

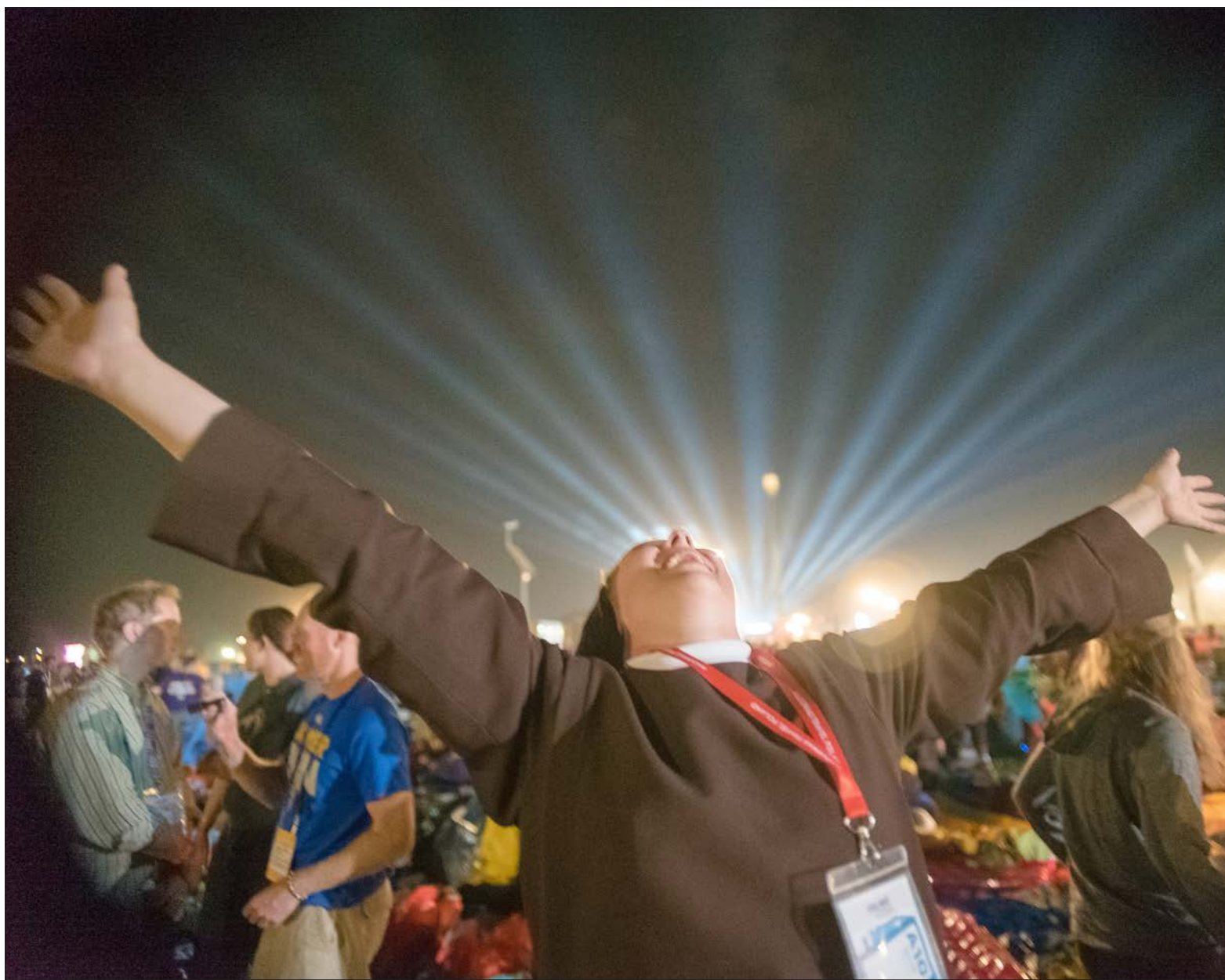
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Diocesan pilgrims jubilant at WYD



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BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

Traveling to Poland for the 31st World Youth Day with Pope Francis were 137 pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The theme of World Youth Day during this Jubilee Year of Mercy was "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

It was so fitting to celebrate that theme in the country of Poland, which shared with the world two of the greatest saints of mercy, St. John Paul II and St. Faustina Kolwaska. But the theme of mercy wasn't limited to these two impactful figures of our Catholic heritage. It permeated the lives of all of the saints pilgrims were able to encounter along the way, including Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, St. Maximilian Kolbe and many others.

