had someone to support them," Sturm noted.


Mary Glowaski, Secretariat for the Office of Evangelization added, "Part of this ministry is to lean into their pain and story. ... Companion means 'walking with.' We don't try to fix it or tell them how they should feel or what to do. We help them discover where God reveals Himself in their story. We help them to realize God is there and hasn't abandoned them — and that changes the story."

Sturm is grateful that the pro-life movement has begun to shift their platform and with the help of participants of the Silent

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No More campaign in which women and men share their stories of hope and healing after an abortion, awareness has led to changing hearts and compassionate outreach. Sturm is present at many of the diocesan and public events to those who wish to share their post abortion story or simply to remind others supporting the pro-life cause that kindness and compassion must extend to those seeking healing and forgiveness as well.

In the Catholic high schools Sturm has been working to inform and encourage staff and other personnel to meet students in need with a pastoral response. "Meet them where they are and

help them see the other side," she said, adding, "We speak the truth of the tragedy of abortion but we speak about the people involved with charity." She will address the Bishop Luers High School staff on Jan. 19 on this important issue and is open to any requests by the principals or teachers to visit their schools. "We're here to help," she added.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to share the love and mercy of God. ... We never know how what we say can change someone else's heart," she said, adding, "This Year of Mercy is no different from any other year in wanting to spread this message."



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Anne Koehl offers joyful consolation at Women's Care Centers

BY CATHERINE MCLEISH

FORT WAYNE — Warm, cozy and inviting, the three Women's Care Centers of Fort Wayne are modeled similarly to the additional 23 centers across the country. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, there are nine centers. "Our earliest facility opened in South Bend in 1984," shared Anne Koehl, director of the Fort Wayne centers.

She said, "When we later opened the first Fort Wayne location in January of 2004, we worried if the two-hour distance between centers would make operation difficult. Today, we have centers running strong as far away as Florida!"

Their threefold mission has the Women's Care Center focused and thriving. "We support pregnant mothers as they choose life for their unborn baby, enable them to experience a healthy pregnancy, and provide tools for them to be educated and confident parents," Koehl explained. Free medical grade pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and physician contacts are among the innumerable services available to expecting mothers.

"Typically, a client facing an unexpected pregnancy may come to us in her fourth or fifth week. If she can experience an ultrasound, seeing the image and hearing the heartbeat of her unborn child, 96 percent of our women choose to carry their babies to term." Ultrasounds are available for clients at all facilities in the diocese and the test has been a crucial benefit in beginning the bonding of mother and child.

Frequently referred to as "the best kept secret in Fort Wayne," the Women's Care Centers of Allen County are presently servicing over 800 clients. "We served 2,400 unique women last year ranging from age 14 to 40. Our growing word of mouth referrals



Tim Johnson

Anne Koehl, left, is the director of the Women's Care Centers in Fort Wayne. Above, a new center is being renovated to house the Women's Care Center in southwest Fort Wayne.

account for 55 percent of the clients we serve," said Koehl.

Every service at the Women's Care Center is attached to coupon incentives, which can be redeemed on site for diapers, sleepers, etc. Warm-hearted Christ Child Society volunteers supply and organize donations from the local community, making them available to new moms. The coupons serve as a positive

motivation for mothers to attend approximately 10 classes that will prepare them for labor and delivery, breastfeeding and care of their newborn. Clients have the opportunity throughout their pregnancy to earn from 30 to 40 coupons, with 30 coupons being the cost for a new crib. Fathers and other committed birth coaches are encouraged to attend classes and are included in the incentive program.

Weekly parenting sessions are an additional resource and often become social avenues for peer support and friendships. Information presented may cover anything from grocery shopping tips and healthy food preparation to direction for employment or furthering education to become more self-sufficient financially. On an individual basis, one-on-one instruction with a life-size doll baby is an available option enabling new parents to feel confident with anything from diapering to bathing their newborn.

"During this temporary crisis, we want to reassure women who may be apprehensive or fearful. They can be good parents, connect and utilize social services,

and even make and meet educational goals. We care about their individual needs and we are here to give them a hand up rather than a handout," Koehl explained fervently.

Within his homily at St. Peter's Basilica announcing the Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis predicted, "I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." This joyful consolation is delicately woven through the fabric of the Women's Care Center's ministry.

The unconditional love of dedicated staff and volunteers enables these mothers to realize their own self-worth and ultimately the dignity of the life of their child. "Having women come to visit with their new babies and share their joy is the highlight of our life here," Koehl shared passionately. "We have never experienced a mother who returned to tell us she made the wrong choice."

Being 100 percent donor funded, Koehl said the Women's Care Center is blessed and excited about its newest location at 4600 West Jefferson in Fort Wayne to be opening as early as this February. "A southwest Fort Wayne location has been on our radar for quite some time. With 70,000 cars driving past this new center daily, we will provide an increasing number of women with safer options," said Koehl.

Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, childcare providers for parenting classes and helping with quarterly mailings. Their open door policy allows anyone to visit, tour and become an enlightened support through word or deed.

