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## College crew unites students of faith



By Lauren Caggiano

Father Ben Muhlenkamp talks to a College Crew attendee during the social hour at the June 28 session at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

The weekly College Crew program provides an outlet for diocesan college students to connect and learn about their faith in a casual environment in the summer months.

Seminarian Mark Hellinger, who's going into his third year of study, is one of the organizers.

"The whole premise of College Crew is to bring college students together while back home and see other students living faith," he said, adding that, "it's a community building activity."

According to Hellinger, College Crew is Father Benjamin Muhlenkamp's brainchild, and the specifics vary each week. In general, there is always social time, devotion and a talk to conclude the evening. On June 28, the program was held from 7-9 p.m. at St. John the Baptist parish in Fort Wayne.

Hellinger said the program is open to both current college students, as well as recent high school and college graduates. Students come from several parishes, including St. John, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Louis Besancon in New Haven.

On average about 50 students attend. There are

a few regular attendees and a sense of comradery. But the most important aspect is the spiritual one.

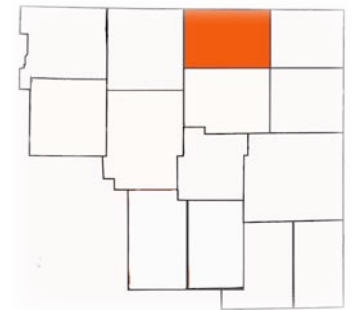
"During these college years, life can get confusing and we want to promote an event in which young Catholics can be strengthened in their faith," said Father Muhlenkamp.

Sometimes faith can be pushed to the periphery in college, especially when youth don't attend a Catholic institution. That's why the communal nature of College Crew is so important.

"It's critical that young people are around other young people who share the faith so they're not alone in discipleship," he said. It also gives the confidence to witness faith and fall more deeply in love with Christ.

Chris Stuck is one young person who has felt welcomed by the College Crew community. A recent graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, he attends St. Vincent de Paul. A former Lutheran, he found the Catholic faith and it really "spoke" to him, as he put it. He met some friends at IPFW who identified as Catholic, which affirmed his faith. "They really spoke to what the (Catholic)

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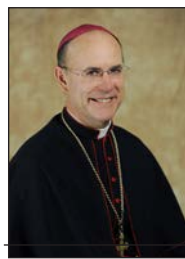
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# The Eremitical Life: A special vocation in the Church



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at the Mass of the profession of perpetual vows of diocesan hermit, Sister Nancy Frentz, on July 11, 2016, the Memorial of Saint Benedict:*

I remember many years ago as a seminarian visiting Subiaco, about an hour and a half drive from Rome. On the outskirts of the town, there is a large statue of Saint Benedict and a welcome sign that reads "Birthplace of Western Monasticism." It was in Subiaco at the age of 17 that Benedict began his consecrated life and he began that life as a hermit. Later, many would follow him and he would found monasteries with communities of monks at Subiaco and later at Monte Cassino. But his consecrated life began as a hermit.

I remember visiting the monastery in Subiaco that was built around the original cave where Saint Benedict lived for three years as a hermit. Over the door of the entrance courtyard of the monastery is an inscription in Latin which translated reads:

*"If you searched for the light, Benedict, why did you chose a dark cave? A cave doesn't offer the light you desire. Why have you gone to darkness to seek radiant light?" The answer is inscribed: "Only in a profoundly dark night do the stars brightly shine."*

It was living in the solitude of that dark cave as a hermit that Saint Benedict was illumined by the light of Christ, enabling him to eventually go forth and to become the great Father of Western Monasticism. It was very special to me to spend some time of prayer and reflection in that original cave. There's a white marble statue of a young Saint Benedict in the cave and also a fresco depicting a monk named Romanus who would bring food to Benedict each day, lowering a basket into the cave by a rope with a bell that alerted Benedict to its arrival.

It is good to recall Saint Benedict's three years as a hermit today as Sister Nancy makes her perpetual profession of vows as a hermit. During those three years, Benedict was transformed through his prayer in solitude. He grew in wisdom and holiness through the Holy Spirit's action in his soul. Sister Nancy does not live her eremitical life in a cold, damp cave and Sister Jane doesn't lower a basket of food by a rope to provide her food. But Sister Nancy does, like Benedict's original eremitical life, live most of her day in prayerful solitude to allow the Holy Spirit to act in her soul. We pray today that, like Saint Benedict, Sister Nancy will continue to grow in wisdom and holiness.

In the first reading today we heard a passage from the Book of Proverbs, one of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament. It speaks of searching for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, like searching for a treasure. This search is important in our life, whatever our particular vocation. Yet, the hermit's search is a witness to all of us



Stephanie A. Patka

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Msgr. John Seltzer stand with Sister Nancy Frentz after she professed her perpetual vows of diocesan hermitage on July 11 at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, Fort Wayne.**

where we will truly find wisdom since, as Proverbs teaches: "It is the Lord who gives wisdom. A person's heart must be in the right place. The heart is the place of encounter, the place of covenant. It is where God speaks to us."

In the silence and solitude of her eremitical life, Sister Nancy ponders in her heart the Word of God, her ears are attentive to God's wisdom. Her life, the eremitical life, is a special vocation in the Church and reminds all of us of the importance of the encounter with God in prayer, of opening our hearts to the wisdom and love of the Lord. The heart is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of wisdom, where God's wisdom enters and enlightens and refreshes our soul.

One of the questions that arises in our hearts as disciples of Jesus is the question posed by Peter to Jesus in today's Gospel: "What will there be for us?" Peter was speaking on behalf of the apostles who had left their former lives behind in order to follow Jesus. Our Lord responds that in the new age they will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Our Lord is foretelling their role as founders and leaders of the Church. But then Jesus gives a general promise that applies to all of us, to all His disciples: "everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life."

Sister Nancy's profession today reminds us of this promise of Jesus. Her renunciation of wealth through her vow of poverty, for example. The losses that the evangelical

counsels entail bring about the attainment of something infinitely greater – eternal life. Of course, it is impossible for us to achieve eternal life on our own; we must receive it as a gift from God, just as children receive what they lack from their parents. Jesus also proclaims in the Gospels that we must keep God's commandments in order to enter eternal life. We must live by both truths: accepting eternal life as God's gift to us while striving to obey God's commands, loving and serving others, denying ourselves, and taking up our crosses to follow Jesus.

The evangelical counsels and the detachment they entail help us to receive the blessing Jesus promised: eternal life. Sister Nancy's perpetual profession today and her consecrated life as a hermit not only help her to receive this blessing, they help us and others to set our sights on this ultimate goal of discipleship. And I would add: Sister Nancy's prayers and sacrifices for the Church, especially for our priests, are a beautiful gift and help all of us to live our vocations and ultimately inherit eternal life. As Sister Nancy prays so often for us, we pray today especially for her. May the Lord bless her with His grace, wisdom, and love! May He help her, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be faithful to her vows. Living as a hermit, may she never feel alone, but always know the presence of the Lord and the accompaniment of the community of Jesus' disciples, the Church.

Sister Nancy, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Benedict, and all the holy hermits among the saints in heaven, intercede for you today and every day of your consecrated life in the Lord!

# 'You need the quiet to hear Him'

BY JODI MARLIN

## Fort Wayne woman professes perpetual vows to eremitical life

*"Only in a profoundly dark night do the stars brightly shine." — St. Benedict*

On the feast day of St. Benedict of Nursia, the founder of Western Monasticism, a Fort Wayne resident committed her future to his example of interior transformation by removing oneself from the world.

Sister Nancy Frentz professed perpetual vows of diocesan hermitage on July 11 at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, during a 6 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated by Father Mark Gurtner, Msgr. John Seltzer and Father Adam Schmitt, with the assistance of Deacon Eric Burgener. The intentional simplicity of the evening's event underscored the lifestyle to which Sister Frentz has ascribed.

It was in Subiaco, Italy, at the age of 17, that St. Benedict began his consecrated life and his life as a hermit, Bishop Rhoades told those in attendance. Later, many would follow him; he would found monasteries with communities of monks at Subiaco, and later at Monte Cassino.

"I remember visiting the monastery in Subiaco that was built around the original cave where Saint Benedict lived for three years as a hermit," he said. Over the door of the entrance courtyard of the monastery is an inscription in Latin, which translated reads: 'If you searched for the light, Benedict, why did you chose a dark cave? A cave doesn't offer the light you desire. Why have you gone to darkness to seek radiant light?'

The answer is inscribed: 'Only in a profoundly dark night do the stars brightly shine.'

During those three years Benedict was transformed through his prayer in solitude, Bishop Rhoades continued. He grew in wisdom and holiness through the Holy Spirit's action in his soul. While Sister Frentz will not live her eremitical life in a cold, damp cave, he noted, she will spend most of her day in prayerful solitude to allow the Holy Spirit to act in her soul.

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**Sister Nancy Frentz prays during the litany of the Mass on the feast of St. Benedict who was himself, a hermit.**

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Sister Frentz came to Catholicism at the age of 41. While fulfilling her roles as a mother and grandmother, she grew in the Faith; even exploring religious life, but discerning that it was not her calling. She also spent several years as a sort of assistant — called an "extern" — for another woman who had

taken eremitical vows.

Now a great-grandmother, Sister Frentz said she has come into a great appreciation for quiet and silence as the best medium through which to hear the Lord speak and express His will for our lives. It was during such moments that she determined

Jesus was asking her to spend the remaining years of her life in a lifestyle with which she was already somewhat familiar.

Sister Frentz acquires the title of "Sister" as an outward reflection of this life. Her new Rule of Life dictates that the majority of her time will be spent in

prayer and reflection, including prayers for priests, the sick and dying, and for the holy souls in Purgatory. She will, however, also engage in limited forays outside of the place she calls home, receive news and information as she wishes; and engage in occasional communication by phone or Internet.

In the Old Testament reading for St. Benedict's feast day, from the book of Wisdom, Sister Frentz, members of her family and friends heard sage advice about the search for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, which is like searching for a treasure.

"This search is important in our life, whatever our particular vocation," said Bishop Rhoades. "Yet, the hermit's search is a witness to all of us where we will truly find wisdom since, as Proverbs teaches: 'It is the Lord who gives wisdom. A person's heart must be in the right place. The heart is the place of encounter, the place of covenant. It is where God speaks to us.'

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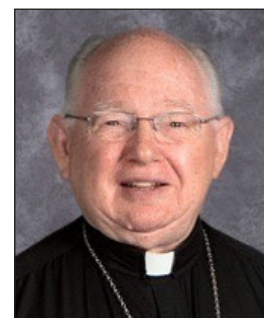


## Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Thursday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Saturday, August 6, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at Saint Monica Church, Mishawaka

## Father Robert Epping elected Superior General

In an announcement from Rome, Holy Cross Father Robert Epping has been elected as the 13th Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross.



Father Robert Epping, CSC

The chapter delegates met on July 18 in a morning of prayer and reflection and a Votive Mass of the

Holy Spirit in preparation for the election of the Superior General. Father Epping has served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 1985 when he was appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish in South Bend and served there until his appointment as Assistant Provincial for the Indiana Province in 1994. In 2013, after nine years as pastor in Colorado Springs, Epping was assigned to Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend. He continues to serve as pastor of Holy Cross Parish.

## I-CAN Action Alert

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Now is the moment to contact your members of Congress to urge them to enact the Conscience Protection Act of 2016 (H.R. 4828/S. 2927). The bill, now introduced in both chambers, contains the policy of what in past years has been called the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA).

On June 21 we received the news that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared, contrary to the plain meaning of current federal law, that the state of California can continue forcing all health plans under its jurisdiction to cover elective abortions.

The California Department of Managed Health Care began requiring health plans to cover abortion in 2014. This action prompted religious employers in California that offer group health plans to their employees to lodge an objection with HHS. On June 21, HHS sent the State and the objecting sponsors a letter stating that HHS refuses to take any action because the insurance companies have no moral or religious objection to abortion coverage.

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## Father Danney Pinto retires after 55 years

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

Father Danney Pinto retired on July 18 after 55 years as a priest. He has served as pastor at St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco, and Immaculate Conception Church of Ege. He originally came to the United States to serve for three years upon the request of the late Bishop John M. D'Arcy, but is retiring after staying for 20 years.

Father Pinto said that while he said it is "very rare" to serve two churches, he has loved the people he has gotten to know. "I will miss serving the people," he said.

Born in 1938, Father Pinto grew up in Sri Lanka and traveled to England to complete his studies for priesthood. He became a priest in 1963 and before coming to his last assignment in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Father Pinto traveled and served in numerous parts of the world.

Father Pinto spent time in Italy, Israel and Jerusalem. "I know my Scriptures well because I stayed there one year," he said of the Holy Land. Father Pinto also knew Blessed Mother Teresa very well, helping her to found a Home of Compassion in Nagoda, Kalutara, Sri Lanka. "I had a very good companion to work with," he said fondly of Mother Teresa. "I knew her personally for three years. She was in my parish. She was in one rectory and I in another rectory."

In 1995, Father Pinto moved to the United States and was assigned to two parishes. While at St. John Bosco and Immaculate Conception, he personally conducted five Masses on Sunday all by himself.



Two open houses were held at both parishes in honor of Father Danney Pinto. The celebration at Immaculate Conception, Ege, took place on July 10, and the farewell party took place at St. John Bosco, Churubusco, on July 17.



Father Danney Pinto retired July 18 from serving at St. John Bosco Church, Churubusco, and Immaculate Conception Church of Ege for the past 20 years.

During his tenure, he made improvements to the buildings with room additions and upgrades to the rectory. He also helped to implement upgrades to the sanctuaries with a marble

altar and floor.

Parishioners fondly recall Father Pinto's sense of humor. "Father would love to speak his native language to our children, who looked at him with wild eyes as if they understood what he was saying," stated Deb Humphries, assistant to the DRE.

"I always loved how Father Pinto made the faith come alive with stories of his travels to Jerusalem and the Holy Land," stated parish council member Toni Folds. "It helped to put into context the stories of the Gospels and the places where Jesus traveled because Father would explain it from his own travels."

His retirement plans include moving back to Sri Lanka. "The Bishop there wants me back," he said of his diocese in Sri Lanka, where he still has family — a brother and sister.

"Once I move back, I will serve the people again," he said, adding he gets great satisfaction from meeting the poor people and helping them.

## Join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on a pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions

The trip will take place July 7-July 16, 2017

### The itinerary includes:

July 7: Depart USA for Madrid.

July 8: Arrive in Madrid and travel to Avila, the birthplace of St. Teresa of Jesus and the beginning of her reform of the Carmelites. Dinner and overnight in Avila.