It's difficult to encapsulate the entire WYD experience into a single article, video, picture or story. We offered intercessory prayers to Mary to join us as we pursued encounters with Jesus in both the large, glorious basilicas, and in small ways, alongside our friends and with relics of saints. There was laughter, song and jubilant fraternity through

miles of walking. We also clung desperately to our rosaries as we prayed and mourned the dead of Auschwitz. Moments of quiet opened pathways for individual time with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. And large Masses, Stations of the Cross and prayer vigils with not only our diocese, but millions of young people from all over the world, brought to life a new meaning of the phrase "universal church."

It wasn't until Krakow that we started to hear English spoken more frequently. Yet we stood alongside those from other countries as the Holy Mass was celebrated in other languages. We could see the physical bodies that make up the universal church speaking in different languages, yet professing the same faith. It produced an inescapable and almost indescribable joy.

Estimates are that 300,000 people attended the opening Mass in Blonia Park in Krakow. It was a sobering call to stand in solidarity and support for our brothers and sisters who are living in countries, unlike the United States, where they are at greater risk for practicing and keeping their faith.

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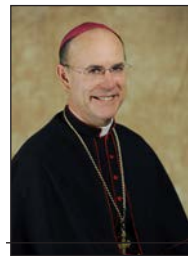
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World Youth Day in Poland



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Last week, 137 young pilgrims, priests, seminarians, sisters, lay leaders from our diocese and I participated in World Youth Day in Krakow, an experience of faith and joy with young people from over 180 countries throughout the world. It was a beautiful gathering of Catholic youth and young adults sharing the joy of being disciples of Jesus, inspired to be apostles of mercy in the contemporary world.

The young people from our diocese made me very proud to be their bishop. They participated wholeheartedly in the pilgrimage experience: in prayer, great camaraderie, and zeal. I am very grateful to all the diocesan and parish leaders of the pilgrimage for their hard work and dedication to our young people.

From our arrival in Warsaw on July 22nd to our departure on August 1st, we experienced the kindness and hospitality of our Polish hosts. It was great to celebrate the 31st World Youth Day in the homeland of the founder of WYD, Pope Saint John Paul II. In many places we visited, we followed the amazing life of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II, the principal patron saint of WYD this year, along with Saint Faustina, the messenger of Divine Mercy. Throughout our pilgrimage, we learned about many Polish saints and blessed, prayed at their tombs, and were inspired by their heroic Christian lives.

Our first Mass in Poland on the day we arrived was at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church in Warsaw where Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko served. We prayed at the grave of this young priest who ministered and preached to the workers of the Solidarity labor movement and was martyred by Communist authorities in 1984. We asked Father Popieluszko, a martyr of truth and love, to intercede for us as we began our pilgrimage.

Early Saturday morning (July 23rd), we traveled from Warsaw, Poland's political capital, to Czestochowa, Poland's spiritual capital. We visited the Jasna Gora monastery of the Pauline monks and its Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. I felt privileged to celebrate Holy Mass in the chapel of the Black Madonna, the famous icon of Mary, the Queen of Poland. Pope Saint John Paul II was intensely devoted to the Virgin Mary and to her icon at Czestochowa. It was a great place to spend our first full day in Poland, asking Our Lady to accompany us on our pilgrim journey. Late in the afternoon, we traveled from Czestochowa to Katowice, a city in Upper Silesia in southern Poland, our base for the next two days of pilgrimage. There we visited the small wooden church of Saint Michael the Archangel, built in 1510.

On Sunday, July 24th, we visited Kalwaria and Wadowice. Kalwaria ("Calvary") is a sanctuary in the Carpathian foothills with a beautiful Basilica, adjacent to the Franciscan monastery. There are 42 churches and chapels along six miles in the mountains recounting Our Lord's Passion and Death. The young Karol Wojtyla, whose hometown of Wadowice is not far away, prayed and hiked often at Kalwaria. We spent a few hours at this holy site and were able to visit some of the chapels. I'd love to return some day to walk the six



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On the way to Auschwitz, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades makes a point at a stop to visit the Jewish synagogue.

miles and visit all the chapels!