When asked to share a closing thought, the byproduct of her 13-year commitment, Koehl reflected, "Letting our young women know we believe in their strength and ability to abstain is instrumental. Assuring them they can turn to us for loving support if they or someone they know is ever in crisis is equally important."



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Education for life: The Life Team of St. Joseph County Right to Life

BY JENNIFER MILLER

SOUTH BEND — From basic to complex, the thoughtful questions of eighth graders are fielded by the St. Joseph County Life Team. Open and curious, Michiana Catholic school 14 year olds are learning the facts of fetal development and heart-breaking realities of abortion in America today through Life Team presentations.

Started in late 2014, the Life Team is a budding program developed by Claire Fyrqvist, communication manager of St. Joseph County Right to Life. It aims to bring clear, powerful information to older students about the scientific realities of fetal development, what abortion actually is and builds a culture of life in Michiana. Designed especially for eighth graders it is age appropriate to equip students about to enter high school with clear, compassionate reasons for being pro-life and how to respond if a friend were to be in a crisis pregnancy situation.

Composed of eight highly skilled, educated presenters, the Life Team is currently staffed by volunteers, organized and trained by Fyrqvist. The group blends teachers, nurses, academics, a doctor, business professionals, theologians, mothers, a father and practicing Catholics to focus a cohesive life ethic.

The personal witnesses of



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A student examines a model of a fetus and its development at a class taught by the Life Team in one of the Catholic schools in the South Bend-Mishawaka area. A team of eight provides pro-life education at the schools.

the Life Team members resonate with the students. One is a former Women Care Center ultrasound technician, another a parent to a child with Down syndrome, one a convert to the pro-life movement and another a 20-year veteran in the field.

In pairs, they engage students in a two-day presentation and apologetics on the topics. They offer the amazing realities of human development from

natural conception to birth. Both photographs and live models are used. The Life Team also age appropriately explains the abortion procedures and legal status of abortion at a national and local level. They highlight the historical facts of this massive human rights crisis of modernity and how to respond in truth and charity. Resources such as the local Women's Care Center, Project Rachel and Hannah's House are also explained.

"There is a lot of surface level knowledge about abortion in the Catholic community. It is a complex cultural and political landscape right now and it is not enough to say I am pro-life," Fyrqvist explained. "Adolescents have a particular sensitivity to developing their moral world view and conscience, ... which is a perfect time to help them develop it. We must address this and not shy away from the gravity of the situation."

Students are empowered on how to speak with friends through acting out future possible scenarios, realizing that they are at an important time in their lives — before high school, college and the workforce.

"They are indeed the pro-life generation," Fyrqvist explained. "No other generation has been so impacted by abortion as theirs." Many of their possible friends and community members might still be alive if not for the 1973 legalization of abortion.

Over 10 years ago, former Right to Life board member Kathy Black began the presentations for the eighth grade at Corpus Christi Catholic School. Impressed with her straightforward and responsive presentation and wanting to share the important message, Claire Fyrqvist and Jeanette Burdell, executive director of SJCRTL, worked with the Life Team to develop the current program. "I was really struck with the manner in which Kathy was able to speak about such grave matters without sensationalizing it. She really respected the eighth graders ability to take in the situation and be educated," Fyrqvist recalled.


"We don't shy away from the facts but we don't use any graphic images either. The facts speak for themselves. The moral of the story is so clear," Fyrqvist said. The Family Life and Pro-Life Office for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend approved the program, along with the Catholic Schools Office, and welcomed the Life Team into the Catholic schools. Each presentation is tailored to the individual needs of the host eighth grade and school community. Parental permission slips are also sent home, so that parents may learn more and opt-out of the presentation.

Fyrqvist emphasized, "They also have a chance to speak in small groups and discuss and engage the moral quandary that

many women find themselves in. The solution to a crisis pregnancy is not easy but it is clear."

While the Life Team currently has presented, for free, over six different schools in the diocese, they are also open to expanding their program for public, religious and non-religious private schools. A stage-two presentation for high schools is also in the works. Thanks to recent underwriting support of the Life Team by brothers Dan Fitzpatrick and Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, St. Joseph County Right to Life will continue to develop their educational programs. "We are especially grateful for this support," said Burdell, adding "So the Life Team can offer new printed material, add demonstrations with developmental fetal models and build the culture of life in Catholic schools around Michiana."

Based on Allen County Right to Life's model, John and Claire Fyrqvist also facilitated a pro-life apologetics course to continue the education, called Life Defenders Boot Camp. They bring in skilled speakers from the Life Training Institute who will train young people to join the cultural conversation as compassionate, intelligent leaders in the pro-life movement. This year boot camp will be held Feb. 20, for high school and college aged students. The Kloska Family sponsors this program.



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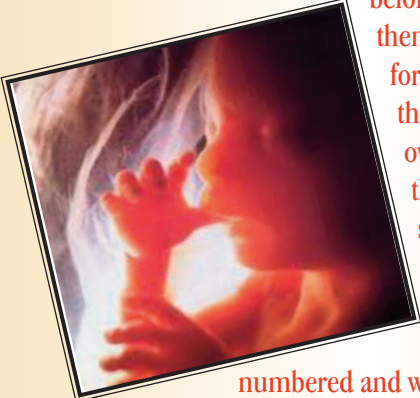
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"The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

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"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb."