July 9: Full day in Avila with visits to the Carmelite monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa's religious life began, and St. Joseph's Monastery. Dinner and overnight in Avila.

July 10: Full day in Segovia with visits to the majestic Cathedral and the Monastery and Tomb of St. John of the Cross. Overnight in Avila.

July 11: Depart Avila to visit Alba de Tormes. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, where St. Teresa died in 1582 and is buried. In the little museum of the Carmelite Monastery, see the incorrupt heart and left arm of the saint. Dinner and overnight hotel in Salamanca.

July 12: Tour of the historic city, depart Salamanca and travel to Coimbra and visit the Carmelite Convent, where Sister Lucia, seer of Fatima spent most of her life. Visit the museum which highlights her 88 year journey after the apparitions of Our Lady. Dinner and overnight at Fatima.

July 13: Celebrate the anniversary day in Fatima at the Mass with pilgrims from around the world. In the afternoon visit the homes of the children in Adjustral and the site of the August 19th apparition at Valinhos. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

July 14: Day in Fatima for prayer. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

July 15: Depart Fatima and visit the Church of the Eucharistic Miracle in Santarem, then continue on to Lisbon. Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

July 16: Depart Lisbon for USA.

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## Injunction placed on Indiana abortion law; Planned Parenthood closes site

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — A federal judge has put on hold an Indiana law that makes it illegal for women in the state to have an abortion solely based on the race, gender or disability of a fetus. Signed by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence March 24, the Dignity for the Unborn law was to have gone into effect July 1, but the day before U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Walton Pratt granted a preliminary injunction on enforcement of the law. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, or PPINK, had filed the request for the injunction. According to the U.S. District Court of Southern Indiana's document on the outcome, Pratt ruled in the petitioners' favor to place a preliminary injunction on the law while the organization pursues litigation challenging the constitutionality of three of its provisions: forbidding abortion based solely on a fetus' sex, race or disability; requiring abortion providers to inform clients of this law; and requiring the remains of an aborted fetus to be buried or cremated. In the document, Pratt states that the stay was granted because "PPINK is likely to succeed on the merits of its challenge to the anti-discrimination provisions because they directly contravene the principal established in *Roe v. Wade* that a state may not prohibit a woman from making the ultimate decision to have an abortion prior to fetal viability."

## Chaplains use faith, listening to help their flocks in summer of mistrust, fear

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The week had been emotionally draining at the predominantly black parish in Oakland, California. Along with the rest of the country, they had felt the weight of two more fatal shootings of black men by police. Then things got worse July 7 when a sniper opened fire and killed five police officers during a march in Dallas where people were protesting the fatal shootings. Two days later, Father Jayson Landeza, pastor of Oakland's St. Benedict Catholic Church, declared there would be no homilies during his Masses that weekend and instead allowed parishioners to do the talking during that time. What he and those gathered at St. Benedict's heard was sadness, pain, fear. "My voice was not important," said Father Landeza, a priest who finds himself in the middle of communities colliding with each other this summer. As national leaders call for unity and calm, particularly between black communities and law enforcement, it is up to chaplains like Father Landeza to shepherd their flocks

# NEWS BRIEFS

## An act of blind violence



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A woman cries July 15 near the scene where a truck ran into a crowd celebrating the Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing more than 80 people. Pope Francis condemned the July 14 attack, calling it an act of "blind violence."

### Statement by the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC)

## A Call to Prayer and Action

BALTIMORE — The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) joins the nation in mourning over the tragedies in Baton Rouge, the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area, and Dallas. As we commend to the Lord those who have died, we pray for the consolation of all who are grieving.

It is important for Black Catholics to contribute to the ongoing national conversation about the underlying issues which have existed for too long. These issues include racism, inequality, poverty, and violence. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we must be signs of God's love which promotes justice. Justice promotes right relationships, which includes upholding the dignity of human life.

The NBCC invites Black Catholics and all people of good will to join in a time of prayer and action. We believe in the power of prayer. We also believe that we must cooperate with how God will answer our prayers.

through this tense summer of mistrust and fear of one another. "Everyone is going to their corners," said Father Landeza.

## U.S. House members vote to pass Conscience Protection Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a bipartisan 245-182 vote, House members July 13 passed the Conscience Protection Act, which would provide legal protection to doctors, nurses, hospitals and all health care providers who choose not to provide abortions as part of their health care practice. "We're grateful to House Speaker Paul

Ryan for bringing the Conscience Protection Act to a vote, to all the co-sponsors for their leadership, and to those members of both parties who support the civil right of conscience," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore in a statement. The cardinal is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the archbishop heads their Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. "Even those who disagree on the life issue should be able to respect the conscience rights of those who wish not to be involved in supporting abortion," they said.

Hence, the NBCC asks you to join us in offering this prayer from Monday, July 18 to Monday, Aug. 15:

*O God, who gave one origin to all peoples and willed to gather from them one family for yourself, fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love and kindle in them a desire for the just advancement of their neighbor, that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all, each human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equity and justice may be established in human society.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

— *Collect, Votive Mass for the Progress of Peoples, The Roman Missal*

## Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate 50 years of human rights advocacy

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) -- The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrated 50 years of advocating for the dignity of the human person, made in the image of God, with a July 9-12 conference in Orlando. Over 700 individuals participated in the four-day conference, including college students who attend schools operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, lay ministers, volunteers, and members and associates of the 16 communities of sisters. The federation includes

the sisters in all the Sisters of St. Joseph congregations in the United States who claim a common origin in the foundation of the religious order at Le Puy, France, in 1650. In the U.S. there are 4,465 sisters, 2,919 associates and 16 congregations. Officials of the federation say it seeks to be an influence for positive change in the world while the sisters live out their vocation in their everyday ministries. A major commitment of the Sisters of St. Joseph is to improve the lives of survivors of human trafficking -- a work that began five years ago in St. Louis. Florida is listed as third in the United States in human trafficking, behind New York and California. The theme for this year's conference was, "Our Emerging Story of Being ONE ? God's Love Unfolding," reflecting the sisters' charism: to love God and to love their "dear neighbor."

## California Catholic bishops back initiative to abolish death penalty

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The California Catholic bishops announced their support July 14 for Proposition 62, a voter initiative on the November ballot that would repeal the death penalty. The bishops timed their statement to coincide with the launch of the "Yes on 62" campaign that took place at a Los Angeles news conference. Speakers there included former death penalty advocates, victims' families, law enforcement officials, faith leaders and wrongfully convicted former death-row prisoners. "During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we, the Catholic bishops of California, support Proposition 62 which would end the use of the death penalty in California," the bishops said in their statement. Proposition 62 — called "The Justice That Works Initiative" by its authors — would replace the death penalty with a sentence of life without the possibility of parole and would require convicted murderers to work and pay restitution to their victims' families. The bishops also announced their opposition to Proposition 66, also on the November ballot, which would expedite executions in California. "All life is sacred — innocent or flawed — just as Jesus Christ taught us and demonstrated repeatedly throughout his ministry. ... Each of us holds an inherent worth derived from being created in God's own image. Each of us has a duty to love this divine image imprinted on every person," the statement said. If approved by voters, California would become the 20th state to ban the death penalty.



# Living the Year of Mercy

## Bear Wrongs Patiently



Photo by Phoebe Muthart

Pictured are Michael Rody, left, and Mark Griffin outside the Elkhart County Jail. The men attend St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Bristol and volunteer for the new jail ministry that has been formed.



Vince LaBarbera

Officer Tom Gannon, a six-year veteran of the Allen County Sheriff's Department, speaks to a motorist about an infraction. The dictionary defines "patiently" as bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint, manifesting forbearance under provocation or strain, steadfast despite opposition, difficulty or adversity. In other words, if we think we are wronged — for whatever reason — we are not to strike back or complain, but remain calm and do our duty. This applies to both the officer and the motorist.

**What Works of Mercy are visible in your parish? Send photos to [editor@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:editor@diocesefwsb.org).**



## New jail ministry forms in Elkhart County

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

A new jail ministry team has been formed to visit the Elkhart County Jail. Three men have been approved to visit inmates according to Mark Griffin who leads the group of volunteers that include Tom Guthrie, Rick Allen and Michael Rody. The men are from St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Bristol and they hope to reach the Catholic inmates.

"There hasn't been a Catholic presence in the county jail," Griffin said. "We are in the process of forming that presence."

Griffin has been going into the jail for a little over four years. He is the advisor to a Toastmasters

Gavel Club at the jail, where he works with inmates to develop public speaking skills and confidence. This ministry was started by the River Oaks Community Church in Elkhart.

"Through this, I developed a relationship with Cory Martin, who is a full-time chaplain responsible for the Elkhart Jail Ministry. He is located in the jail and funded by several local churches. Cory and I discussed the absence of a Catholic presence. Cory has also stated that they are receiving requests for Catholic Bibles," said Griffin.

There are a number of volunteer chaplains that work directly with Cory Martin to do many of these things. They also do Baptisms, book studies,

after-incarceration programs, recovery programs and educational programs. Much of this is accomplished by leveraging the next layer of volunteers. The volunteers will work with any inmate, but until now, none were Catholic. St. Mary's now has four men approved to go into the jail and work directly with inmates.

"We would welcome any to join us as we develop a presence by leveraging existing programs and looking for needs and opportunities. There are opportunities outside the jail, such as pen pals, working with those recently released, and supporting families of the incarcerated," said Griffin.

To work inside the jail, volunteers need to attend a training and orientation session and pass

a background check. A request for Bibles was submitted and Saint Mary of the Annunciation agreed to donate the first case.

The Sacraments are being considered, said Griffin, and Mass and Communion may be offered in the future.

"The work in this area is just starting. We are discussing the requirements of the church and of the jail to determine the appropriate process to administer these sacraments. Our volunteers have been to the jail with other groups to understand the system, to take the first step establishing contact with those incarcerated," said Griffin.

Michael Rody, who just retired, said he's been thinking about working with prisoners

for some time. He referenced the Corporal Works of Mercy "Visit the Prisoner" as the inspiration for his decision.

"I thought, 'I've never done that one,'" he said. Since visiting the jail, Rody said inmates have opened up to him.

The partnership doesn't end there. Some, said Griffin, stay in touch after getting released to share life's updates and successes.

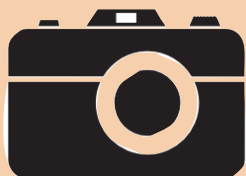
"It's about accountability," said Rody. "It is very important." "There are some (inmates) you develop an attachment to," added Griffin. "We are here to support them even past jail time."

To volunteer or donate Catholic Bibles, call the church at 574-848-4305.

**Year of Mercy day 229**

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— *Str 2:11*



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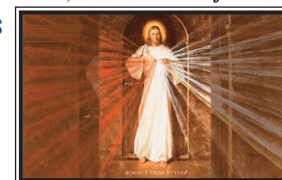


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## Grand opening for downtown USF location with dedication and celebration

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis invites the community to the grand opening celebration Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the new USF downtown facilities. Several events are scheduled throughout the day to officially open the education spaces.

The grand opening events include the Business Center Blessing and Ribbon Cutting at 9:30 a.m.; an open house and block party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festive block party will feature music and food trucks over the lunch hour. A reception will be at 5 p.m.

Visitors can tour the USF Business Center at 826 Ewing St. which is now the home for the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. This facility also houses the university's META (Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts) program and the Risk Management and Insurance program. Students in these programs have greater opportunity to interact and learn from nearby business leaders in the new downtown setting.

At 431 W. Berry Street, visitors can tour the Music Technology Center, which features state-of-the-art audio engineering equipment, along with innovative performance spaces and recording studios. USF students will study and learn in studios designed with help from professionals employed by music industry leader, Sweetwater. The partnership benefits students as well as USF graduates who frequently become Sweetwater employees.

The USF Downtown project has been designated an official Bicentennial Legacy project as part of Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration.

"We are excited that students will be walking these halls this fall," said USF President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF. "It is fitting that these spaces that hold historic value transform to learning spaces for future leaders."

## Spiritual renewal offered for those who have experienced abortion loss

FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND — Spiritual renewal after an abortion loss is an important step to take for the mother and the father. If you have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and yet cannot forgive yourself; suffer from carrying a secret that keeps you in isolation and fearful of conversations or are tired of carrying the burden of guilt and shame, there is great hope and promise for you. You are not alone, others can help.

A Haven for Healing is a ministry that is receiving new

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## VBS program celebrates Divine Mercy in Year of Mercy



Provided by Jackie Oberhausen

Our Lady of Good Hope's Vacation Bible School "Living the Year of Mercy" celebrated the message of Mercy given to St. Faustina by Jesus with over 240 children, including participants and youth helpers. The children learned The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the need to recognize that Jesus has an ocean of Mercy to give to all those who ask and willingly receive it. They also learned the need to pray for the eyes of Christ in order to see those in need of their mercy and then learned ways to share that mercy through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Among many of the activities, over 140 sack lunches were prepared by the children and delivered to the The Ave Maria House to be distributed to the hungry. The event concluded with a Divine Mercy Procession led by Sts. Faustina (Isabel Kern), John Paul II (Ben Kuurtzweg) Martin of Tours (Seminarian Jonathon Evangelista) and Blessed Mother Teresa (Mary Kate Zehr). During the procession the children carried helium balloons with their written prayer intentions while singing and then praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At the conclusion of the prayer, they released their "prayer balloons" to heaven.

participants in August, 2016. Those in South Bend can call 574-514-7471 or email [ahavenforhealing@gmail.com](mailto:ahavenforhealing@gmail.com) or visit [www.ahavenforhealing.com](http://www.ahavenforhealing.com). In Fort Wayne, contact Divine Mercy Ministry at 260-445-8119 or [mary@divinemercy.com](mailto:mary@divinemercy.com)

## USF presenting Drum Corps International competition

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts will host the Drum Corps International Open Class Invitational on Tuesday, August 2, at 7 p.m. in Bishop John D'Arcy Stadium on campus.

This is USF's first Open Class DCI Invitational and it will feature several talented drum corps including: 7th Regiment; Blue Devils B; Legends; Les Stentors; Music City, Raiders; and Spartans. Gates will open for the event

at 4:45 p.m. with the competition starting at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for premium seating and \$12 for super seating. A group rate of \$10 per ticket is available for groups of 20. Contact the DCI box office at 317-275-1212 or online at [dci.org](http://dci.org).

## Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace visits diocese

To celebrate the upcoming, 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, the World Apostolate of Fatima FW-SB Division will host the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace August 14-17. The World-Famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will begin the tour in Elkhart, then Decatur, Warsaw and ending in Mishawaka.