From Kalwaria, we went to Wadowice and celebrated an afternoon Mass in the parish church where Karol Wojtyla was baptized, received his first Holy Communion, and was confirmed. It was his family's parish where he served Mass as he grew up. The beautiful baroque church, now a basilica, under the title of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is located in the central square of Wadowice. Our group enjoyed several hours in the church and square and also toured the museum with the apartment home of the Wojtyla family, a three-room flat in a building next to the church. In Wadowice, our youth discovered the delicious ice cream made in Poland as well as the favorite dessert of Pope John Paul II, a Polish cream cake.

In these pilgrimage spots, we met pilgrims from other countries who were also making their way to World Youth Day in Krakow. The joyful spirit of all was palpable.

On Monday (July 25th), we left Katowice to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most somber time of our pilgrimage. We walked through these two camps of terror, genocide, and the Holocaust in respectful silence. Tears filled the eyes of many as we prayed at spots throughout the camps, including at the building where Saint Maximilian Kolbe was martyred, and outside the one remaining gas chamber and crematorium. At Birkenau, we walked along the train tracks on which hundreds of thousands of unsuspecting innocent captives arrived, including Saint Edith Stein. We could only walk in silence as we contemplated the incomprehensible evil and cruelty that took place there. Our pilgrimage of faith, love, and mercy met the exact opposite at Auschwitz. It was important that we visited there to remember the Nazi terror and the over 1.1 million victims killed at Auschwitz, mostly Jews, but also Poles, gypsies, Soviet prisoners of war, and homosexuals. It was also important while there to pray for an end to the terrors that continue to plague our

world.

From Auschwitz, we traveled to Krakow for a visit of several hours at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy. It was a special grace to pray in the chapel of the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where Saint Faustina's relics are kept under the famous image of the merciful Jesus. There, Sister Faustina received the extraordinary grace of the revelations of Divine Mercy. After reflecting on the darkness of evil at Auschwitz, we turned to the Divine Mercy which is truly a light for the world amid the darkness. Here it was good to reflect on the truth that evil can be overcome through merciful love. In the light of Divine Mercy, we can live in hope. I thought of the words of Saint Faustina: "Mankind will not find peace until it returns with trust to God's mercy."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley celebrated Mass for 2,000 of us, mostly U.S. pilgrims, that afternoon in the large new church next to the convent. The church resembles an arc and has a lower and upper basilica. The tabernacle in the upper church is shaped like the earth and has an image of the Divine Mercy above it with pictures of the apostles of Divine Mercy on either side, Saint Faustina and Saint John Paul II. Many of us also visited the new Saint John Paul II Sanctuary .5 kilometers away. It is a center devoted to the life and works of the great Polish Pope. The Shrine Church is decorated with beautiful mosaics and contains the cassock worn by Pope John Paul during his attempted assassination in 1981.

From Tuesday, July 26th to Sunday, July 31st, we participated in the activities of World Youth Day in Krakow. It is not possible to recount in this column all the many and varied experiences during these days. In small groups, our diocesan pilgrims visited many sites in the beautiful city of Krakow, beginning with Wawel Castle and Cathedral where we prayed at the tomb of Saint Stanislaus, a bishop and martyr of the 11th century. During these days, we walked



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Candles illuminate the nighttime field at the evening vigil and adoration.

the streets and visited dozens of beautiful historic churches, praying at tombs of saints, and joining thousands of young people in celebrations in city squares, like the beautiful main Market Square with the exquisite gothic Saint Mary's Cathedral. On Thursday, our diocesan group celebrated Mass together in the church where Saint Stanislaus was martyred in the year 1079.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, U.S. pilgrims could gather for daily catechesis, Mass, and prayer at the large Tauron Arena in Krakow. Our diocesan group spent all day there on Wednesday.

The main official events of World Youth Day began with the Opening Mass at Blonia Park on Tuesday (July 26th), celebrated by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, the Archbishop of Krakow, who had been the personal secretary of Pope John Paul II for many years. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were welcomed by Cardinal Dziwisz. Two days later, we gathered again in Blonia Park to welcome the arrival of Pope Francis with much joy and excitement. The two-hour welcoming ceremony was a festive gathering with a procession of young people carrying flags from all their countries, along with banners of Saints of Mercy from all six continents. During the ceremony, a Liturgy of the Word, the Holy Father told the pilgrims

that "a young person who is touched by Christ is capable of truly great things." He praised the energy and enthusiasm of the youth and encouraged them to bring God's love and mercy to the world.