Psalm 119:13

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“Caring for life from the beginning to the end.
What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing...
Care for life. It's worth it.”

-from a homily in 2005 by then Cardinal Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, celebrating Aug. 31 feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus, patron saint of expectant mothers, newborns.

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Living the Gospel of Life in the Year of Mercy

BY LISA EVERETT

The Year of Mercy has been underway for a month and a half, and we find ourselves on the brink of observing yet another anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand in our nation in 1973.

What difference does the Jubilee of Mercy make in how we live the Gospel of Life this year? Perhaps we can look with fresh eyes at the corporal works of mercy and see how we can practice them more intentionally with a view to providing genuine care and support to pregnant women — for their own sake, and for the sake of the little ones whose very lives depend on them.

Let's start with “shelter the homeless.” Perhaps our circumstances might permit us to offer temporary housing to a pregnant woman who has no other place to stay. While that might not be possible for most people, we may be able instead to support an organization like Hannah's House, a Christian maternity home in Mishawaka that provides a loving, stable and supportive environment to pregnant women in need.

Originally a joint venture of our diocese, St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka, Bethel College and the Women's Care Center, Hannah's House is now an independent organization that is funded entirely by private donations. Since it opened its doors in 1993, the youngest resident served was 13 years old, and the oldest 43. To volunteer, or supply an item on their wish lists for moms and babies, or to make a donation, visit their website at www.maternityhomewithaheart.org. Perhaps there will even be someone who feels called during this Year of Mercy to explore the possibility of launching a maternity home on the Fort Wayne side of the diocese.

Then there is “clothe the naked.” The Annual Bishop's Appeal video this past fall featured the beautiful ministry of the

Christ Child Society on both sides of our diocese. Founded in 1947 with the blessing of Archbishop John F. Noll, the Christ Child Society of South Bend began by furnishing clothing to needy babies. In what was surely a sign of God's providence, the first layette was presented to a baby born shortly after midnight on Christmas morning.

In 1997, the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne was founded with the encouragement of Bishop John M. D'Arcy. Since 2005, the Christ Child Society has partnered with the Women's Care Center by providing a “Layette of Hope” for each client who receives a positive pregnancy test. This layette includes a onesie, a pair of socks and a prayer card, providing tangible hope that the mother will choose life for her child. To find out more about how to support the Christ Child Society of South Bend, go to www.christchildsb.org, and for the Christ Child Society in Fort Wayne, go to www.christchildsfw.org.

Let's move on to “feed the hungry/give drink to the thirsty.” The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides federal grants to states to support low-income pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, non-breastfeeding mothers as well as infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. Participants receive vouchers each month that are used to buy specific nutritious foods and beverages at designated grocery stores. The WIC program also provides nutrition education and counseling and breastfeeding promotion and support.

If a woman who crosses your path this year would be a candidate for this program, make sure to refer them to one of the local offices to sign-up. For a listing of WIC offices in Indiana and further information about the program, go to www.in.gov/isdh/19691.htm. Also coming soon to the National WIC Association is the ability to make a donation to the program online at www.nwica.org/donate.

Then there is “visit the sick/visit the imprisoned.” Perhaps there is an expectant mother you know now, or will come across this coming year, who needs to be on bed rest due to complications of pregnancy whom you could keep company for a while, or maybe you are familiar with a family with a newborn in the NICU to whom you could offer some assistance such as helping to care for their other children.

Lastly, there is “bury the dead.” So many families face the loss of an unborn child through miscarriage or stillbirth and we may be able to guide them to resources to lay to rest their little ones. For the past several years, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka has partnered with Palmer Funeral Home to offer a beautiful program for families whose unborn babies have died in utero at less than 20 weeks gestation. Called In God's Arms, this free program features a lovely burial and remembrance service that is held three times a year at a special site at Southlawn Cemetery for parents and family members to attend. Along with special prayers, parents receive a flower to place on the grave when their baby's name is called, and they are given a candle to take home to light on the child's birthday. For more information, go to www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/in-gods-arms.

In addition, according to the Church's liturgical norms, individual funeral rites may be celebrated for children whose parents intended them to be baptized, but who died before Baptism. Various funeral rites for children are available and appropriate, including a vigil, the funeral liturgies and rites of committal. The “Rite of Final Commendation for an Infant” may be used in the case of a stillborn baby, or of an infant who dies shortly after birth, and it may be done in the hospital or place of birth.

May Mary, the Mother of Mercy, help us to put into practice the corporal works of mercy in such a way that expectant mothers may feel God's love.

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*It was you who created
My inmost self; and put
Me together in my
Mother's womb; for all
These mysteries I thank you,
For the wonder of myself, for
The wonder of your works.*

Psalm 139, 13-14

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*The Mother of Our Saviour
The Star of Hope
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*And the one chosen to guide us through
the sorrows of life, including the agony
brought about by abortion.*

Queen of Peace, be with us.

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'Ex Corde Ecclesiae' after 25 years

I recently attended a conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's declaration "Gravissimum Educationis" and the 25th anniversary of the apostolic constitution "Ex Corde Ecclesiae." These are two important documents governing the business of Catholic education.