This remarkable statue was sculpted by Jose Thedim, based on the description of Sister Lucia.

On Oct. 13, 1947, the image was blessed by the Bishop of Liera at Fatima and commissioned to serve as the International Pilgrim Virgin who would carry the blessings of Fatima throughout the world.

This statue has visited more than 100 countries and is now bringing God's graces to our country and soon our diocese.

The statue will be visiting the following parishes:

- Sunday, Aug. 14, St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart from 5:30-8 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 15, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, Sacred Heart, Warsaw from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17, Queen of Peace, Mishawaka
- Saturday, Oct. 1, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, 7:30 a.m. to noon, World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Mass and Breakfast; St. Patrick Parish, 4:30-8 p.m.

## Prayer vigil planned at Memorial for the Unborn

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life and the pro-life community will gather in prayer to memorialize the over 35,000 lives lost to abortion since 1973.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the pro-life community, family, and friends will gather for a prayer vigil, Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. at 2004 Ironwood Circle.

Contact 574-232-LIFE for information or to RSVP.

## John Michael Talbot coming to St. Anthony de Padua

SOUTH BEND — Christian music legend, best-selling author and TV host, John Michael Talbot, will offer two evenings of music, healing and hope, on Oct. 11-12, at St. Anthony de Padua Church located at 2114 E. Jefferson Blvd. Both evenings begin at 7 p.m. For more information please contact the parish office at 574-282-2308. Tickets are not required. A Love Offering will be received to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

Talbot's ministry began over 35 years ago with a vision. "God gave me a vision of itinerant ministry walking on foot from parish to parish in a time of great need in our culture. I believe that our current ministry is fulfilling that vision. We are rebuilding the church one parish at a time, and renewing hearts one life at a time!"

John Michael Talbot is one of the pioneering artists of what has become known as Contemporary Christian Music. He is recognized as Catholic music's most popular artist with platinum sales and compositions published in hymnals throughout the world. He is currently recording his 55th album due for release this Fall, 2016.

Today, John Michael Talbot is one of the most active evangelists traveling throughout the world inspiring and renewing the faith of Christians of all denominations through sacred music, inspired teaching and motivational speaking.

## ZEAL registration open

WARSAW — Registration is now open for ZEAL which is taking place Saturday, Aug. 27, at Lakeview Middle School, Warsaw. The day includes Mass, the keynote with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades titled "The Mercy of God," and workshops to help you learn how you can faithfully live out the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in its final month and beyond. More information is available at [www.zealsummit.com](http://www.zealsummit.com).

# Celebrating Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin with first class relics

BY JENNIFER MILLER

**SOUTH BEND** — Celebrating a first feast day of new Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin is a special occasion. But doing so with first-class relics of the first ever-canonized married couple on their wedding anniversary adds a special blessing to an important event.

St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, honored Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin on July 16 and 17, but their first feast day was actually July 12. They are the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patroness of the parish. The couple was canonized in October 2015, the first time that a married couple has been canonized together as husband and wife.

Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor, spoke with excitement, "We see a beautiful example of holiness lived in marriage and family life.

We pray too as a parish family to be a holy family."

"Louis and Zelig wrote nearly 300 letters to family and friends that we can read today. Nearly all of these letters mention their faith — going to Mass, praying to the saints, going on retreat or adoration. It is their constant. Nothing was more important but following Christ, following their faith. You couldn't meet them and not know about their faith," he explained.

The feast day celebration began with Mass, with the relics of the couple present in front of

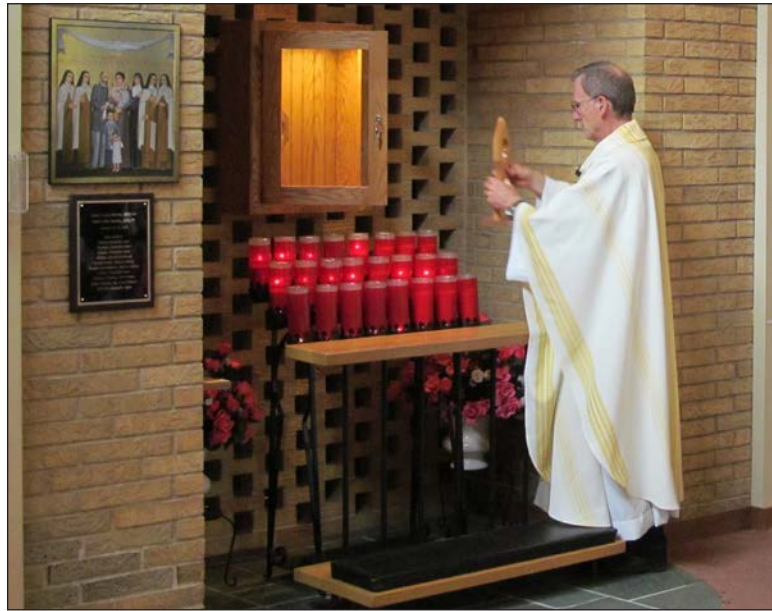
the altar, surrounded by roses. The two relics are encased in the same glass container, highlighting the fact of their unity through the sacrament of marriage and canonization together as a couple. Father Shoemaker highlighted Biblical examples from the readings in his homily, describing them as features of family life. He reminded the faithful that the Martin family experienced and lived this, as well as heartache and great happiness, serving as a model for families today.

"They went through so many struggles together, truly a family that knew the ups and downs of family life. Yet their faith was there and carried them through." From suffering from breast cancer

to losing four children as infants and not able to nurse the other children, the Martins lived through real difficulties of parenting. The couple also ran a lace business in their home, survived occupation of

their home by foreign troops and a war in France, all while raising their five daughters. All became religious and St. Therese of Lisieux, the youngest, is a saint and Doctor of the Church.

A full procession installing the relics followed Mass, after Father blessed the faithful with them. As a litany of the Martin's virtues was sung, Father Shoemaker incensed the relics and people of all ages came together to kneel and pray, asking the new saints intercession in the reliquary chapel space. A beautiful icon of the entire



Photos by Jennifer Miller

**Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor, installs the relics of Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin in the new reliquary, next to those of St. Therese, their daughter. All are welcome to come and pray for families with their family.**

Martin family and a plaque with their names and dates now hangs on the side of the chapel. The parish's relics of St. Therese were moved there, next to her parents.

A wonderful, welcoming 19th century French wedding reception then followed in the parish center. Parishioners dressed in period costume greeted guests. A hand painted sign surrounded by red roses set the scene of the Martin's 1858 wedding. A large plaster and lace 5-tiered cake surround by presents set the mood as a dramatic recreation of the wedding of the saints was performed. All of one's senses were employed in transporting the faithful to Alscon, France.



**Little Flower parishioners offer a dramatic recreation of the wedding of Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin on July 12th, 1858.**

sion of the chicken dance.

Delicious wedding cake was then served to all by Father Shoemaker himself. Linda Molenda, captain of the food committee, organized the beverages and helped frost the Martin's initials over 45 sheet cakes for the reception. Blessed medals of Sts. Louis and Zelig were given as well as special holy cards of the three Martin saints. Lastly a special family prayer book written and created by parishioner Martha Ortega was distributed.

Parishioners Elizabeth and Randy Styles greatly enjoyed the event. "This is something that solidifies the sanctity of marriage and it is so nice to have their great example. We noticed a neat change in our parish family too. These events help our community expand — new, young families, join and our youth and adults are active again."

"The parish has taken to the parents of St. Therese, Little Flower and is falling in love with Sts. Louie and Zelig Martin," Father Tom Shoemaker stated. "One newly baptized baby in our parish was even just named Charlotte Zelig in her honor."

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## Ancilla College blesses residence hall, student life center and dining hall



Provided by Amanda Petrucelli

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses Ancilla College's second residence hall, the dining hall and student life Center Monday, July 18. A large crowd welcomed the Bishop Monday as he blessed Ancilla College's second residence hall, the dining hall and student life Center Monday, July 18. School staff and supporters unveiled the new buildings' names and community members were treated to refreshments and tours of the buildings after the ceremony. Under the direction of President Dr. Ken Zirkle, the school has added many academic programs, including agriculture, sports management and more as well as doubling its athletic team offerings, including bowling, wrestling and lacrosse. The private Catholic college in Donaldson, near Plymouth, is home to nearly 600 students each year. Traditionally a two-year commuter college, Ancilla opened its first residence hall in the fall of 2015 to monumental response requiring the school to build a second hall.

## Natural Family Planning awareness week begins

Natural Family Planning: Love, Mercy, Life — Opening the Heart of Marriage is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote methods of Natural Family Planning. NFP is an umbrella term for the safe, natural, effective and morally sound methods of both achieving and avoiding pregnancy. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the signs of fertility that naturally occur in a woman's body. If you would like to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in the diocese and to see a current schedule of classes, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Natural-Family-Planning) or call 574-234-0687.

Don't have time to attend a class? Learn NFP in the comfort of your home by contacting one of the NFP providers listed at [www.usccb.org/nfp/nfp-distance-learning.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/nfp/nfp-distance-learning.cfm). The Catholic Church invites all husbands and wives to embrace God's plan for married love. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370).

Learn more about the beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching>.

## American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals (AAFCP) 35th annual meeting

On July 27-30, the Saint Joseph FertilityCare Center will host hundreds of medical and allied health professionals from around the world who teach and promote the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY during the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals (AAFCP) 35th Annual Meeting. The conference's focus, "A Higher Degree of Life and Love: Innovation in Women's Health through FertilityCare and NaProTECHNOLOGY," promises to deliver the latest advances in women's health from some of the industry's most regarded medical professionals. The conference will be held at the Morris Inn on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. For more information, visit [www.aafcp.net/annualmeeting](http://www.aafcp.net/annualmeeting)

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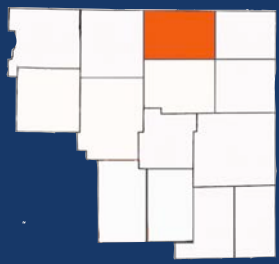


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# In MY diocese

Elkhart County

## Outreach valued at St. Vincent de Paul Parish

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — St. Vincent de Paul Parish has been reaching out to others beyond the parish by sending mission teams to establish Christ Renews His Parish programs; by sponsoring a sister city parish in Haiti and Father Matthew Coonan, pastor, wants to find ways to outreach more in the community.

### History

St. Vincent de Paul is the second oldest church in Elkhart County. It was formally organized on March 8, 1868 by Rev. A.B. Oechering of St. Joseph in Mishawaka who came twice a month to celebrate Mass. Twenty Catholic families pledged about \$1,000 and chose St. Vincent de Paul as their patron.

St. Vincent's has always been proud of its diversity and 'immigrant congregation.' The majority of its first members were German and Irish and in the early years sermons were given in German and English. Around the year 1900 large numbers of Italian families moved into the area and soon Italian was often heard around the church grounds. Today, the Hispanic community has brought a new language and culture to St. Vincent's.

The first church was built south of the present day school and the first Mass was celebrated on July 18, 1869. That building was used as a church until 1888 and then as instructional space until 1909. By the mid 1880's the parish had outgrown its facilities and required a larger worship space. The pastor at the time, Father William Kroeger, contracted a Chicago architect, Adolphus Druiding, to design the new church. He chose the then popular Gothic Revival Style. Fourteen of the original fifteen stained glass windows remain in the building today.

### Small Faith Groups

St. Vincent's currently has numerous small faith groups in both English and Spanish, including a Rekindle the Fire for men in Spanish and a similar program for women, which meets twice a month. There are strong Spanish charismatic groups that meet and hold



Photos by Denise Fedorow

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is located at 1108 S. Main St., Elkhart. The parish can be reached at 574-293-8231 or visit [www.svcelkhart.org](http://www.svcelkhart.org).

monthly one-day retreats.

For the English community, a Daughters of Isabella group has been growing. "Their focus is on social justice and promoting life," Father Coonan said. The Altar Rosary Society is also strong.

The Knights of Columbus is combined with St. Thomas Parish for one city-wide group but at St. Vincent's, the members prepare Thanksgiving baskets and hold spaghetti dinners.

Christ Renews His Parish is currently being held only in Spanish but St. Vincent's is preparing to send another mission team to a church in LaPorte. St. Vincent's previously sent mission teams to start the program in Goshen, Ligonier and Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend.

Father Coonan said the RCIA program and religious education programs are both "incredibly strong. We have a lot of amazing volunteers. We offer high quality RCIA and faith formation and religious education in English and in addition, in Spanish there is tremendous charismatic growth which is creating lots of conversions, marriages getting blessed and children receiving the sacraments."

### By the numbers

There are 2,400 registered families in the parish. Seventy-five percent of the parish is Hispanic, although many are second and third generation and attend Mass in English. There are a total of seven weekend Masses — one in each language on Saturdays and three English Masses and two Spanish Masses on Sundays.

Per year the priests average 200 Baptisms, 35 weddings and more than 20 Quinceneras — many of which occur in the summer months. This year 120 members were confirmed and 145 received first Communion. There are over 600 children in religious education.

Despite the large Hispanic population Father Matthew said, "I think it's a misnomer to say St. Vincent's is a Spanish parish — what we do is serve whoever comes to us."

He said at the request of Hispanic family members he adds English into the Homilies at the Spanish Masses.

"You should see all the heads snap to attention," Father



Parochial Vicar Father Zach Barry, left and Father Matt Coonan, pastor, steer the ship that is St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Zach said.

They said both cultures are mutually blessed by the presence of the other and more interaction between the two cultures at events like the parish festival has helped to bring them closer. Father Coonan said sometimes a language barrier can make things uncomfortable but "everybody loves each other."

### School

St. Vincent's School was built in 1909 and this year they will be adding an eighth grade. School offices will be moved to the former convent still attached to the school. That space is currently used for religious education space and meetings, but there is more room to be utilized in that building.

"The morale at the school is the highest I've ever seen — our Principal Tara Lundy is amazing," Father Coonan said.

There are currently 150-155 students at the school and all of this year's seventh graders are planning to stay for eighth grade.

The pastor describes both the parish and school personnel as "phenomenal" and said because they have such an excellent staff it allows him and Parochial Vicar Zachary Barry to concentrate on sacramental preparation, administering sacraments and assisting with youth group and religious education.

### Future

St. Vincent's is gearing up to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2018 and plan to beautify the church with input from parishioners. Plans call for side altars for Mary and Joseph and a glass-walled quiet room in the back of the church. Also planned is a church history.

As part of the 150th anniversary parishioners want to help their sister parish in Baint, Haiti, rebuild a chapel. Father Barry said they've had a relationship with this sister parish of St. Peter's for well over a decade and their chapels were destroyed in the 2010 earthquakes so as a special part of the anniversary celebration, a new chapel will be rebuilt.