On Friday, July 27th, Pope Francis and the WYD pilgrims gathered again Blonia Park for the Way of the Cross. Each Station of Jesus' Passion was linked to a corporal or spiritual work of mercy. At the end, the Holy Father called on the young people to live the works of mercy, to serve others, and to walk the path of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, the path of personal commitment and self-sacrifice. It is "the Way," he said, "that conquers sin, evil, and death, for it leads to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection and opens the horizons of a new and fuller life." It was evident that the young people at WYD believe in this message and seek to live it.

The climax of every World Youth Day is the Vigil with the Holy Father on Saturday night and the Closing Mass on Sunday morning. The youth camp out and sleep at the site (the bishops are bussed back to the hotel!) In Krakow, the Vigil and Mass were held at the "Campus Misericordiae" ("The Field of Mercy"), located about 9 kilometers from the center of Krakow, on July 30 and 31. About 1.6 million youth attended

the Vigil. Three young people shared emotional testimonies. One was a young Syrian woman who shared her pain and sorrow over the destruction of her city, Aleppo. She witnessed to her faith in God amid the suffering and asked for the prayers of all. Besides the testimonies, the Vigil included choreographed performances. One that touched me especially was of Pope John Paul II forgiving his would-be assassin in his prison cell. Pope Francis gave a heartfelt homily urging the youth to offer the best of themselves and to leave a mark on the world, to practice the works of mercy, and to promote brotherhood and communion in a world beset by conflict and terrorism.

The Closing Mass was filled with joy. Pope Francis spoke of the amazing encounter in the Gospel between Jesus and Zacchaeus and how that encounter changed Zacchaeus' life, despite the obstacles Zacchaeus had to face in order to meet Jesus. He said: "The Lord wants to enter your homes, to dwell in your daily lives and in your studies, your first weeks of work, your friendships and affections, your hopes and dreams. How greatly He desires that you bring all this to prayer!" At the end of the liturgy, Pope Francis announced that the next World Youth Day will held in Panama. Mass ended with the beautiful and uplifting music we had sung throughout World Youth Day.

World Youth Day 2016 was an amazing experience. Our young pilgrims loved it and were enlivened in their faith. Often throughout the trip and at the huge liturgies, we sang the beautiful WYD hymn. The lyrics of the refrain, which our young people also learned to sing in Polish, express the theme of WYD 2016: "Blessed are the merciful, for it is mercy that shall be shown to those who show mercy." I pray that, as a fruit of our pilgrimage, all of us will return home to live this Beatitude of Jesus with true fervor. I pray especially that our wonderful young people will be witnesses of mercy. May God, rich in mercy, pour out the gifts of His mercy onto the Church and the world!



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Pilgrims wait to check-in at Chicago O'Hare airport before leaving for Poland. From left are, Bekah Stump, Maria Till and Lindsay Klinker.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, August 7, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Mishawaka
- Tuesday, August 9, 11 a.m. — Mass and lunch with Seminarians, Saint Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- Wednesday, August 10, 11:30 a.m. — Mass with Catholic School Principals, Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw
- Wednesday, August 10: 7 p.m. — Memorial for the Unborn Prayer Service, Ironwood Circle, South Bend
- Thursday, August 11, 1:30 p.m. — Mass with Final Profession of Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka
- Friday, August 12, 11 a.m. — Mass with Blessing of Chapel, University of Saint Francis Business Center, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m. — Mass at Saint Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- Sunday, August 14, 11 a.m. — Mass at Saint Aloysius Church, Yoder
- Monday, August 15, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center
- Monday, August 15, 5 p.m. — Mass with Perpetual Profession of Vows of Poor Sister of Saint Clare, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. — Blessing of University of Saint Francis Business Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, August 16, 6 p.m. — Reception and Dinner for Annual Bishop's Appeal, Mirro Conference Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, August 17 to Friday, August 19 — Retreat Meeting of Board of Trustees of Ave Maria University, Detroit, Michigan
- Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. — Mass for Deacons and their wives, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw



Priest assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointments:

- Rev. Vincent Coppola, C.S.C.**, to Administrator of Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, effective July 24, 2016.
- Rev. Joseph Moyer, C.S.C.**, to Parochial Vicar of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir parishes, South Bend, effective July 19, 2016.