I was particularly interested in the second document, which St. John Paul II wrote about Catholic universities.

In our public debates about Catholic higher education, we devote a lot of attention to issues of censorship — policies about speakers and student activities and free-thinking faculty. It's as if what makes a Catholic university distinctive is what can't be said.

It's surprising how little "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" has to say about this. It's more concerned with what we have to offer — what a student would find at a Catholic university that he or she could not find somewhere else. We often talk about the Catholic intellectual tradition. What exactly is that?

Michael Polanyi, a Hungarian chemist, compared the process of collective inquiry to a group of people working on a jigsaw puzzle: Each time someone fits a piece in, others look to see what steps this advance has made possible.

Polanyi added that this kind of collaboration would not be possible if each person had a different understanding of the task at hand (if, for example, one person thought that puzzle pieces ought to be stacked rather than

fitted together). A governing perspective or worldview does not stunt creativity. It provides the environment that cultivates discovery.

I thought of Polanyi at our conference, which was held at Castel Gandolfo in Italy. There is a church there, designed by the Italian artist Bernini and dedicated to St. Thomas of Villanova. It has a pretty, coffered dome with ribs radiating from the top, an idea Bernini took from Pietro da Cortona's renovation of the church Santa Maria della Pace.

It's not the only example of Bernini borrowing ideas. His sculpture "Aeneas and Anchises with Ascanius" drew on Raphael's fresco "The Fire in the Borgo" at the Vatican.

This sort of thing went on all the time in the Catholic artistic culture of 17th-century Rome. There was a shared conception of the beautiful, a shared vocabulary of types, there were shared solutions to engineering and architectural problems. It subtracts nothing from the beauty and the genius of Bernini that he worked within this culture.

When "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" was published in 1990, there was some consternation in academic circles over its direction that, where possible, Catholics should comprise a majority of the faculty at a Catholic university (and all teachers should embrace the mission of the university).

This was taken as meddling by the Church in matters properly academic. It seemed to pose an impediment to the universities' desire for academic excel-



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lence, because it would limit the pool of candidates available for faculty positions.

No doubt it does. So does a requirement that teachers have doctorates. The objection treats the Catholic faith as if it were an arbitrary handicap imposed on the search, rather than a valuable trait to be looked for in a candidate.

This does not mean that Catholic faith is a sine qua non for every hire. Non-Catholics are equal and important members of a Catholic university community. But if it's part of the university's business to carry on the Catholic intellectual tradition, we should expect Catholics to carry the ball.

What I love about John Paul's approach in "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" is its intrinsic modesty. It says to Catholic universities, in effect, that building a Catholic intellectual culture is not the business of the hierarchy — it's for the academics to do. The only thing the Church asks is that Catholics, working together, do the work of creating it.

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All that is visible and invisible

Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See," which won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize and has spent over 80 weeks on the *New York Times* Best Seller list, is one of the most beautiful and finely-crafted novels I have ever read. His language is spell-binding, even incantatory, and the intertwined narratives that he composes are deeply involving. Doerr delicately weaves together the stories of Marie-Laure LeBlanc, a blind French girl, and Werner Pfennig, an albino German boy, which unfold during the awful years of the Second World War.

Due to his technical brilliance, Werner is assigned to a Hitler Youth training camp for the best and brightest in the Reich. There he becomes a master at detecting and interpreting radio signals. Marie-Laure is spirited out of Paris by her devoted father when the Nazis overwhelm northern France, and she is transported to the mysterious and enchanting sea-side city of Saint-Malo, where she takes up residence with her great uncle, who had not left his home since returning from the First World War.

In time, Werner is sent to the eastern front. Using his exquisitely honed skills, he tracks down radio signals that are being sent from Russian resistance fighters. Once he finds the source of the communication, he sends his brutish and gigantic colleague to kill the sender. The combination of brains and brawn makes them an extraordinarily



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effective team. Marie-Laure, with the help of a miniature model of Saint-Malo, constructed by her father, makes her way in darkness all around the medieval town and to the seashore. Her great uncle reads to her and lights up her imagination. One day he introduces her to a radio-transmitter that is hidden away in an attic, the only access to which is through a panel behind a wardrobe. Eventually she joins the resistance, collecting loaves of bread that contain slips of paper on which are coded messages that can be communicated, through her uncle's transistor, to fellow travelers all over France. And this is what draws Werner and Marie-Laure together. The Nazis discover that the Resistance is sending communiques from Saint-Malo, but they cannot discern their provenance — and so they call in the gifted Werner to track down the source. Soon enough, he finds it and is led to Marie-Laure's home. The two young people have a fleeting encounter, touching hands (almost) through the panel.

The point is that both

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'Do whatever He tells you'



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 2:1-11

The Book of Isaiah furnishes this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first reading. Knowing the history of ancient Israel helps in understanding this reading.

The kingdom of Israel, carefully crafted by King David and given glory by David's son, Solomon, split after Solomon's death in a power duel among would-be successors. Two kingdoms then formed. Weakened, dismembered and chronically unsure as to national mission, the two kingdoms both were easy prey to aggressive outsiders.