An area of growth that Father Coonan feels the parish is ready for is outreach to the local community. The church is located in an impoverished neighborhood so he said one way to do so would be in a charitable manner through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"That would be one way to be a light. Our Holy Father Pope Francis encourages us to foster more of that type of reaching out," he said.

He also envisions having an event or program where people in the neighborhood would feel comfortable being invited.

"We don't force conversion but we want to invite," he said. "That's my responsibility as a pastor. I'm responsible for those souls and it's not something I take lightly. I feel it's something the Lord wants me to do."

# St. Mary of the Annunciation enjoys fellowship activities

BY DENISE FEDOROW

BRISTOL — Father Robert ‘Bob’ VanKempen, pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol, said he likes to plan things at the parish that people can be invited to — whether that’s the parish community or larger community.

Father VanKempen works with several different committees to plan and carry out such programs at the active Elkhart county church.

## History

St. Mary’s was a mission church of St. John the Evangelist, Goshen. In 1971, Father Herman Miller of St. John’s purchased an old barn and plot of land with a house. The barn was renovated with the assistance of St. John’s parishioners and Mass was first said in the basement of the barn while the church was being built. Later, priests from St. Vincent’s tended to the Bristol parish until a priest could be found and appointed to St. Mary’s.

St. Mary’s will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in August. The cornerstone says 1942 but the parish was formed in 1941. The current church building was erected in 1978. Father VanKempen recalled a tidbit about church history from when the original church was no longer needed. He said the old church was built close to the front so the Bristol fire department was allowed to burn the building as a training practice. Luckily, before it was burned down, a parishioner found the old bell and some statues hidden in nooks of the building.

Last year they put up a new bell tower for the old bell and carillon from the original church and began ringing the bells on the hour from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Photos by Denise Fedorow

St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol. The bell in the bell tower is from the original church building. Annunciation Hall is to the left of the photo where many parish functions take place.



The altar at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol. The altar furniture was recently changed and blessed by Bishop Kevin Rhoades in June.

When asked how the community reacted to the ringing of the bells, Father VanKempen admitted there were two complaints — that the bells weren’t loud enough.

“Everyone’s been very supportive; they love it and the sound carries across the river,” he said.

Father VanKempen, who has been at St. Mary’s for 12 years, said that the adoration chapel has been “very positive for the parish.” Some members of St.



This Mary memorial garden at St. Mary’s in Bristol has a memorial wall with names of parishioner’s and family members. It’s a serene place to reflect and pray.

John the Evangelist church help to cover hours that the chapel is open — 1 p.m. Sunday through midnight on Thursday.

St. Mary’s is the only church in the county that doesn’t have a school so thirteen families in the parish attend schools at the other churches. An education center was built to hold CCD classes, Bible studies and other meetings. Father VanKempen said there are 300 children in the CCD program.

Currently St. Mary’s has about 750 registered families and are starting to draw more from the Hispanic community. The congregation is made up of people not only from Bristol, but also from Middlebury, Lagrange, South Bend and Lower Michigan — and even some families from Goshen and Elkhart. There are a lot of young families at St. Mary’s.

The parish lost their longtime parish secretary and book-keeper and director of religious education Pat Cortas, when she passed away last year.

“She was the rock of the parish,” Father VanKempen said.

## Ministries and Special Events

St. Mary’s is a very active parish and has several Bible studies, a book club, scripture study, a good choir, YDisciple for youth, Knights of Columbus and an Altar Rosary Society.

The Altar Rosary Society hosts a rummage sale during Bristol’s summer festival and a holiday bazaar along with other churches in town. Their Winter Wonderland Bazaar has been popular.

Knights of Columbus host a pancake and sausage breakfast the first Sunday of every month and a blood drive in July and December.

Love and Blessings is a small gift store located in at St. Mary’s. It is open after Masses.

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## St. Thomas the Apostle the 'youngest' church in Elkhart county

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — Father Jason Freiburger, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart since 2013, said St. Thomas has been mostly identified for its school since the school and church building were combined for the parish's early years.

St. Thomas was a mission church of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart. As the numbers of Catholics grew, there was a need for an additional church. In 1949 St. Thomas parish was founded and Mass was celebrated in what is now referred to as "the old gym". Bishop Noll blessed and dedicated the school and church on June 4, 1950.

The current church was built and dedicated in June, 1964. It wasn't until two years later that the beautiful mosaic behind the altar, crafted of Venetian glass by artisans in Italy, was revealed.

Father James Elliott was the first pastor and remained pastor for nearly half of the parish's history — 29 years. He left St. Thomas in the summer of 1978. Another of St. Thomas' pastors — Father Bill Sullivan was also at the parish for 14 years. Father Jason Frieburger replaced Father Sullivan. In total St. Thomas has only had seven pastors in its history.



Photos by Denise Fedorow

**Outside view of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart. St. Thomas is the newest Catholic church in the county.**

### School

St. Thomas the Apostle School added 5th and 6th grades in 1951 and 7th and 8th grades in 1952. For many years St. Thomas was the only Catholic School that offered classes up to 8th grade. The school underwent building additions and renovations in 1953, 1957, 1959, 1980, 1999 and 2008.

Last school year there were 284 students that included the largest graduating class. Last year was also the first year they

had a pre-school for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds.

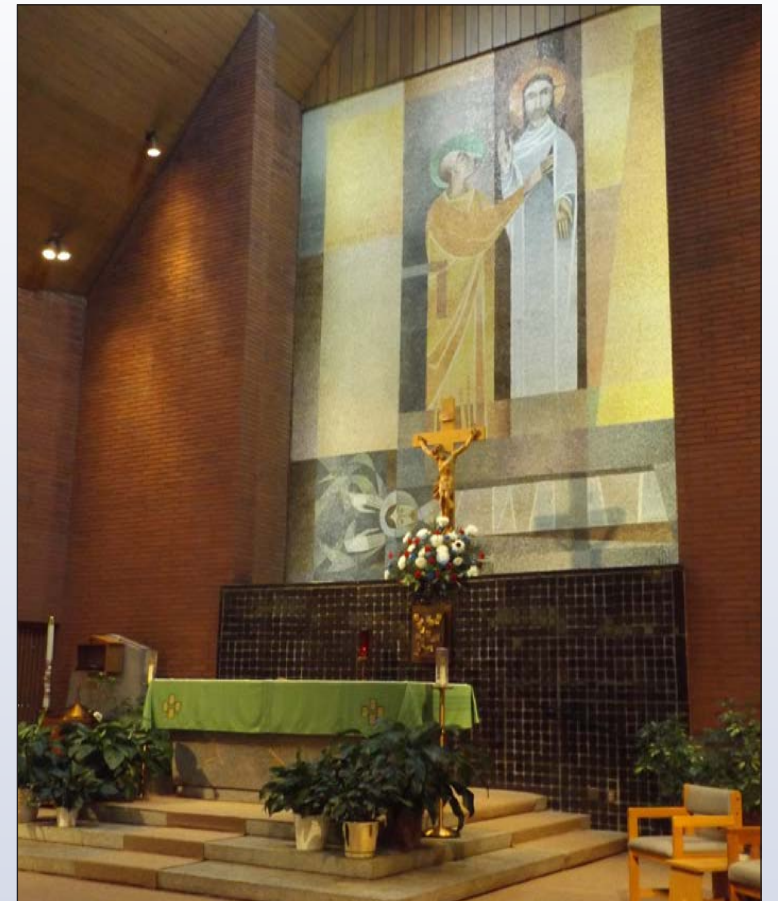
The school has been in transition in recent years as there have been three different principals in four years. He said the school has been very blessed to have a generous benefactor — a former St. Thomas student who became very successful and willed a legacy to be used directly for the benefit of St. Thomas students. His wishes were for the majority of those funds to be used for science and the arts.

The school held its first auction last year and raised \$60,000. The funds raised will be used for new playground equipment, which will be installed in late summer. Funds will also be used for technology in the school — including individual computers for students in grades 6-8 to use in Science and Spanish classes.

Another blessing for the school, according to Father Freiburger, is that most of the teachers are willing to stay after school for tutoring.

St. Thomas has both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The eighth graders take an annual trip to Washington, D.C. and raise funds for that trip.

The school also hosts a mother/son dance and a daddy/



**The mosaic behind the altar at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart was made in Italy with Venetian glass and was set in place in panels.**

daughter dance each year.

Father Freiburger said the school has an excellent PTO group. "The parish support of the school is very generous."

### Ministries

For the young people there is a Young Vincentions group of 4th-8th graders. The Young Vincentions focus on volunteer work in the community.

Father Freiburger said the Women's Care Center is the main focus of the parish and school's volunteer and charitable works.

The pastor admits they need to strengthen the youth group at St. Thomas and are thinking of creative ways to engage more youth — one idea being tossed around is having a "Dead Theologians Society."

The young adult group, however, is "leading the initiative in Elkhart County." The group

meets along with young adults from other churches in the county.

For adults, there is a strong Altar Rosary Society with 30 active members. The men have a Sons of St. Joseph group, which meets once a month and is similar to Rekindle the Fire. Deacon Jim Fuchs leads the dozen or so men involved with the group and they share scripture and are currently reading Matthew Kelly's latest book.

There is still an active men's Schola group that provides music for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the third Sunday of Advent.

St. Thomas has a Christian Solitaire group for singles, whether due to death of a loved one or other reasons. They join together for days of reflection, celebrating the Eucharist and social activities. There's also a bereavement group to help those grieving to find consolation through Christ and others who understand. They meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month.

Throughout the year St. Thomas holds events like trivia nights, advent wreath making and other small group sessions.

St. Thomas has an adoration chapel that was originally built in 1999 in the parish center and moved to the church in 2007. It is open Monday through Thursday 3-9 p.m. and Fridays 3-7 p.m.



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# St. John the Evangelist 'Mother Church' of the county

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen was the first Catholic Church established in Elkhart County and one of the first in the diocese, as well as one of the first churches in the city of Goshen.

"St. John's rich history is one of the things that make the parish so special," said Reverend Anthony Steinacker, pastor of St. John's.

It's a vibrant parish with very active English and Spanish speaking communities and there's barely a time that the church and its facilities are not in use.

## History

In 1840, St. John's was made a mission church of St. Augustine in Fort Wayne (now the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception). From 1840-1860 it was served by Holy Cross Fathers Alex Granger and Edward Sorin from Notre Dame and Father Henry Schaefer from Avilla. Masses were celebrated in the old courthouse as well as private homes. In 1860, Father Schaefer organized the 30 families scattered around the county to build the first church.

In 1868 a parochial school opened in the church building where boards were placed over pews to serve as desks. The first school building was built later that year at a cost of \$500. In 1881 a second school was built and the Sisters of Holy Cross came to teach.

St. John's also built St. Henry's Catholic Church in Millersburg, which was dedicated by Bishop Dwenger in 1880. There were 40 members attending but as numbers dwindled, the church was sold.

St. John School closed for a number of years following the Depression and re-opened again in 1949.

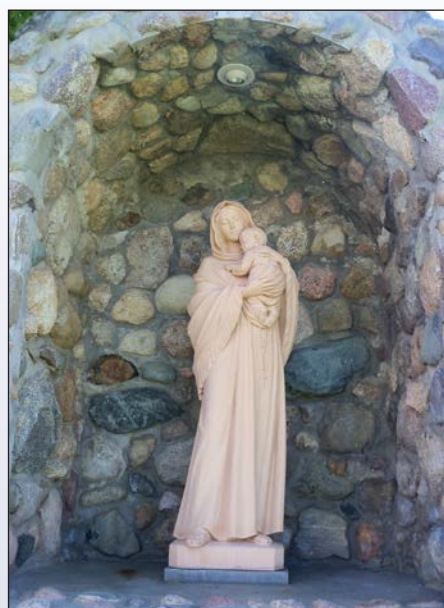
In 1941, Father Herman Miller started the mission church in Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation.

The parish received a boost in membership when Penn Controls opened a plant in Goshen and moved personnel from Des Moines, Iowa — many of whom were Catholic. In ensuing years, as properties on 3rd and Monroe Streets around the church became available they were purchased. In 1970 the 110 year old church building was demolished and the current church was built, along with a new rectory across the street from the church. The old rectory became the present convent.

The first Mass was celebrated in the new church on Pentecost Sunday, May 17, 1970. In 1978, St. John's became a twin sister parish with Our Lady of Guadalupe in Milford.



St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen today.



Denise Fedorow

## Ministries

St. John's has over 75 ministry groups in English and Spanish. The Hispanic Ministry began at in 1996 under the direction of Father Ed Krason and Father Paul Beuter. The first Spanish Mass was celebrated in 1997. The original 33 members of Hispanic background have grown to 700 or more — about half of registered households at St. John now are of Hispanic descent.

Efforts to unite the two communities have been ongoing with lack of enough space being one barrier. The Christ Renews His Parish program, a mission from St. Vincent Parish, began in 2010 and the program has been instrumental in building relationships between the two communities in faith sharing and fellowship. Joining the two youth groups into one has also been a unifying factor.

Father Tony said, "It's beautiful that now the second and third generations don't see race or color, they just see Christ in one another."

The youth ministry was started in 1991 but has been really strong and growing since 2003. The music ministry at St. John's has also always been strong and in the early 1960's under the direction of Rose

Marie "Rody" Weaver brought fame to the parish as the "St. John's Singers" performed on the road and even produced two records. A "Little Singers" group joined their musical parents and several of those "Little Singers" are still actively involved in music ministries in their parishes.

The parish library began as a result of the last parish survey in 2002 and the parish is currently conducting another. There have been many Bible studies and small groups over the years which continue today. Adult education classes are held on Sunday mornings after 8 a.m. Mass and while children are in CCD classes.

The Knights of Columbus Council 7541 was chartered in 1980 and became active in 1982. The Lenten Fish Fry has been touted by many in the community as the "best fish fry in town."

Embracing Parenthood is a fairly new program started because of the growing number of young families at St. John's and is a way for them to come together, learn, share a meal, their faith and parenting concerns. The Young Adult group meets with other young adults in the county.

St. John's parishioner Vince Traxler had a mission to bring

**Our Lady of the Streets grotto at the corner of Monroe and Third Streets in Goshen, across from the church and between the convent and rectory.**

attention to all the aborted babies since Roe v Wade. As a skilled woodworker and metal craftsman, he began the White Cross Project. Over the last 20 years over 150 crosses have been erected all over the state and in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio and are

erected in church yards and cemeteries of Episcopalian, Methodist, Catholic and Missionary Churches.