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Pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend arrive at Jasna Gora.

Former Our Sunday Visitor publisher named CNS director, editor-in-chief

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Greg Erlandson, former president and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*, has been named director and editor-in-chief of Catholic News Service effective Sept. 12.

Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, announced the appointment July 20.

"Greg brings a remarkable combination of management expertise, journalism skills and demonstrated service to the church at the national and international level. I am confident he will prove to be an important resource to clients of CNS," Msgr. Bransfield said in a statement.

Erlandson, 62, stepped down from his position at OSV in Huntington after nearly 27 years with the company. He was named OSV editor in 1989 and was promoted to editor-in-chief of its editorial operations in 1992. He was named president and publisher in 2000.

"CNS is one of the gifts of the U.S. Church to the rest of the Catholic world," Erlandson said in response to an email. "It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of so many great directors of the news service, and I am humbled by the opportunity to join our colleagues at the bishops' conference in serving our fellow Catholics."

"Catholic News Service has for decades been the backbone of the Catholic press," he told CNS.



GREG ERLANDSON

"It has enabled diocesan media to have a dependable source of national and international news, of great columnists and great features. It has also provided timely and trustworthy reporting to a wide variety of Catholic publications and organizations as well as to bishops and communicators around the world."

Erlandson worked for CNS from 1986 to 1989. After a brief time in the Washington office he worked at the CNS Rome bureau, until he left to become

editor at OSV. Since he was with CNS, the organization's offices in the USCCB headquarters have moved to a different part of Washington and added new staff members and new resources, such as

video and social media, as well as new challenges, he said. "So this feels a tiny bit like coming home, and a whole lot like a brand new opportunity."

Erlandson succeeds Tony Spence, who resigned in April after 12 years as editor-in-chief. James Rogers, USCCB chief communications officer, took over CNS administrative duties while a search process took place for a successor.

Erlandson studied journalism at the Graduate School of Journalism of the University of California at Berkeley. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Early in his career, he was editor of the *National Catholic Register*.

Over the years, Erlandson has had an active role as an advocate for the Catholic press. He served as president of Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada from 2011 to 2013, and continued on the organization's board after his term.

He has been appointed twice as a consultant to the USCCB's Committee on Communications, and he has been a consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. He completed a stint in 2015 on a committee working to reform the Vatican's communications arm that led to the creation of the new Vatican Secretariat for Communications.

In June, he received the Bishop John England Award from the CPA during the Catholic Media Conference in St. Louis. In February, he was inducted into the Association of Catholic Publishers Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement. In 2015 he received the St. Francis de Sales Award, the CPA's highest honor.

He and his wife, Corine Bischetti Erlandson, have four children.

Office of Communications expands coverage with new staff

The addition of three staff members to the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend equips it to provide expanded coverage of Catholic news and events on multiple platforms.

Molly Gettinger joins the team as communications/brand specialist. A *Today's Catholic* writer for over a year, she also brings three years of experience in the not-for-profit sector — including serving as an AmeriCorps member at Robinson Community Learning Center and working in marketing and development for Family and Children's Center and its affiliate, the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County. She is a graduate of Holy Cross College, where she studied English and theology.

With a love for writing and a knack for branding and design, her duties include creating and promoting a uniform diocesan brand. She will be based primarily at the St. John Paul II Center in Mishawaka.

Gettinger currently resides in South Bend with her husband, Joe. She can be reached at mgettinger@diocesefwsb.org or 574-968-2438.

Emily Mae Schmid is the social media manager. She has three years of social media experience and will share her time with *Verily Magazine*,



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EMILY MAE SCHMID

where she has worked for almost two years. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where she studied English.

Schmid is excited to share the news of the diocese across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and hopes to see her work strengthen communities and reach new people. She is inspired by the work of Bishop Robert Barron and his mission to evangelize the culture and spread the faith where it is needed most.

Having grown up in the South Bend area, she attended Saint Joseph's High School. She is engaged to be married in June 2017.

Schmid will work out of both the Archbishop Noll Center in Fort Wayne and the St. John Paul II Center, as well as remotely. She hopes to be active throughout the diocese as she helps parishes strengthen their online presence to build up their communities. She can be reached at eschmid@diocesefwsb.org.