One such outsider was

the great Babylonian Empire, centered in Babylon, located in modern Iraq, no longer an important city. Militarily strong, with aggressive ambitions, the Babylonians easily overwhelmed God's people in both their kingdoms. Many died, but some were taken to Babylon, not exactly as hostages but certainly not as honored guests.

These displaced Hebrews, and then their children, yearned to go home. Generations passed. Finally, Babylonia itself fell to more powerful neighbors, namely the Persians. Cyrus, the Persian king, allowed the Hebrew exiles to go home.

The author of this section of Isaiah saw the defeat and exile of God's people as the direct result of their sins, but God still loved them. God provided for them in their exile. God used Cyrus as an instrument to give them new life.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the second reading.

Corinth presented Paul with many challenges. The people were slow in abandoning old ways. They quarreled, and they

flirted with the old paganism. Paul constantly corrected them, but he also encouraged them.

In this reading, St. Paul calls all the Christian Corinthians to the unity, and unified life, of the Church. One Spirit empowers all. Among all are many talents.

St. John's Gospel supplies the Gospel reading. It is the story of Cana, and the Lord's miraculous replenishment of the wine being served. Typical of John, it is a passage literally overflowing with powerful lessons and references.

First, it is the beginning of the Lord's ministry. His ministry did not begin with some spectacular show of power in the sky, for example. Rather, it began in a gesture of love in the face of ordinary human need.

Secondly, the miracle was in response to human faith. The faith is evident in Mary's trust in Jesus. Moreover, she collected in herself the sense of need of the others, and she turned to Jesus, knowing that Jesus was the answer.

Thirdly, it identifies Jesus as the Messiah. Prophets had written that with the anticipated

Redeemer "sweet wine would flow." Also, in popular perception, wine had life. Jesus gave this wine in abundance, and the wine provided by Jesus was the best wine of all.

Finally, probably everyone at the feast was Jewish. Jesus said that His "hour had not yet come." The hour comes for John's Gospel when Jesus encounters gentiles. The lesson: The Lord came to save all people.

Reflection

The late, great biblical scholar, Father Raymond E. Brown, saw in this narrative from John a magnificently revealing message, precisely in its words about Mary.

In this reading Mary is totally human — and completely Christian. She is a model for us. We are humans. We aspire to be perfect Christians.

With limited human knowledge, she did not perceive the depth of her Son's mission, "My hour has not yet come," but she believed that Jesus was the Messiah, the almighty Son of God. "Do whatever He tells you."

The Cana story reveals the

Lord's divinity, supplying human need. Revealing also is the term, "hour." The Lord's hour came when the gentiles heard the Gospel.

We are gentiles, if not by ethnicity then by estrangement from God.

Also remember, the Blessed Mother advocates for us as she advocated for the hosts at the Cana feast.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10

1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Lessons for the Year of Mercy

As the Year of Mercy began, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, I remembered the popular parable: the prodigal son. Its graphic depiction of the younger son's profligate behavior, the depth of his misery groveling for scraps among pigs, and the father's magnanimous welcome with rings, robe, sandals and feast leave little unsaid about the father's boundless mercy.

However, the character who intrigues me is the older brother. In truth, I am too cautious to adopt the wayward choice of the younger son. I could easily channel the worries of the older brother: half of the family property is gone but just as many people to care for. These days, the situation would likely involve just as much debt on half the assets. He may fret about his father's health and wish to spare his father these burdens.

Not only do I feel this way sometimes, I know people in similar situations: the sibling who sacrifices all to care for an elderly parent only to find out that all children received equal amounts from the estate or the sibling who assumes responsibility for the family business when some siblings just want a share of the profits; a sibling who lives a "carefree" life only to reappear when options run dry.

Isn't resentment their due? In political discourses, we encounter similar sentiments. Some who have made it the responsible way, working diligently, staying clear of trouble, paying taxes, wondering why the poor should receive assistance. Some wonder why undocumented immigrants and refugees partake in the benefits of our society. The working poor get a living wage? Addicts get another chance?

Alarming, in these sentiments, I recognize qualities that frighten me. I dread becoming small, hard and joyless. The older brother describes his work, which hopefully once emanated from love of family, as "orders" from his father, which he now "obeys" rather than embraces and the person returning as "your son" rather than "my brother" thus losing any sense of bond and kin.

He values his work in the light of compensation and competition relative to his brother and calibrates his father's love with things and feasts. His judgment leaves no space in the heart to comprehend how the brother has suffered and what his father has lost. His righteousness robs him of the capacity to celebrate.

The older brother is the message Jesus directs at the Pharisees, whose disapproval of

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OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

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His dining with sinners precedes this and two other parables of mercy. It is a message for us, too, when our love turns to obligations, fatigue crowns itself in martyrdom, prudence gives rise to harsh judgment, and success breeds contempt.

The good news is that the father reaches out also for this son, reminding him that he has always been loved and that love for one son is not diminished by love for the other. The older son is invited to join in and be glad, essentially to turn a heart of stone into a heart of flesh. He and we are also the lost sons whom the father rejoices for when we are found.