St. John's began a Nocturnal Adoration Society and it was chartered and installed in a special installation Mass held on Dec. 12, 2015. It is a bilingual movement where members spend the night in adoration. St. John's was the first in the state to charter a Nocturnal Adoration Society.

On Oct. 27, 1996 Our Lady of the Streets grotto was dedicated. Parishioners who strongly support the right to life came up with the idea and raised funds

to bring the grotto to the corner of Third and Madison streets.

The Pieta on the south lawn was dedicated in September, 2008, bequeathed to the parish from the estate of a parishioner in the memory of her son and husband.

Father Steinacker said another notable part of St. John's history is the fact that what is now The Center for Healing and Hope began at as the St. John Clinic under Deacon Ricardo Medina's direction in 1999.

## 175th Celebration

In 2014 the 175th anniversary revitalization campaign began to beautify the interior of the church. The first all parish outdoor Mass and picnic was held in August 2014 and several special events were planned throughout the 2014-2015 year. An updated history was compiled and a new cookbook was commissioned. The anniversary Mass was celebrated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on June 7, 2015.

Future improvements will soon be made to the porch and sidewalks as a result of preliminary returns of the parish survey. He said the new porches and sidewalks will have heating elements so that ice won't collect, making them safer.

Father Steinacker said he hopes the members of the parish family will continue to grow in faith with one another.

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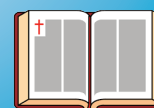
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A Young Vincentions Group was started about a year ago for third-eighth grades. They meet the last Monday of the month, which is the day after the parish's Food Sunday. So the children separate the food, divide it into boxes for those in the parish in need and the rest is taken to a local food bank. The children have a workday to make crafts for shut-ins and those in nursing homes.

St. Mary's has a Spiritual Life Committee that helps plan programs to bring people together and develop their faith life.

"I heard if you want people to come, have food so we try to do that," Father VanKempen said.

For this Year of Mercy they're trying to plan programs around the works of mercy. They completed a DVD series on Mary and are starting the Bishop Robert Baron series. The programs are held on Sunday evenings and average about 20-30 attendees. A program on the Shroud of Turin was held and about 50 people attended.

"Every month we try to do something different to keep people engaged," Father VanKempen said.

### Future

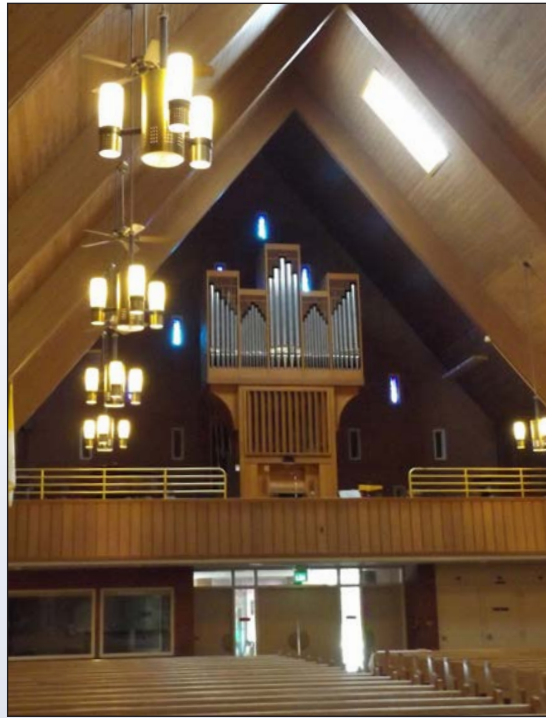
St. Mary's will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this August and several days of special activities are planned.

Father VanKempen said what makes St. Mary's special is that it's a smaller community, but very active.

"I really believe our Adoration Chapel has a lot to do with that; it's helped us grow in faith."

He said the priests in the county all work well together. Father VanKempen likes it at St. Mary's and feels very blessed and believes the presence of the Adoration Chapel and prayers of the faithful is why St. Mary's so special.

"I hope we continue to grow — not only in numbers but in faith — that people will reach out to others and it will help us all grow closer to Christ Jesus," Father VanKempen said.



Denise Fedorow

**The back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church with a view of the organ loft. The old organ caught fire in the 1980's and was replaced with this one.**

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### Future

Like many area churches, St. Thomas is also doing some church renovations. The first phase will begin in a couple of weeks and the floors in the church and sanctuary will be redone, shrines will be added around the altars and the communion rail will be extended. Parishioners will be asked to give input for phase two of the renovations.

Father Freiburger wants to focus on getting the youth group strong again and he'd like to see a vocation come from St. Thomas.

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# Celebrating St. Henry

## Bishop Rhoades celebrates and blesses St. Henry Community Center

BY JAMES MOUNT

FORT WAYNE — July 10th was a special day for St. Henry Parish as it celebrated the Feast of the patron saint of the parish with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The event showcased how St. Henry has grown into its new role as a missionary Catholic outreach — a Community Center.

The Bishop, during his homily, spoke about the meaning of the parable of the Good Samaritan and its application to true Christian life today — following Christ not just with our lips but with actions.

“We have to live what we profess and that means to be disciples of Jesus and imitate His love.” The Bishop challenged those in attendance, “Remember when He washed the feet of the disciples He said, ‘What I have done for you, you must do for others.’ This is what every Catholic Parish should be about, it’s what every one of us should be about.” A message that resonated with Property Manager Paul Gerardot.

“How amazing it is,” Gerardot said, “that the Bishop came out and blessed St. Henry’s on the Feast of St. Henry. The Bishop coming here was a breath of fresh air, breathing the Spirit into this community, into this building, this parish. It was much needed and we are rekindled by his presence here, by his words that he honored us.”

For Gerardot and the surrounding community that comes together to make the Community Center happen, the Bishop’s visit and his words of encouragement were an uplift.

“We needed to hear that he was proud of what St. Henry’s has been doing to reach out to the community. We are a light house, we reach out to so many different people and now that he’s been here we feel that we’ve been uplifted. I sense it, experience it and feel it. I think that the Bishop was very surprised at the enormity of what we are doing here. He had a lot of ques-



Provided by James Mount

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the greenhouse with Father Dan Durkin, pastor, at the St. Henry Community Garden where he visited for the feast day of the patron saint of the parish.**

tions, he hung around to talk to people and was in no hurry to go anywhere. He found a lot of joy here,” Gerardot says, “he said it was the Holy Spirit working.”

Gerardot shared that the Bishop himself reflected on his visit and how it affirmed the message of the Good Samaritan.

“It was great to be here for the patronal feast of St. Henry,” Bishop Rhoades said reflecting on the events of the day, “because the Mission of the Church is so important in this area of Fort Wayne. I was really happy and edified to see all the good works, the works of mercy that are taking place here. The Garden, the De Paul Society and everything that they are doing. And then to have the Gospel today of the Good Samaritan was perfect because I believe that’s what this parish is really living. Trying to be good Samaritans to people in need in this area of Fort Wayne.”

The visit and blessing from the Bishop was an event that led to a culmination of a busy summer for the Community Center. With the involvement of St. Vincent de Paul as a sister parish and a successful Summer

Clubhouse in June, St. Henry is poised to grow more fully into their missionary outreach as the personification of Christ — reaching out to the community in Christian fellowship and establishing bonds of deep friendship and working together. Gerardot sees this coming together in building a legacy on the Southeast side of Fort Wayne.

“I see hands that are joining together,” Gerardot says, “and I think that is so much of what society needs to be good Christians whether you are Catholic or whatever you are. I see a lot happening. We’ve been flooded with St. Vincent de Paul parishioners coming out to help us and getting to meet a lot of people who live in this community, getting a better understanding of what really goes on on this side of town and that makes them want to come back.”

I believe what the Bishop says. He feels the Holy Spirit’s presence here and I think that’s very indicative of what St. Henry’s is. We’re on the path the Lord wants us to be on and I think that anything done for His glorification will be a jubilee in the end.”

## Parish hall and narthex blessed at St. Robert Bellarmine



Photos by Stephanie A. Patka

**On Sunday, July 17, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the brand new parish hall and narthex at St. Robert Bellarmine in North Manchester. Called the St. John Paul II New Evangelization Center, the project was completed in about 3 years of planning and construction. Father Drew Curry, pastor, said that this new space is so important to the growth of the parish community. “During the celebration breakfast, there was a lady in a wheelchair who came to me and said that she has been attending St. Robert’s for over 10 years and this celebration was the first parish event that she was able to go to because the space is handicap accessible.” Father Curry continued, “This gathering space is a place for people to mingle and to deepen their friendships in Christ or meet new people — it’s very important. It will also allow for more silence in church after Mass for those who want to stay and pray because people will be able to socialize in the gathering space.**



**Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass with parishioners of St. Robert Bellarmine before the blessing of the St. John Paul II New Evangelization Center and narthex which will now allow for more parish events to be planned. “We were maxed out for space in the basement of the church and there was no way to grow,” Father Drew Curry, pastor, stated. “What I learned from this whole experience is the power of teamwork. We put together a great building team, everyone had their own unique talents that they brought to the table. As for the parish as a whole, whether it was time or money or volunteer work — it was everyone jumping in together for a common goal.”**

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# Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our Diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2015. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year ended 06/30/15, our total gain was \$1,690,971 (from our audited financial statements), which you see on the attached. This is only for the central operations of the Diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the Diocese. Investments gained 1.4% versus a budgeted amount of 6%. Our health insurance fund gained \$2,525,251.

## DIOCESAN AUDIT

The Diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the Diocesan books, records and accounting policies are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the Council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of Diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the Council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the Diocese.

## PARISHES

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to Canon Law, every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past eight years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the Parish Finance Council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each Diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the Appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The Appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 29 years since the Appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the Appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$170,021,794 for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, over \$183,737,605, which would have been paid to the Diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$5.8 million from the Appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Appeal attained \$6,721,656.

## TWINNING PARISHES

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 thru May 2016, a total of \$2,765,706 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

## Legacy of Faith Endowments

	Contributions	Distributions	06/30/15 Balance
1st Source – Hispanic	\$ 100,000		\$ 142,583
Priest Retirement	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,283,446
High Schools	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,283,446
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,908,800	(717,500)	\$ 1,993,868
Religious Education	\$ 1,908,800	(556,353)	\$ 2,098,901
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 955,400	(169,050)	\$ 1,086,629
Elementary Schools	\$19,118,745	(7,512,931)	\$18,549,970
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,902,545</b>	<b>(8,955,834)</b>	<b>\$26,438,843</b>

## HIGH SCHOOLS

Over \$84 million has been raised for building projects in our four high schools. The four high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$200- \$400 in our high schools. Our high schools are audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. Two high schools have debts to the Diocese and are paying on those debts.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Both the Development Office and the Business Office helped put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which enables parishes, high schools and other Diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. Currently, there are 132 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving – bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and semi-annual newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains \$44,275,196.

## INVESTMENTS

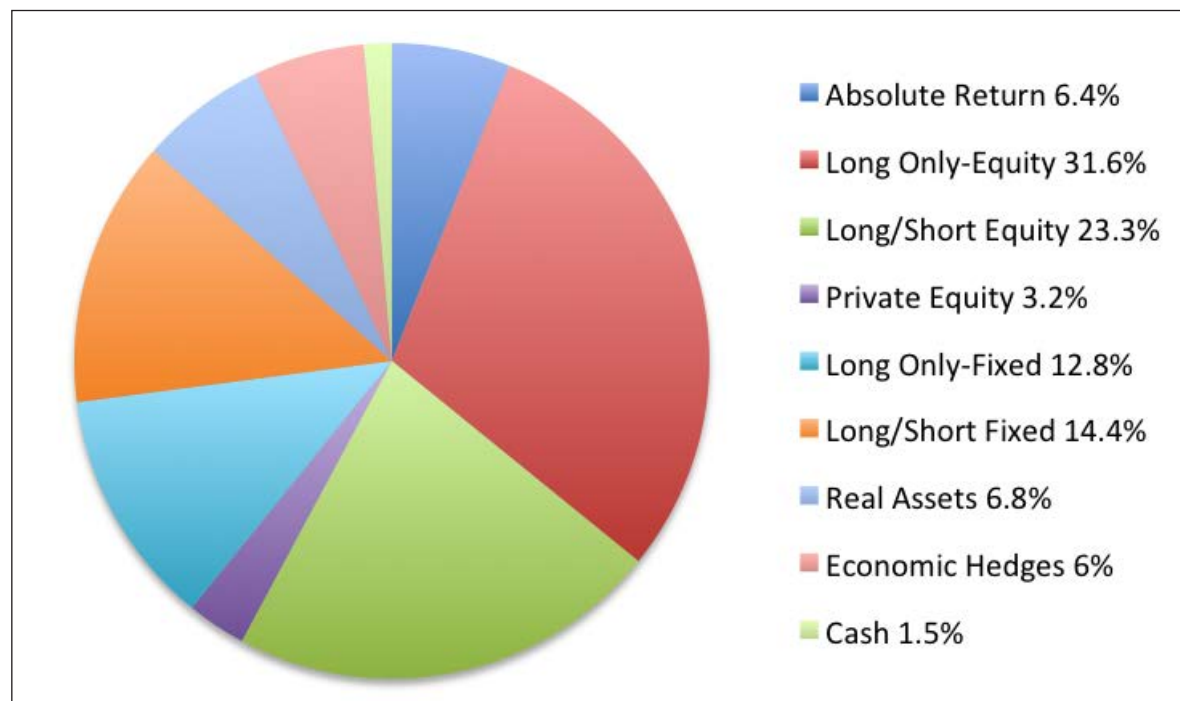
Our investments are overseen by Slocum & Associates of St. Paul, Minnesota. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum & Associates meet with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments gained 1.4%. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

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## Investment allocation





**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Tuition/Fees	\$20,256,489
* Diocesan Assistance	1,206,996
Other Grants/Scholarships	642,367
Fund Raising	1,894,826
Athletic/Other	4,274,232
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$28,274,910</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Administrative</b>	
Cost of Employee	\$3,643,244
Other Administrative	4,480,404
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$8,123,648</b>
<b>Instructional</b>	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	\$10,104,815
Academic Department-Cost	112,662
Other Expense-Teaching	343,725
Cost of Employee-Supportive	1,247,108
Other Expense-Supportive	651,801
<b>Total Instructional</b>	<b>\$12,460,111</b>
<b>Operational</b>	
Cost of Employee	\$1,162,220
Other Expense-Operational	2,444,222
<b>Total Operational</b>	<b>\$3,606,442</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Capital/Miscellaneous	0
Other Miscellaneous	3,430,760
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$3,430,760</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,620,961</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$653,949</b>