Jodi Marlin is the publication manager. She will act as editor of *Today's Catholic* newspaper and assist with parish-level development of news and event coverage. She will be based at the Archbishop Noll Center.

Marlin brings to the position numerous years of reporting experience at local and regional daily, weekly and monthly publications, including *Today's Catholic*. Most recently she served as editor of a national municipal magazine. She has a bachelor's degree in international relations and Spanish, a master's certificate in translation and is an Education for Ministry graduate. She also worked at her former parish as the director of religious education, Hispanic Ministry coordinator and foreign language teacher.

She and her husband, Philip, are members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Contact her at 260-456-2824, ext. 3373, or editor@diocesefwsb.org.



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Interest grows in establishing Byzantine Catholic communities in Midwest

PARMA, Ohio — Interest in starting Byzantine Catholic communities in the American Midwest is sprouting. One such outreach, under the auspices of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma since August 2015, is operating at St. Joseph Church in West Liberty, Iowa. Another community in Omaha, Nebraska, was inaugurated this past April. The community in Iowa has lay-led vespers on Saturdays and monthly Divine Liturgy on Sundays, celebrated on a rotating basis by priests in the Chicago-land area. About 50 to 60 people attend, said Father Bryan Eyman, director of missions and outreach for the Eparchy of Parma. “We want these communities to succeed and to thrive,” he told *Horizons*, the eparchy’s newspaper. Father Eyman explained the difference between an outreach and a mission. An outreach has no canonical status. It is a “test” community “to see if there is enough interest and commitment to establish a mission and eventually a parish,” he said.

Pope’s private meeting leaves Polish nuns ‘filled with happiness’

KRAKOW, Poland — The head of one of Poland’s oldest religious orders said her nuns were “filled with happiness and joy” when the pope paid a private early morning visit to their convent. “The Holy Father expressed his own joy, and thanked our order for its joint common prayers — our hearts are full of huge gratitude,” Sister Olga Maslanka, superior general of the Congregation of the Virgins of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, told the Polish Catholic news agency KAI. “He went to some of our sisters who are terminally ill in their invalid carriages and gave them his blessing. He also signed our visitors’ book, thanking us for our work in the education field and service to the young.” Pope Francis had stopped off at the Presentation Sisters’ St. John Street complex early July 28 before making the journey to the Jasna Gora national sanctuary. The Presentation Sisters run schools, children’s homes and care facilities in Poland and Ukraine, as well as teaching religion in state schools. Members also work in the Vatican, cataloging and storing gifts offered to the pope, and sending them on his behalf, as well as maintaining the pope’s vestments and preparing rosaries and memorabilia for him to dispense at meetings.

NEWS BRIEFS

Confession at World Youth Day in Poland



CNS photo/Bob Roller

A priest hears the confession of a World Youth Day pilgrim at Park Jordana in Krakow, Poland, July 29.

Cardinal Pell denies new allegations of abuse, broadcast in Australia

WASHINGTON — An Australian television station said July 26 that it had discovered new allegations of sexual abuse against Cardinal George Pell, which the cardinal strongly denied. The Sano taskforce, Australia’s commission to investigate child sexual assault complaints, has been investigating accusations against Cardinal Pell for a year, police said. Several complaints were leaked to the media in February. The newly released wave of allegations, which the Australian Broadcasting Corp. said it received in eight police statements from complainants, witnesses and family members, include claims that the cardinal touched two boys inappropriately in a swimming pool in the 1970s. They also allege that Cardinal Pell appeared naked with boys in a beach changing room in the 1980s and some other undisclosed complaints dating to the 1990s, the station reported. In a July 27 statement, Cardinal Pell, now head of the Vatican’s finance office, denied all allegations and repeated his February comment that he would cooperate with authorities through the ongoing investigation. “While the cardinal in no way wishes to cause any harm to those making allega-

tions of sexual misconduct and abuse against him, the simple fact is that they are wrong,” the statement read. “The cardinal has cooperated in the past and will continue to cooperate through the proper and appropriate civil authorities.”