Such framing is not easy, but this is why we need a special year to note that gratitude and resentment cannot coexist. In condemnation, we overstep our bounds and lose our humanity; and that, as Pope Francis notes in the opening sentence of the document declaring the Year of Mercy, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy."

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characters deal, all the time, with the unseen world. Through his incisive intelligence, Werner manages to "see" the invisible waves and impulses that surge constantly through space and time. And through her vivid imagination and keen intuition, Marie-Laure "sees" what her blind eyes are incapable of seeing. Moreover, both characters are associated with the color white: he is albino, and her last name is LeBlanc (the white one). Pure light is white, but when it passes through the prism of our sensation and consciousness, it breaks into a variety of visible colors. Yet there are innumerable aspects and dimensions of that pure white light that are invisible to us: "all the light we cannot see."

Doerr seems to be arguing that it is incomparably sad if we limit reality to the narrow band of the light spectrum that our eyes can take in. If invisible electrical impulses travel constantly along certain paths,

the narrator muses, "is it so hard to believe that souls might also travel those paths? That her (Marie-Laure's) father and Etienne and Madame Manec and the German boy named Werner Pfennig might harry the sky in flocks, like egrets, like terns, like starlings? That great shuttles of souls might fly about, faded but audible if you listen closely enough?" When I read that breathtaking passage for the first time, my mind went immediately to the familiar lines of the Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

I fully understand why many founders of the modern sciences and many avatars of the Enlightenment had grown impatient with a hyper stress on the world to come and upon certain empirically unverifiable states of affairs; but I do not sympathize with the exaggerated reductionism that holds reality is identical tout court to the empirically verifiable. Notice how, in our common discourse, the invisible is usually equated with the fantastic and the imaginary. Many of the New Atheists, for instance, mockingly refer to God as "your

invisible friend." Well, of course God is invisible, not because He is a fantasy, but precisely because He is the unconditioned reality. Anything visible, by definition, is a conditioned or contingent state of affairs. God's invisibility is a function of His non-contingency, of the unsurpassed fullness of His being. And if God is rightly called "ens realissimum" (the supremely real) by Thomas Aquinas, why could there not be invisible realities that participate in God's manner of being more fully than visible things?

"All the Light We Cannot See," like all great novels, is about many things: love, war, communication, prejudice, memory, etc. But to my mind the supreme contribution that it makes, through the intertwining stories of two young people caught in a terrible maelstrom, is that both the visible and the invisible are real and that they wrap around one another in powerful ways.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 17, 2016

John 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, a story that takes place in Cana. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

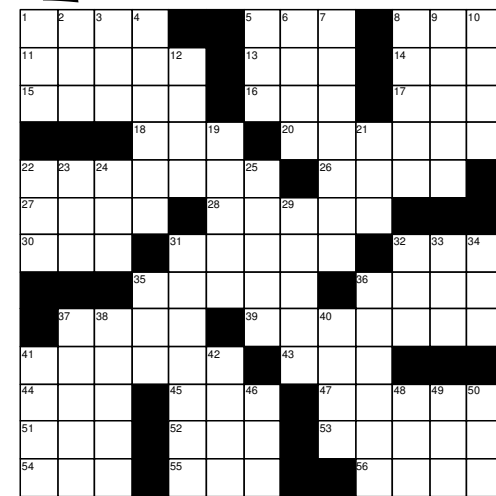
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The CrossWord

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Based on these readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 and Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 and Is 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

ACROSS

- 1 Stone water _____
- 5 Advertisements
- 8 South by west
- 11 Thrill
- 13 Doctor (slang)
- 14 Time period
- 15 Changed it into wine
- 16 "___ Father"
- 17 Battle of nations
- 18 Flightless bird
- 20 "___, Jerusalem" (2 wds)
- 22 John felt unworthy to

27 Raise these and look about

- 28 Restaurants
- 30 Drenched
- 31 "Do whatever he ___ you"
- 32 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 35 # of Kings
- 36 Wading bird
- 37 Mexican coin
- 39 Means "Christ"
- 41 Lather (2 wds)
- 43 ___ of Galilee

- 51 Dessert
- 52 Color
- 53 Darkness covers it
- 54 The Beloved
- 55 What a nurse gives
- 56 Obey

DOWN

- 1 "Neither ___ nor Greek"
- 2 Wing
- 3 Lab animal
- 4 Horses
- 5 Hubbub
- 6 Gloomy
- 7 ___ and Pharisees
- 8 Needle worker
- 9 Hitler's wife
- 10 Distort
- 12 Writer Bombeck
- 19 Stomach sore
- 21 Mayday
- 22 Stitch
- 23 Popeye's yes
- 24 Fisherman's tool
- 25 Melchizedek was king of ___
- 29 Runs away
- 31 Idea
- 32 National police
- 33 Central Intelligence Agency
- 34 ___ Wednesday
- 35 Cooking measurement
- 36 Messiah prophet
- 37 Crippling disease
- 38 Consumed
- 40 Dry
- 41 Drains energy
- 42 Wrote to Titus
- 46 Stocks commission

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

NO. 8 COUGARS RIDE HOT START TO 'WIN' AND TOP CROSSROADS LEAGUE Nothing like a 14-0 start to put University of Saint Francis coaches and fans fears to rest. That's what eighth-ranked USF did on Jan. 9 against Taylor University and the Cougars won 95-82 at Hutzell Athletic Center. And thanks to Grace College, the 15-3 Cougars stand alone at the top of the Crossroads League standings after action on Saturday afternoon. The 10-game win streak is the second longest in USF history topped only by the 1999-00 men's team that won 20 consecutive games.