**82 DIOCESAN PARISHES**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Church Income	\$58,238,695
School Income	40,662,746
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$98,901,441</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Church Expense	\$39,072,277
School Expense	54,159,424
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$93,231,701</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$5,669,740</b>
* Diocesan Assistance	
Bishop Dwenger High School	\$379,257
Bishop Luers High School	230,045
Saint Joseph High School	332,553
Marian High School	265,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,206,996</b>

**\* Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- Holy Cross, South Bend
- St. Michael, Plymouth
- St. Patrick, Ligonier
- Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
- St. Monica, Mishawaka
- St. Anthony de Padua, SB
- St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- St. Adalbert, South Bend
- St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

**\*\* Groups receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fort Wayne and South Bend
- Vincent Village
- Women's Care Center
- Christ Child Society, FW and SB
- Matthew 25
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- St. Mary Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Panty
- Chiara Home
- Franciscan Center
- Sister Maura Brannick Health Ctr.
- Catholic Charities
- COPOSH (Homeless Center, SB)
- Logan Center
- St. Martin's Health Clinic
- Hannah's House
- Life Athletes
- Dismas House

**Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend**

**Statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2015**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily	Permanently	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	Operational	Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Funds
Parish Quotas and Assessments	\$2349,503	0	0	\$2,349,503
Donations and Bequests	694,924	788,244	1,000	\$1,484,168
Investment Income	1,004,346	774,417	77,479	\$1,856,242
Unrealized Investment Gain/(Loss)	(468,100)	(460,389)	(31,801)	(\$960,290)
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	3,197,244	1,872,000	0	\$5,069,244
Insurance Premiums	18,372,636	0	270,080	\$18,642,716
Interest - Loans	561,101	0	0	\$561,101
Collections	247,518	0	0	\$247,518
Advertising	150,539	0	0	\$150,539
Sale of Merchandise	383,580	99	0	\$383,679
Fees/Rentals/Workshops	572,830	140,771	0	\$713,601
Subscriptions	3,777	0	0	\$3,777
Miscellaneous	22,328	0	0	\$22,328
Change in Value - Beneficial Trust Int.	0	0	(15,347)	(\$15,347)
Gain - Sale of Building	87,421	0	0	\$87,421
Net Assets Released from Restriction	3,767,559	(3,351,433)	(393,100)	(23,026)
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$30,947,206</b>	<b>(\$236,291)</b>	<b>(\$91,689)</b>	<b>(\$23,026)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Ministry Services	\$2,725,427	0	0	\$2,725,427
Educational Services	4,857,336	0	0	\$4,857,336
Communications	1,091,022	0	0	\$1,091,022
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	420,866	0	0	\$420,866
Other Services	15,299,998	0	0	\$15,299,998
Administrative	4,510,580	0	0	\$4,510,580
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,905,229</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Change in Net Assets	2,041,977	(236,291)	(91,689)	(23,026)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	(3,289,467)	12,711,344	3,201,324	4,001,963
Net Assets at End of Year	(1,247,490)	12,475,053	3,109,635	3,978,937

**CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS Expenses and Budgets**

	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
Tribunal	\$355,558	\$332,150
General Administration	694,917	675,635
Parish Assistance	40,168	52,652
Personnel	324,667	295,001
Diocesan Services Agency	55,161	55,106
Data Processing	137,152	117,993
US Catholic Conference/Indiana Catholic Conference	123,722	123,161
Missions	17,860	17,854
Archbishop Noll Catholic Center	484,801	451,831
Misc. Properties	201,838	207,530
Hispanic Ministry	148,330	151,666
Accounting	119,134	121,926
Bishop's Appeal	287,872	303,391
Bishop's Office	65,739	72,623
Safe Environment	52,574	53,190
Archivist	39,964	43,168
Today's Catholic	805,016	761,161
Office of Catholic Communications	173,247	190,583
Ecumenical	1,757	5,580
Family Life/Pro-Life	280,842	297,473
TV Mass	144,621	155,245
Property Management	99,406	104,623
Office of Vocations	44,289	43,739
Hispanic Permanent Diaconate	46,012	64,079
Office of Worship/Music Ministry	152,333	153,354
Special Ministries	399,176	442,569
Permanent Diaconate	6,894	3,853
Hospital Ministry	95,063	93,095
Ministry of Education	492,314	450,507
Religious Education Office	198,689	193,618
Seminarian Education/Priest Formation	1,160,082	1,198,460
Continuing Ed/Priests	97,341	109,000
Catholic Charities	425,000	425,000
Catholic Charities Property - South Bend	13,954	14,453
International Priests Assigned to Parishes	29,483	21,500
Youth Ministry	82,983	79,606
Development Office	76,985	84,259
Cathedral Museum	4,723	6,320
Planned Giving	24,087	32,760
	<b>\$8,003,754</b>	<b>\$8,005,714</b>

## The fountain of youth

The closest thing to the fountain of youth is exercise. I think I just heard the sound of hundreds of Today's Catholic newspapers slamming shut. Exercise is a word that many don't want to hear and certainly don't want to do. Please bear with me as I make my case. A patient of mine, who despises exercise, once told me that if he ever gets the urge to exercise he just lies down and rests until the urge goes away. Sound familiar? There is nothing I can think of that consistently provides more health benefits than exercise.

The American College of Cardiology has published guidelines suggesting 150 minutes of aerobic exercise each week. That can be accomplished by exercising 50 minutes three times per week. A recent study on running suggests that you can get tremendous benefit with even substantially less than that. This study put runners into multiple categories based on how much running per week the participants did. There was the category of those that infrequently took a jog, to the extreme category of running 100 or more miles per week. The group that averaged running for 25 minutes two times per week or just 50 min per week nearly got as much benefit as those that ran nearly daily. Somewhat counter intuitive was the finding that the ultra-marathoners (runners who engage in running races longer than the 26 mile marathon) actually had a higher risk of heart attack, cardiac arrhythmias, and cardiac arrest when compared to the more casual runners that ran about 2-5 miles

three or four times per week. For example, I have seen multiple cases of exercise induced atrial fibrillation in those that engage in marathon running or participate in long distance biking. So it looks like you can overdo it. But, let's not lose sight of the fact that ALL runners have less risk than you dedicated couch potatoes out there who avoid exercise at any cost. Let's also be clear, you do not have to run. Walking, swimming, biking, or using your favorite aerobic exercise machine will do just fine.

Exercise, in my opinion is the closest thing to the fountain of youth that we have. Almost every person I know over the age of 80 that remains vigorous, has either exercised regularly, or has lived a very very active lifestyle. When I see a 90 year old walk into my office with a normal gait and then get up on the exam table with ease, odds are they have been dedicated to exercise.

Many disease processes are somehow tied into inflammation. For example, it is a fact that active inflammation in the body increases the risk of heart attack. Exercise has been scientifically proven to reduce inflammation. There are inflammatory markers like C-reactive protein that improve in people who begin to exercise regularly. Studies have also shown that exercise can reduce your risk of getting dementia, and if you have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia, it can slow its progression. One of my strong motivating factors to exercise is my strong family history of dementia. It's the one disease process that scares me the most as I age.

## THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

There is a worldwide epidemic of Type II Diabetes. Exercise with significant weight loss has been proven to be a more effective treatment plan than all the pills available to treat it. Some endocrinologists look at belly fat or visceral fat as an actual organ that is biologically active. The visceral fat pumps out immune system chemicals called cytokines that are bad for you. Belly fat also contributes to increasing the bad cholesterol (LDL). Most Type II Diabetics are overweight, and IF they would lose enough weight they would no longer have diabetes. When I tell my patients this many of them have never heard it before. In my opinion, weight loss should be the first plan for an overweight diabetic. This should be stressed more when diabetes is first diagnosed. They should leave the doctor's office with an exercise prescription or be referred to an exercise program to burn calories and therefore lose weight.

The old saying; "No pain, no gain" is actually not true. Mild to moderate exercise reaps great rewards. You do not have to feel like you are dying when you exercise and you do not have to feel bad the next day. Let's finish up as I frequently do with a bible

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## Investments that work for the poor

In June, the Second Vatican Impact Investing Conference, "Making the Year of Mercy a Year of Impact for the Poor," co-hosted by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Catholic Relief Services, convened 170 attendees comprising global church leaders and experienced impact investors and social entrepreneurs.

Impact investing brings in private capital, acting as both supplements to and substitutes of charity and government funding, to support social enterprises for their benefits to the poor and marginalized and their ability to sustain themselves financially. Think of Newman's Own, a food business that is both profitable and socially oriented as it deploys all profits to its social mission.

The infusion of private capital from institutions and individuals is critical as the scale, frequency, duration and intensity of global problems overwhelm the amount of charity and government dollars available. As such, we must bring in new energies, imagination and creative solutions.

Consider the question CRS often gets on twinning from U.S. parishes. The concern is that over decades of contribution to Haiti parishes, the latter have generally not made significant strides in self-sufficiency. As dedicated parishioners ponder their eventual exit, they worry about the continuation of this ministry.

With urgency, some explore ways for local communities to



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CAROLYN WOO

establish enterprises that can generate revenues and ultimately profits to improve their lives. It is the extension of giving fish, to teaching people to fish, to establishing the necessary resources, for fishing to become a real livelihood option. Investments may be needed for boats or for a fish farm, processing equipment, cold storage or a truck to transport fishes to market.

The U.S. parish can provide dollars as a combination of donations, loans, loan guarantees or equity in the business. Such enterprise development is empowering, gives people dignity and stands on the Catholic social teaching of subsidiarity. Multiply the intentions and resources of one U.S. parish by some colossal multiple and we get \$77 billion, which is the amount now invested in impact enterprises around the world.

Impact investing by Catholic institutions, though a small fraction of the global total, is growing.

Moving from negative screening that avoids businesses that contradict church

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## Yes, God listens



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 11:1-13

The Book of Genesis is the source of this weekend's first story. As with other passages in this marvelously profound religious book, the story of Sodom and Gomorrah sadly so often is overwhelmed by arguments about where these cities actually were in Middle Eastern geography millennia ago or even if they existed.

All this debate is unfortunate, even if at times it is fascinating, because it completely sweeps by the religious truths that, after all, are what Genesis is all about.

In this reading, Abraham, regarded as the father of the Hebrew race, appears, but importantly God is with Abraham and literally conversing with Abraham.

The topic is the vice in the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God, the just, insists that this vice will result in a divine retribution on the people of these cities. Abraham pleads instead for divine mercy. The conversation can be taken as a bargaining process. Abraham asks that the hurdle be lowered. God agrees. Then Abraham asks for a further lowering. God agrees, and so on.

Actually, the two important points are that humans create their own doom. It stands to reason. Look at the despair war brings upon affected populations. Look at the heartbreak that sin brings upon people and upon relationships.

Abraham realizes the deadly effects of human decisions, such as the decisions leading to immorality in these cities. Nevertheless, he asks God for mercy, but beyond mercy, he

asks God for life.

God hears Abraham, and God extends mercy. This is the second, and most consoling, point.

For its second reading, the Church presents a reading from the Epistle to the Colossae. The Christians of Colossae were no different from other Christians in the Roman Empire's Mediterranean world or the First Century AD.

To them, the Christian faith was new. In the face of such an overwhelming pagan culture, following this faith was a challenge indeed.

Encouraging them, this epistle reminds the Colossian Christians that in Christ they died to the culture and to their own instincts. Baptism drowned their sins and their weakness before the pressures of their surroundings and of their nature. In baptism, they died, but they also rose to life in Christ, with its eternity and strength.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies us with the last reading. It is the beautiful revelation of the Lord's Prayer. No prayer is more loved by Christians, now and

throughout Christian history. Each verse is powerfully, and profoundly, expressive. The first verse is especially telling, setting the stage for all the others. Jesus tells the disciples to address God as "Father," not as king, ruler, judge or creator. It establishes the believer's relation with God.

The second part of the reading is reassuring. Jesus insists that God's door is never closed. God always hears the appeals of people. Loving people with an infinite love, God will give them life. He even gives life to sinners, if they repent and in love turn to God.

### Reflection

The reading from Genesis, and the reading from Luke, call us to approach God in full confidence that our pleas will be heard. It is particularly comforting when we turn to God after sinning. If we reject our sins, and instead turn to God, our sins will be forgiven.

It is all a beautiful thought, but the Christians of Colossae give us evidence, as if we need

any, that our instincts and all around us can be very difficult to overcome.

Nevertheless, we can overcome sin and all that brings sin. Why? If we are sincere as believers, Christ is in us, with strength, insight and power. He will show us the way. He will sustain us. He will take us to the very place of God. He will keep us safe forever.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Jn 11:19-27

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

# A cinematic lesson in hope

At a moment like this when there doesn't seem to be a lot going right — ascendant authoritarianisms throughout the world; lethal violence by ideological fanatics; feckless responses to both from the democracies — it's good to be reminded that things can be different, and in fact were different, not so very long ago.

Recapturing those days and summoning memories of a time when the good folks won, cleanly and against all the odds, is the singular accomplishment of a splendid new documentary, *Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism*, which should be on everyone's summer must-watch list.

It took me nineteen years of research and three books (*The Final Revolution*, *Witness to Hope*, and *The End and the Beginning*) to do what executive producer Carl Anderson and writer/director David Naglieri have done in ninety-three minutes of gripping videography and marvelous graphics: explain how and why John Paul played a pivotal, indeed indispensable, role in the greatest drama of the last quarter of the twentieth century: the collapse of European communism. In doing so, they make us think hard, again, about how this miraculous liberation took place: something no one expected on October 16, 1978, when a little-known Polish cardinal, who styled himself the pope "from a far country," was presented on the central loggia of St. Peter's as the new Bishop of Rome.

Central and eastern Europe weren't liberated by conceding that the communists had a point, even if they were rather brutal and inefficient in making that point socially, economically, and politically. Nor were

the countries of the Warsaw Pact liberated by churchmen and western diplomats cossetting the dictators that ran those party-states. What we used to call the "captive nations" were liberated because "good" and "evil" were "called by their right names," as the Solidarity martyr, Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, used to put it.

Central and eastern Europe didn't break free of the shackles of totalitarianism without trying, failing, and then trying again: it took a critical mass of people, determined to "live in the truth" no matter how difficult, to implode the communist culture of the lie and give a new birth of freedom to the lands Stalin claimed as his prize for helping beat Hitler.

And the countries of central and eastern Europe didn't regain their liberties by adopting the usual 20th-century method of social change, mass violence. Understanding that people who begin by storming Bastilles usually end up building their own (as one Polish dissident said), the new freedom fighters inspired by John Paul II deployed weapons that communist brutality could not match: truth, national memory, tenacious organizing, and personal resilience.