Under motto ‘Unity and Charity,’ Catholic Daughters hold convention

PITTSBURGH — Epitomizing their motto, “Unity and Charity,” 800 members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas gathered July 20-24 in downtown Pittsburgh for their national convention. The ballroom of the Wyndham Grand hotel looked more like a political convention than a meeting of Catholic women, with signs dotted throughout the room designating delegations from different states, nations and territories. With more than 1,300 courts, or chapters, in the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Peru, Guam and the Virgin Islands, the Catholic Daughters has become an international organization. After a priest in Kenya, Father Peter Wambulwa, watched an Eternal Word Television Network program about the group, he contacted its U.S. leaders, who traveled there. More than 100 Kenyan women now belong to the Catholic Daughters. Father Wambulwa was in Pittsburgh

to speak at the convention and receive a sizable donation from the Catholic Daughters to aid the fledgling group. Again, charity is part of being in the organization. “I have to say this: To be a Catholic Daughter, you have to have a very generous heart,” said Peg Rafferty, a member of St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville, who is first vice state regent for Pennsylvania and helped with preparations for the convention. “We’ve had people that joined and then they say, ‘My goodness, they’re constantly giving,’ and I’m like, ‘Sorry, that’s what we do.’”

WYD pilgrims try to grasp the grimness of death at Auschwitz camps

OSWIECIM, Poland — Walking into the site of the former Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, Stephanie Dalton felt a chill up and down her spine. She called it the spirit of those who died at the hands of the Nazis more than 70 years ago. “You could tell the people’s presence (was) still there,” she said after her group from the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, walked through the camp July 25 as part of their World Youth Day pilgrimage. Dalton, 19, a member of Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, spoke to Catholic News Service during a break after touring the camp and the nearby

Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp where nearly 1 million people were killed in secret during World War II. Looking at forested areas at Birkenau, Dalton said she could see the people who were held “in the beauty” after arriving by train in crammed box-cars as their fate was being determined by the Nazis. “They didn’t know what was going to happen,” she said in a solemn tone. The Brooklyn contingent totaled about 600. Forty of them filled a bus and joined thousands of others from around the world at the camps a day before the official opening of World Youth Day.

Campaign launched for solidarity with suffering Christians

WASHINGTON — Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Washington at World Youth Day in Poland started a social media campaign to show their solidarity with Iraqi Christians and others who suffer persecution. The campaign, launched July 25, uses the hashtag #WYDvoices4peace. “With news of Iraqi Christians attending (World Youth Day), and Cardinal (Donald) Wuerl’s call to speak against the persecution in the Middle East, we will launch a social media campaign aimed at thanking the Iraqi young people for their witness and ensuring them we are raising our voices in prayerful support and praying for peace,” said Sarah Yaklic, archdiocesan director of digital media. She made the comments in an email from Krakow, Poland, where she was attending World Youth Day. Washington’s Cardinal Wuerl has been a persistent voice in drawing attention to the plight of Christians suffering in Iraq, the Holy Land and other countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Pope recalls courage of WYD graphic artist who died of cancer

KRAKOW, Poland — Pope Francis held up the life of a young man who designed the World Youth Day graphics as a gift to the church. In a brief message to thousands of pilgrims July 27, Pope Francis asked the throng outside the cardinal’s residence to remember the life and work of Maciej Szymon Ciesla, 22, who died of cancer in early July. “He is with us today,” the pope said. Pope Francis told those gathered in the square that Ciesla had quit his job to volunteer with the World Youth Day committee. The pope described how Ciesla was diagnosed with cancer in November and the “doctors could not do anything. Even leg amputation did not help. He wanted to live to the visit of the pope. He even had a place reserved in the tram in which the pope was to travel, but he died on July 2.” Pope Francis said, referring to his July 28 ride in a tram through Krakow’s Old City.



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through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Loss leads to support for others, and a walk for a cause

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

Kelli Bunn was all set to deliver her second child last year, when the unexpected happened. What should have been tears of joy quickly turned into tears of sadness at the loss of the full-term girl, whom the mother and father had named Delaney, on Dec. 30.

The parents' tragic day started as any other normal day, except that they were about to welcome their second child.

"We went to the hospital to deliver the baby," said Bunn. She and husband Zach didn't want to know the sex of the baby beforehand because "We like to be surprised."

Staff members in the triage room could not find the baby's heartbeat, however. An ultrasound was performed, during which heartbreaking news was discovered.

"The doctor told me the baby had died," Kelli recalled.

Their baby girl was born full-term at 11:34 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 9.5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Doctors and nurses told her there were probably cord entanglement and placenta problems.