CYO basketball squads participate in holiday hoopfest

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Over the break from classes between Christmas and New Year's, a whole slew of seventh- and eighth-grade Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball teams and a few other area middle school squads saw action at the 2015 Hoopsfest at the University of Saint Francis. This year's showcase, which first started in 1995, yielded 42 games and featured three USF alums now in a coaching role: Michelle Nolan from Most Precious Blood and twin sisters, Malissa Keane and Mabelle Fuelling of Wyneken Lutheran.

St. Charles breezed through the seventh-grade boys' tournament getting by St. Elizabeth and St. Jude and doubly eliminated a tough group from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, for the championship. The St. Charles eighth graders also had an impressive run climbing their way out of the losers' bracket after an opening loss to the eventual champions, Holy Cross. Along the way back to the championship, they beat St. John, New Haven, Most Precious Blood, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Wyneken and St. Vincent 7, before losing to the Crusaders once again, 28-40.

In the girls' brackets, the seventh-grade Lady Raiders from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, won it all beating a scrappy group from St. Therese two times at the end for the championship,



Recipients of the Derk Hinsey traveling Christian Attitude trophy were St. John the Baptist, New Haven, for the girls and Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, for the boys.

30-19 and 24-13. The determined group went undefeated and was led in scoring during the tournament by Rachel McCarthy, Miah Henry, Jasmin Myles, Kristen Wharton and Kayla Johnson. Helping out on defense was Mady Minick, Leah Pranger, Olivia Cook, Malory Fox and Auriana Molina.

A pleased Coach Karen Fox explained, "No matter the amount of time on the court, each girl gave 110 percent for the team to help secure the victories. It was a team effort."

She added, "Not only did the girls play hard, but they also demonstrated great sportsmanship. We loved hearing our fans cheer for us!" Looking forward to the rest of the regular season, the coaching staff feels sure the girls will continue to grow, not only as athletes, but also as outstanding young Catholics.

For the eighth graders, St.

Elizabeth had a great showing coming out of the losers' bracket after losing to Wyneken Lutheran, 18-35, in the second round. The Pioneers battled their way back beating Central Lutheran, St. Vincent and St. Jude to face the Warriors in the championship game, led until the very end, but came up just short, 28-31. In the tournament, assistant coach Devon Davis reported that St. Elizabeth had a balanced scoring attack with Lydia Reibold and Kennedy Glenn leading the team offensively averaging 10 points per game and Lauren Davis scoring a season-high 11 points against St. Jude. Because they had sev-



eral out of town from their normal roster of seventh and eighth graders, the Pioneers brought up two sixth graders for the tournament.

Davis concluded, "Our team played some of its best basketball so far this season."

In junior varsity hoops action, co-coordinator, Renee Meussling reported results from the 2015 Holiday Tournament at Most Precious Blood (MPB).

Each year parishioner Derk Hinsey of Bad Dad Motorcycles sponsors a traveling Christian Attitude trophy. Based on a team whose coaches and players display the best overall sportsmanship and a noticeable Christian

attitude, the votes are placed by referees. This year's recipients were St. John, New Haven for the girls and Most Precious Blood for the boys.

In the boys' bracket, St. Vincent was victorious beating St. Charles for the championship 47-45. The Panthers claimed the rights of cutting down the net after going undefeated in the nine-team, double elimination, holiday-break marathon.

Most Precious Blood came in third place. Started in 1991, this year's girls' champion was St. Charles 6. They downed runner-up, St. Vincent 6 in the final game, while St. Charles 5 was the third place team.

Trojans, Cougars battle on hardwoods

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Fans made their way to Saint Joseph High School to experience the matchup of teammates on the gridiron but rivals on the hardwood as the Trojans of Holy Family hoped to claim the day over the Corpus Christi Cougars.

The Cougars had a perfect record and had been led by Derek Derda, their quarterback on the grass who changed roles and was no longer throwing passes, but was instead catching them from a talented guard Braden Kaniewski.

Holy Family had stumbled a couple of times but entered the contest confidently against their former comrades boasting a trio

of capable guards — Ky'Rell Franklin along with brothers Ryan and Riley Hessey. The Trojans got on the board early with a nice dribble drive by Ryan Hessey in which he scored a three-point play the old-fashioned way but was countered quickly by a Derda putback, a play that would soon haunt the west side squad.

The Corpus Christi big man soon displayed an uncanny knack for grabbing the offensive glass and finishing with a two-footer to keep the Cougars in the game.

In between some serious razzle-dazzle from Franklin, he would find the Trojans' center, Roberto Miramontes for three layups of his own to counter the Cougars.