For those whose memories of St. John Paul reach back only as far as his last years, *Liberating a Continent* is also a powerful reminder of what a handsome, charismatic, and utterly compelling man John Paul II was at the height of his physical powers. He radiated confidence, moral strength, and the courage of a happy warrior. And because of that, those whose lives he touched felt empowered in return.

The displacement of history



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

by "social studies" in U.S. elementary and secondary schools has been a disaster for historical understanding. And while the new "social history," which wants to do history from the bottom up, has taught us many things, there are still occasions when great men do bend history's curve in a different direction; *Liberating a Continent* is also a useful reminder of that. John Paul II didn't make "1989" happen by himself. But without him, a continent wouldn't have been liberated when it was and how it was. So I'd suggest adding this terrific film to the curriculum of every Catholic (and indeed every Christian) high school in North America, to remind students what happened in their parents' lifetimes and to inspire them to moral greatness themselves.

*Liberating a Continent* will be aired on various public television stations in the months ahead; that schedule will be regularly updated at [www.jp2film.com](http://www.jp2film.com). But while you're checking for local airings at that site, go to the "purchase" tab, order a copy online, and settle down for an hour and a half of superb entertainment that will lift your spirits in a darkling season.

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exercise. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within — the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at a price! So glorify God in your body."

ingful numbers. I am glad to observe budding examples and enthusiasm in this direction.

All of us can be more vigilant about our investment funds to assess the proportion used for impact funds. There are energetic debates on whether social benefits necessitate a lower financial return. The guiding question: What does a more just and peaceful society mean to us?

Pope Francis reminds us that "impact investors are those who are conscious of the existence of serious unjust situations, instances of profound social inequality and unacceptable conditions of poverty affecting communities and entire peoples.

"These investors turn to financial institutes that will use their resources to promote the

economic and social development of these groups through investment funds aimed at satisfying basic needs associated with agriculture, access to water, adequate housing and reasonable prices, as well as with primary health care and educational services.

"Investments of this sort are meant to have positive social repercussions on local communities, such as the creation of jobs, access to energy, training and increased agricultural productivity" (Pope Francis, June 16, 2014).

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# SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for July 24, 2016

Luke 11:1-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: Jesus' lessons in how to pray effectively. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LORD	TEACH US	TO PRAY
JOHN TAUGHT	OUR FATHER	HALLOWED BE
OUR DAILY	OUR SINS	IN DEBT
LEND	LOAVES	NOTHING
BOTHER	THE DOOR	IN BED
GET UP	PERSISTENCE	BE OPENED
SNAKE	AN EGG	SPIRIT

## HOW TO PRAY

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

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verse. And, yes, I am trying to make you feel guilty if you don't

# WOO

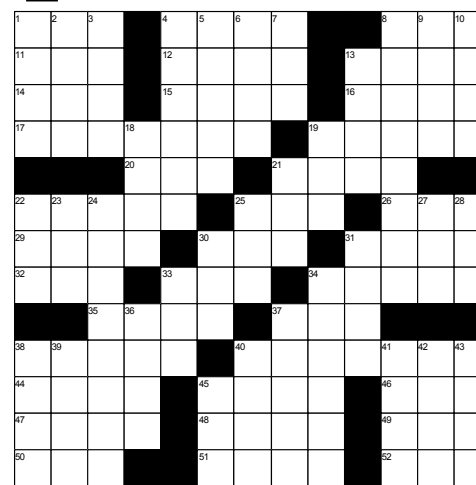
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teachings, exemplars like the Jesuits, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Ascension Investment Management and the Sisters of the Holy Cross have taken the positive step of designating a certain percentage of their investments for impact funds.

While the social enterprise model is not appropriate for all social ministries of the church, there is a need to look for opportunities in order for the church to serve the mission of lifting the poor out of poverty in mean-

# The CrossWord

July 17, 24, and 31, 2016



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Based on these readings: Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42 and Gn 19:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 and Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## ACROSS

- 1 Joan of \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Please respond
- 8 Sixth sense
- 11 Neither's partner
- 12 Fencing sword
- 13 Annoyance
- 14 Thai
- 15 Gasp
- 16 Volcano
- 17 Inside the hull
- 19 Martha's burdens
- 20 Yes
- 21 "\_\_\_\_\_fide" (Faith alone)
- 22 Chicken bites
- 25 Male child
- 26 Alt. spelling for Noah

- 29 Fig trimming prophet
- 30 "For the sake of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 31 Crusaders lost this city in 1291
- 32 Light giver
- 33 Assist
- 34 What commandment 7 (or 8) is about
- 35 Judas dipped his hand in the \_\_\_\_\_
- 37 Fetch
- 38 "\_\_\_\_\_ and it shall be opened"
- 40 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Taboo
- 45 Type of moss
- 46 Brazil's carnival city
- 47 Kiln

- 48 Canal
- 49 Samaritan took wounded man here
- 50 Not good
- 51 Small lake
- 52 Bishop's area

## DOWN

- 1 Opposed
- 2 Horse with white and colored hair
- 3 Baby Jesus' manger
- 4 Gives back the money
- 5 Abraham asked God to do for Sodom
- 6 Sell
- 7 Touch an animal
- 8 Abraham sat at his tent's
- 9 Trigonometric function
- 10 Parent teacher groups
- 13 Used to sign letters
- 18 Trees of Mamre
- 19 Flirtatious
- 21 God promised Sarah one
- 22 Old-fashioned Dads
- 23 Flightless bird
- 24 Allowed
- 25 "My family and I are in \_\_\_\_\_"
- 27 "\_\_\_\_\_ pro nobis"
- 28 Snake-like fish
- 30 "Their Imperial Highnesses" (abbr.)
- 31 Attorney (abbr.)
- 33 "\_\_\_\_\_ and you shall receive"
- 34 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Right Hand
- 36 Holy image
- 37 Rice
- 38 Door handle
- 39 Star explosion
- 40 Objection (Spanish)
- 41 Part of the eye
- 42 Novena number
- 43 Left
- 45 High-school club

Answer Key can be found on page 23

# All Diocese Team

The All-Diocese Team, highlights athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches.

## Saint Joseph

### BASEBALL



John Deahl senior, P



Joe Staud senior, P/OF, Christ the King



Danny Torres senior, INF, Corpus Christi

### SOFTBALL



Alyssa Gutierrez senior, INF, Holy Cross



Taylor Kowalski Junior, INF, Christ the King



Sydney Swartz junior, OF, Holy Family

### GIRLS' TRACK



Sam Kambol junior, 100 M, 200 M, 400 M Relay, 1600 M Relay, Corpus Christi



Emily Anderson senior, 800 M, 1600 M, 3200 M Relay, Christ the King

### BOYS' TRACK



Peter Wiegand senior, Shot Put, Holy Cross



Max Otiato senior, 400 M, 1600 M Relay, 3200 M. Relay, St. Matthew Cathedral



Matt Morris senior, 3200 M. Relay, St. Augustine



Grayson Radvansky senior, 3200 M. Relay, Corpus Christi



Sam Roth senior, 3200 M. Relay, St. Anthony de Padua

### BOYS' GOLF



Tate Heintzelman-Dee senior



Michael Anthony sophomore, St. Joseph, South Bend

### GIRLS' TENNIS



Maria Anthony senior, St. Joseph, South Bend



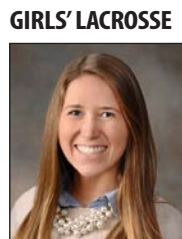
Mary Mullaney senior, St. Anthony de Padua



Paul Murphy junior, defense, Holy Cross



Kieran McKenna junior, midfield



Bri Hart senior, midfield, St. Pius X



Maria Byszewski sophomore, defense, St. Joseph, South Bend

## Bishop Luers

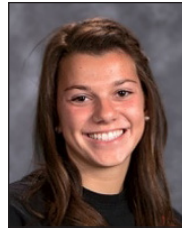
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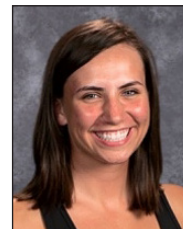
Joe Deiser junior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Noah Wezensky senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Carly Grabner senior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Kaitlin Emmett senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### BOYS' GOLF

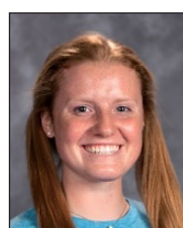


Will Pape junior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Max Pyle junior, St. Mary, Huntington

### SOFTBALL



Emma Wolfe senior, Shortstop, St. Jude



Carolina Garcia senior, Pitcher, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



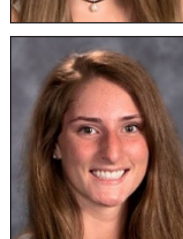
Haleigh Devido senior, Catcher, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Caroline Rahrig freshman, #1 Singles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Gabby Buday sophomore, #2 Doubles, St. Therese

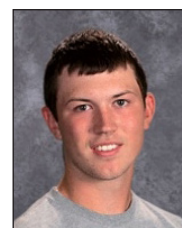


Sarah Braun senior, #2 Doubles, St. Therese



Kayla Knapke senior, #3 Singles, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

### BASEBALL



Logan Gallaway senior, P/INF, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Brandon Diss senior, P/OF



Mick Palmer senior, INF, St. Therese

### LACROSSE



Sean Brouwer senior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



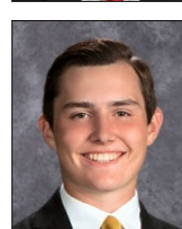
Noah Meiser senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Bishop Dwenger

### BASEBALL



Andrew Rolfsen senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jack Harris senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Parker Noll senior, St. Vincent de Paul

### SOFTBALL



Kristina Burkhardt senior, Shortstop, St. Charles



**Stephanie Hanic**  
junior,  
Catcher,  
Most Precious  
Blood



**GIRLS' TRACK**

**Megan Brelage**  
senior,  
St. Jude



**Claire Roberts**  
senior,  
St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton



**RUGBY**

**PJ Ernst**  
senior,  
St. Matthew  
Cathedral



**Kassady Chudzicki**  
sophomore,  
4x100,  
Holy Family



**Karsyn Kitchen**  
junior,  
Left Field,  
St. Vincent de  
Paul



**Rose Tippman**  
senior,  
St. Charles

**Marian**

**BASEBALL**



**Riley Tirotta**  
junior,  
Short Stop,  
St. Bavo



**Dominic Matthys**  
senior,  
St. Pius X



**Claire Fewell**  
junior,  
4x100,  
Holy Family

**BOYS' GOLF**



**Patrick Allgeier**  
senior,  
St. Charles



**Olivia Wyatt**  
senior,  
St. Vincent



**Alex Zarazee**  
junior,  
1st Base/Pitcher,  
St. Pius X



**BOYS' LACROSSE**

**Skylar Bays**  
sophomore,  
Mid/Attack,  
St. Anthony de  
Padua



**Carlondrea Petty**  
freshman,  
4x100



**James Wagner**  
senior,  
St. Vincent de  
Paul



**Olivia Groves**  
senior,  
St. Johns, New  
Haven



**Nate Thomas**  
senior,  
Pitcher,  
St. Joseph,  
Mishawaka



**Richard Vogel**  
senior,  
Dpole,  
St. Anthony de  
Padua



**Chloe Lentych**  
freshman,  
4x100,  
Holy Family

**BOYS' TRACK**



**Jacob Hursh**  
junior,  
St. Vincent de  
Paul



**Rachel Gibson**  
senior,  
Our Lady of Good  
Hope



**SOFTBALL**

**Lizzie Bollinger**  
junior,  
Catcher



**GIRLS' TENNIS**

**Evelyn Cressy**  
freshman,  
#1 singles,  
Sacred Heart,  
Notre Dame



**Christian Dennis**  
senior,  
Shot Put,  
St. Monica



**Mike Manning**  
junior,  
St. Vincent de  
Paul



**Claire Manning**  
senior,  
St. Vincent



**Brooke Stoltz**  
junior,  
Pitcher,  
St. Anthony de  
Padua



**Josephina Debicki**  
sophomore,  
#2 singles,  
St. Matthew  
Cathedral



**Collin Martin**  
senior,  
Pole Vault,  
St. Thomas



**Vincent Schipper**  
senior,  
Our Lady of Good  
Hope



**Caroline McMasters**  
senior,  
St. Jude



**Olivia Douglass**  
sophomore,  
1st Base,  
St. Matthew  
Cathedral



**GIRLS' TRACK**

**Mary Costello**  
junior, Pole  
Vault/300 hur-  
dles, Holy Family



**Alex Mroz**  
senior,  
Sprinter,  
Holy Family



**Nolan Till**  
junior,  
Most Precious  
Blood



**Hannah Vanek**  
senior,  
St. Charles



**BOYS' GOLF**

**Cameron Trippel**  
senior,  
St. Joseph,  
Mishawaka



**Maddy McTigue**  
junior,  
800m/3200m,  
St. Pius X



**Jack Tiller**  
junior,  
Long Jump,  
St. Matthew  
Cathedral



**Aric Campbello**  
junior,  
St. Jude



**TENNIS**

**Abbie Grace Lee**  
senior,  
St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton



**Augie Hartnagel**  
senior



**Hannah Majewski**  
sophomore,  
800m,  
Queen of Peace



**Oscar Tavarez**  
sophomore,  
4x800,  
St. Adalbert



**John Federspiel**  
senior,  
St. Charles



**Kristi McDonald**  
senior,  
St. Vincent de  
Paul



**Emma Kearns**  
sophomore,  
800m,  
St. Joseph, South  
Bend



**Jacob Imus**  
senior,  
4x800,  
St. Monica

## Tourists must blow whistle on trafficking during Olympics, religious say

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Religious priests, brothers and sisters in Brazil are urging everyone attending the Olympic Games to report instances of exploitation of vulnerable people and to turn in suspected traffickers.

Their campaign, "Play for Life," invites tourists, residents and visitors "to take a stand, not to submit passively to the arrogance of those who want to manipulate and use everything, even sports and life, for power, pleasure and greed," according to a global network of religious.

"Talitha Kum," an international network of consecrated men and women working against trafficking in persons, sponsored a news conference at Vatican Radio June 21.

The group unveiled a new campaign organized by "Um Grito pela Vida," the Brazilian network of religious against human trafficking. The campaign was being launched for the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 5-21.

The risk of exploitation against workers, women and children increases in the run-up to and during major events, which can be used to deceive people "with false promises of more jobs and a better life," said a Talitha Kum press release June 21.



"The city of Rio de Janeiro is one of the main Brazilian cities that attracts tourists who are interested in buying sex, even with children and adolescents," it said.