The first half became such a

track meet that when the official called a foul and handed off the ball to the would-be shooter and said rest, the players had a sigh of relief about them.

The baskets poured in as the half ended with a 21-21 tie thanks to a buzzer beating layup from Cougar Hunter Holmes.

The second half started out with the same vim and vigor as the first as Ryan Hessey and Franklin bombed in a couple of threes followed by more put backs and layups from Derda and a shot from behind the arch by Kaniewski pushed the lead to six by the Cougars, 33-27.

The nearest the Trojans would come after that was a conventional three-point play by Franklin cutting the deficit in half, but then it became the

tandem of Derda and Kaniewski, who scored 23 and 10 respectively, and the defense of the Cougars controlling the game down the stretch and winning by a final margin of 44-32.

"We really focus on preparation on stopping Franklin and Hessey. They are a couple of good players, and then when Miramontes scored a half-dozen points in the second, we had to adjust," commented Cougar Coach Shaun Derda. "Holy Family has a good team, our kids responded at halftime and really did a great job of pressuring the ball and attacking the basket and I think those two things attributed to our win."

"We played three good quarters and just ran out of gas," remarked Holy Family Skipper

Chris Fewell. "The offensive boards hurt us against Derda, but I thought that our team competed and I was very happy with the performance of Franklin."

In other scores around the Inter-City Catholic League, Johnny Wang helped the Pumas of Queen of Peace defeat the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary, 29-22.

St. Thomas' Arron Fuller dropped 17 on the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic for a 36-26 victory, St. Anthony doubled up St. Matthew, 34-17, Holy Cross upended St. Jude, 35-22, and St. Joseph peppered St. Michael for the win.

A complete list of schedules and high-lights can be found at www.icclsports.org.

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Author has tips for parents to encourage children to come back to Church

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (CNS) — It's a scenario that will probably play out in thousands of homes across the country this past Christmas: A young adult goes home for the holidays and announces that he or she no longer attends Mass.

How parents should respond is the subject of a new book and video series by Brandon Vogt, content director for Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and author of the best-selling book, "The Catholic Church and New

Media."

He recently was a guest on the radio show "The Joy of the Gospel," hosted by Bishop Michael J. Sheridan of Colorado Springs.

Vogt said the inspiration for his new book, "Return" — available at www.returngameplan.com — grew out of his experiences.

"Over the last several years, I've been speaking around the country at Catholic conferences and events, at parishes and in

small groups, and I noticed that the most pressing and pervasive problem among many of the people I encountered was that so many were distraught over sons and daughters who have left the Church," Vogt told *The Colorado Catholic Herald*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

"Almost every place I went, I heard some version of, 'My son, my daughter, they went off to college, they came home and they don't go to Mass or believe in God. I'm devastated. What should I do?'"

Recent surveys of religious practice among so-called "millennials" confirmed the need for such a book, said Vogt (pronounced "Vott").

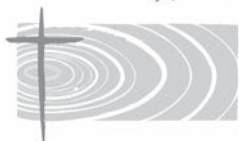
"The second thing which reinforced this anecdotal evidence was the release of the Pew Religious Landscape Survey," he said. "One of the numbers that popped out: 50 percent of young Americans who were raised Catholic no longer call themselves Catholic today. They also found that 79 percent of people who drifted away from Catholicism did so before age 23. So these are predominantly young people who are leaving the Church in massive numbers, and I felt like I needed to do something about it."

— Veronica Ambuul

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Theology on Tap announces winter series
Granger — The winter series theme #LentIsComing, will help to prepare for a fruitful Lent and take place at Villa Macri in Granger on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Jan. 19 — "Service: Where is God Leading my Life?" with Kathy Pask-Painter.

beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19, and ending Thursday, March 3. The class fee is \$225 and includes both an ACT text and SAT text for the course. For more information and registration, call 260-496-4700 or click on www.bishopdwenger.com/SAT-ACT.

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Holy Name Society fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Jan. 15, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children 5-12 \$4.50 and children under 5 free.

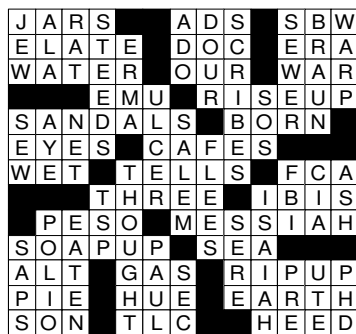
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South Bend — Weekday Masses and Adoration continue at the Chapel of Divine Mercy at the Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle. Mass on Tuesdays is at 7:30 a.m., followed by Adoration until 2 p.m.; Mass on Wednesdays is at 1:30 p.m., followed by Adoration until 6:30 p.m. On Fridays, Adoration is held from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Pancake breakfast at St. Louis
New Haven — St. Louis, Besancon will have a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall located just behind St. Louis Academy.

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Notre Dame — PROCLAIM! will have evenings of reflection and contemplative prayer beginning Friday, Jan. 15, with Father Nicholas Ayo on "Silence"; Tuesday, Jan. 19, with Margie Pfeil and Biff Weidman on "Simplicity"; and Thursday, Jan. 28, with Danielle Peters on "Mercy." Presentations are followed by centering prayer

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