"The 2016 Olympic Games will attract a lot of tourists and with them, opportunities for criminal organizations to enter more easily to pursue their own evil agenda," it added.

With in-the-street initiatives, leafleting and meetings open to the public, campaigners hope to: raise awareness that "sexual exploitation is not tourism, but a serious violation of human rights;" advocate for measures that prevent and clamp down on trafficking; and educate those who are particularly vulnerable to being recruited by traffickers.

The campaign also urges visi-

tors and residents to report "all forms of exploitation," especially the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, by calling the toll-free number "100" in Brazil.

"Complaints may be lodged, even anonymously. Don't remain indifferent," the Talitha Kum statement said.

The Brazilian network ran a similar campaign during and after the World Cup soccer tournament in

Brazil in 2014. The network said more than 30,000 women religious, nearly 8,000 priests and 2,700 religious brothers were involved in that campaign.

The "Play for Life" campaign during the soccer tournament "contributed to a 42 percent increase in the number of complaints of sexual exploitation of children and adolescents and of situations of human trafficking," Talitha Kum said in its press release.

Talitha Kum is a project of the International Union of Superiors General, and is present in 81 countries. Local networks educate and warn potential victims of trafficking, work to fight the poverty that pushes people into vulnerable situations and rescue victims.

## All Diocese Team (continued from page 21)



Nathan Klockow  
sophomore,  
4x800,  
St. Jude



Adam Evans  
sophomore,  
4x800,  
Queen of Peace

## Rugby all stars



Provided by Deb Farmer

These Bishop Dwenger students were selected to play All Star Rugby for the North Indiana All Stars, and the team came in 2nd out of 14 teams at the South Challenge Regional All Star tournament in Charlotte, NC June 17-19. From left, coach Sam DiFilippo, Jared Monnier, Derek Farmer, Isaac Blume, Simon Perez, Max Coffee and Liam Holly.

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**Catholic Business Network meetings**

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network meetings will resume Friday, Aug. 5, with First Friday Mass in the Guerin Chapel at 7 a.m. followed by fellowship in the Cathedral Center at 7:30 a.m. The guest speaker for August will be Carol Bunt with World Apostolate of Fatima who will speak on "Our Lady's Growing Presence in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend." Refreshments will be provided by Today's Catholic.

**106.3 FM Ice Cream Social**

Fort Wayne — Celebrate the end of summer with ice cream. Join Redeemer Radio at their office, 4618 E. State Blvd., for ice cream on Monday, Aug. 1 from 2-4 p.m. All are invited and children are encouraged to bring their summer BINGO sheets to claim their prizes. Ice cream will be provided by Zesto's in New Haven.

**95.7 FM Ice Cream Social**

South Bend — Celebrate the end of summer with ice cream. Join Redeemer Radio at their South Bend office, 54195 Ironwood Rd., on the St. Therese, Little Flower Parish grounds, for ice cream on Monday, Aug. 1 from 2-4 p.m. All are invited, and children are encouraged to bring their summer BINGO sheets to claim prizes.

**Show Choir Camp set for July 26-29**

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will offer a four-day Show Choir Camp, July 26-29 from 9-11:30 a.m. for those entering kindergarten through grade 8. The camp concludes with a picnic lunch and performance at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 29. Lunch and T-shirt are included in the camp cost of \$50. Register at [www.bishopluers.org](http://www.bishopluers.org) and click on "Summer Camps," or contact a show choir member.

**Free meals offered at Marian High School**

Mishawaka — Marian High School offers free meals to those under 18 (\$3 for adults) for breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m. and lunch from 11-12:15 p.m. daily through July 29 in the school cafeteria.

**Garage sale benefits parish**

Fort Wayne — The Queen of Angels garage sale will be Friday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 23, from 8 a.m. to noon and will be held in the activities center which is handicap accessible and air conditioned. All proceeds will benefit the parish.

**Knights sponsor breakfast**

Fort Wayne — Saint Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 will host a breakfast on Sunday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Activities Center at Queen of Angels Parish, 1500 W. State Blvd. on Sunday, July 24th. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and \$20 for a family. \$5 carryout packs will also be available. Proceeds will benefit capital improvement needs.

**Garage sale planned at St. Peter**

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Parish will have a garage sale Aug. 4, 5 and 6 at St. Peter Church hall, 518 E. DeWald St. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, will be the bag sale.

**Summer fish fry planned**

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish near Lakeville, 63568 Old U.S. 31- South will have the 3rd annual summer fish fry Friday, Aug. 12, from 4-7 p.m. with fish fried by Tyner IOOF. Homemade salads and desserts will also be offered. Tickets are \$9 for adult/carry-out/drive-through and \$4 for children ages 6-12, dine-in only. Children 5 and under free. Tickets are available after weekend Masses or call 574-291-3775.

**Breakfast supports Christmas food fund**

Elkhart — The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council No. 1043 will offer breakfast on Sunday, July 31, from 7:30-11 a.m. at the Columbus Club Hall, 112 East Lexington St. Freewill donations accepted for the Christmas Food Basket fund.

**Spiritual Fathers workshop planned**

Fort Wayne — Join Father Andrew Budzinski, pastor of St. John the Baptist parish, and other dads, to learn how to become the spiritual leader of your family. The workshops will consist of seven Saturday mornings July 30-Sept. 10, from 8-9 a.m. at the church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Cost is \$10 for the workbook. Email [frandrew@stjohnsfw.org](mailto:frandrew@stjohnsfw.org) to reserve your spot.

## REST IN PEACE

**Bluffton**

Mary J. Haecker, 93, St. Joseph

**Elkhart**

Edward Klose, 92, St. Thomas the Apostle

Carlos A. Romero-Tovar, 70, St. Vincent de Paul

**Fort Wayne**

Alvin A. Kosiak, 84, St. Charles Borromeo

Michael L. Fish, 65, St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel

Eloise C. Gonzalez, 79, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Thomas L. Ueber, 82, St. John the Baptist

James Leon Davis, 67, Queen of Angels

Robert J. Woenker, 91, Queen of Angels

Joseph Jereb, Jr., 75, St. Vincent de Paul

Mary Honekamp, 75, St. Charles Borromeo

Marjorie A. Bauer, 77, St. Jude

Glen E. Rawlins, 64, St. John the Baptist

Robert E. Liner, 85, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Richard Keith Elward, 83, St. Vincent de Paul

**Fremont**

Clarajane Hine, 87, St. Paul Chapel

**Granger**

Clara Marie Kovach, 91, St. Pius X

**Huntington**

Margaret Mary Karst, 91, St. Mary

Betty J. Beady, 78, Ss. Peter and Paul

**Mishawaka**

Genevieve H. Lehner, 87, Queen of Peace

Mary A. Melchiorre, 97, St. Monica

Betty J. Stump, 75, Queen of Peace

**New Carlisle**

Constance H. Bartoszewicz, 69, St. Stanislaus Kostka

Sylvia A. Downs, 77, St. Stanislaus Kostka

**New Haven**

Teresa Ann Voirol, 84, St. Louis Besancon

Shirley Fax Herber, 82, St. John the Baptist

**Notre Dame**

Alice Flynn Osberger, 87, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rev. Joseph F. Genisesse, CSC, 85, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Norma Elizabeth Trimmer, 100, Holy Cross Chapel

Brother Charles Borromeo Beck, CSC, 93, Holy Cross Chapel

Brother Ronald G. Whelan, CSC, 83, Basilica/Sacred Heart

Sister Jeanette Lester, CSC, 97, Church of Lorreto

**Pierceton**

Aloysius R. Meinert, 85, St. Francis Xavier

**Rome City**

Judith J. Dodane, 77, St. Gaspar del Bufalo

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, seeks a Director of High School Youth Ministry to work with our Associate Pastor on either a full-time or part-time basis. Any candidate applying should be passionate about the Faith and about building relationships with teens and guiding them to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Candidates are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to Father Dave Voors, pastor at Saint Elizabeth's, at:

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# St. Paul Chapel to celebrate 75 years of faithfilled history

The year was 1941. Europe was in the throws of war and the United States little suspected the attack on Pearl Harbor which would draw them into the war by year's end. Gas could be had for twelve cents a gallon and a new car was \$850. The average new house sold for \$4,000, and workers received an average annual salary of \$1,750. As the big bands had everyone swinging and swaying Steuben County trustees placed a white clapboard schoolhouse in Fremont on the auction block. With the winning bid going to the Diocese of Fort Wayne, St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake became a reality.

Under the direction of Father Leonard Wren, OFM Conv., who served as pastor of St. Paul's Chapel from 1940 to 1942, transformation of the school house began and was finished for dedication on July 27, 1941. In 1964 additional acreage surrounding the church was purchased from W. E. Esterline. The additional land contributed greatly to the current park-like setting.

The parish's tranquil rural setting and intimate worship space, which seats 375, appeals to those seeking a church where parishioners know one another and affectionately refer to their fellow parishioners as their church family. Being located in the center of lake country, St. Paul Chapel sees a dramatic increase in people attending Mass during the summer months. In 1981 a community room was built to accommodate social functions as well as overflow seating for summer weekend services. In 1991 the building was expanded yet again. This time classrooms were added for Religious Education and restrooms were reconfigured to allow indoor access. Today Masses are offered at 9 a.m. every Sunday and during peak season from Memorial Day to Labor Day a 5 p.m. Saturday Mass is added.



Provided by St. Paul Chapel

**St. Paul Chapel, Fremont, will celebrate 75 years of serving the faithful on Sunday, July 24, with an outdoor Mass and pot-luck dinner on the grounds at 8780 E. 700 N in Steuben county.**

Over the years the facade of the church has changed from the white clapboard structure of 1941 to one of mid-century modern architecture. While the appearance of the church has changed, one thing has remained the same. Since its inception, the Conventual Franciscan Friars who also serve St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola have served as priests for the parish.

Father Wilfrid Logsdon, who is retired and living in the Friary at St. Anthony, offers his services to the parish as presider at Mass. Father Wilfrid replaced Father Phil Schneider who, after many years of service to the parish, retired and currently resides with the Franciscan Friars in Carey, Ohio. This is Father Wilfrid's second assignment to St. Paul Chapel having served previously from 1978 to 1988. Father Wilfrid reports being back at St. Paul Chapel is a wonderful assignment for his retirement as

the parishioners are all so open and welcoming. In addition he states it provides him the opportunity to renew old acquaintances as well as form new ones. Father Bernie Zajdel who served as pastor of St. Anthony during Father Wilfrid's prior assignment is also once again reassigned to the area and serving as Assistant Pastor at St. Anthony. Father Bernie explained that while he was the pastor of record for both parishes during Father Wilfrid's previous assignment the day-to-day activities of running the Chapel fell to Father Wilfrid who consulted with him when necessary which, Father Bernie admits, was rare. Father Bernie reports his connection to the Chapel goes one step further in that Father Earl Zajdel, brother of Father Bernie, served at the Chapel under the direction of pastor Father Conrad Schweibold in 1965 when the stone and stained glass entry that trans-

formed the building exterior was constructed.

But St. Paul Chapel is more than brick and mortar. It is a group of strong faith-filled individuals committed to building community among its members and extending God's love beyond its walls. Members of the Chapel answered the call to serve the poor a number of years ago when they partnered with the Franciscan Mission in Zambia, Africa to aid the Friars in their mission to bring God's love to the unfortunate. Through the generosity of the parish a significant amount of money is sent annually to the mission. The Chapel has an active women's group and a men's group as well as an organized program for children. Another key organization at St. Paul is the Booster Club whose purpose is to foster spiritual, social and educational growth in the parish. Members can be found throughout the

year putting on aprons and cooking up culinary delights to raise funds for their various endeavors. Their bi-weekly Lenten fish fries rival those of the finest restaurants and once every summer members fire up the grills for their famous take-out barbecue ribs. What makes these events so successful? Parishioner Pat Kocsis believes the secret ingredient is the fun and camaraderie the members share preparing and serving the food. She states the laughter that fills the air when they are cooking is infectious and puts guests at ease creating a family-friendly dining atmosphere.

Father Robert Showers, the current pastor of both St. Anthony and St. Paul Chapel is excited about the upcoming seventy-fifth anniversary celebration. He states the parishioners have been busy refreshing the landscaping and installing a new electronic sign to greet all who pass by with inspirational messages and information on upcoming events. Father Bob also reported a bronze statue of their patron St. Paul, commissioned by the parish to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the parish, has arrived and been erected on the front lawn of the church just in time for the celebration.

The members of St. Paul's Chapel firmly believe they have been blessed. Over the years in addition to their normal Sunday attendance, St. Paul's parishioners have welcomed thousands of visitors from near and far who stopped to worship while vacationing at the nearby lakes. The anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, July 24, starting with an outdoor Mass at noon at 8780 E. 700 N. No reservations are necessary. Simply bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating and a dish to share at the pot-luck dinner being held immediately following the Mass.

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Church is," he said.

Phillip Litchfield, a junior at IPFW, has also found College Crew to be gratifying. He said he appreciates the community aspect, as the group is full of "a lot of young people full of life" and deep in faith.

Following social time and adoration on June 28, Father Royce Gregerson was invited to speak about the challenges of voting as a Catholic. The current parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo and chaplain at IPFW, Father Gregerson recently returned from studying in Rome.

Voting is something Catholics ought to take seriously and approach with prayerful consideration. There is a certain power

that rests in each one of us that needs to be acknowledged, he said. As Catholics, we can't close ourselves off from the outside world. Rather "we have to be engaged in the process," he said. That can be voting or running for office. To that end, he said there's a need for "good, committed, Catholic leaders."

Speaking of good, he provided an explanation of the Catholic concept of the common good and how it should enter the equation when evaluating political candidates.

"The Church is not a group within society," he said. "All people are destined to the Church. The good of the Church is the common good."

He cautioned against a utilitarian approach. The common good is not to be confused with the greatest good for the greatest number of people, citing the Church's teaching on the prefer-

ential option for the poor.

Making an informed decision in the voting box is hard enough, and when you add faith into the mix it can be a contentious one. According to Father Gregerson, Catholics should avoid glorifying one political party over another.

"A true Catholic shouldn't feel at home in either of the major American political parties," he said. "Each holds positions contrary to Church teachings."

His advice: Don't vote on a whim or because of party affiliation. Do it as a Catholic and with Catholic teaching in mind. For further reference, he recommends the Catholicism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church.

For more information about future College Crew events, follow the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's College Crew Facebook page.



By Lauren Caggiano

**Father Royce Gregersen lectures on the spiritual aspect of voting and the need for an informed approach.**