Shock turned to grief as the parents dealt with the loss. The couple are parishioners at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, and their strong faith, friends and family got them through the difficult time.

She and Zach, both Fort Wayne natives, are also both 2006 graduates of Bishop Luers High School. They have a 3-year-old daughter named Josephina.

After talking to fellow parishioners, the couple was asked to be a part of a walk in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. The national observance started in 1988.

"They thought it would help us," Kelli said.

They agreed. The Bunnns and others will participate in a walk Oct. 15, near Fort Wayne.

"I want to shed light and help



Photos provided by the Bunn Family
Kelli Bunn and husband, Zach, lost a full-term baby Dec. 30. They are pictured with their older daughter, Josephina, in the hospital shortly after Delaney's birth. Kelli is holding Delaney.

others," Kelli said.

She serves as head of donations for the walk's committee, which is her way of channeling her own grief and helping others at the same time. The last two years only 100 to 150 people participated in the walk, but she's hoping to increase that number this year.

Registration for the event starts at 9 a.m. The walk begins at 10 a.m. at Hometown Family Park. The event goes until noon and includes children's activities, a balloon release, chalk art and singing.

While the Bunnns grieve the loss of their baby daughter, they also know the walk might help couples who find themselves dealing with a similar tragedy.

"God blessed us with this lit-

tle girl, but we were blessed to be her parents," said Kelli. Delaney is peacefully buried at Catholic Cemetery, in the infant section; she also remains forever in her parents' hearts.

For information about the walk call Kelli Bunn at 260-710-0113 or email: WalktoRememberFW@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/WalktoRememberFortWayne

Father Andrew Budzinski, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, holds Delaney.



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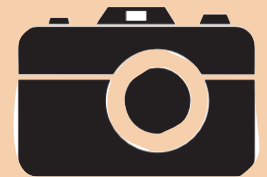
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Sister Amoroso celebrates 25th jubilee

HUNTINGTON — Sister Maria Adela Amoroso will celebrate her 25th anniversary jubilee with Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters with a special Mass Friday, Aug. 5, in the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel on the Victory Noll campus in Huntington.



SISTER MARIA ADELA AMOROSO

A native of Oruro, Bolivia, Sister Adela entered OLV in 1989 and made her first profession on Aug. 4, 1991.

She stayed in Bolivia to begin her mission work and remained until 2007. Sister Adela has also been missioned in Chicago and in San Bernardino and El Centro in California. She has worked in formation, parish ministry and at the Sister Evelyn Mourey Center in El Centro. Most recently she served in ministry at the Imperial County Jail in California.

The New Order of Celebrating Matrimony

A new translation of marriage rites, titled the Order of Celebrating Matrimony, has been approved for publication in the United States. This new ritual text may be used in the liturgy beginning on Sept. 8. Use of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony then becomes mandatory as of Dec. 30. By the end of 2016, no other English edition of the rites of marriage may be used in the dioceses of the United States.

To help prepare the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for this transition, a workshop is being hosted in collaboration with the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. It will address the theology, rites and liturgical music involved in the sacrament of marriage — with a particular focus on the changes and emphases in the new Order of Celebrating Matrimony.

This workshop is free of charge, but registration is requested via the online form found at <https://notredamecenterforliturgy.org>.

The workshop is particularly geared towards those involved in planning and implementing Catholic marriages (clergy, church musicians, wedding coordinators, etc.), but anyone is welcome to attend.

The workshop will be offered in Fort Wayne Saturday, Aug. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd.

In South Bend the workshop will be Saturday, Sept. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Church, 54191 N. Ironwood Rd., South Bend.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Embody institute gives insight into beauty, God as source



Provided by Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College held the first "Embody: Beauty, Justice, and Faith in Action," a week-long residential theology institute, July 10-15 on campus. The institute accepted girls entering their sophomore, junior, or senior years in high school. The week offered lectures, reflection and active involvement through art activities, community engagement and inter-faith dialogue. Campus Minister Jessica Kimmet said the institute provided high school girls with insight into theology and the value of beauty with God as the source. In this photo Embody participants gather in small groups to share their insights on beauty, justice and faith.

SJHS commemorative bricks on sale

SOUTH BEND — Own a piece of history with a commemorative brick from the former Saint Joseph's High School site at 1441 N. Michigan St.

Each brick comes complete with a nameplate or base. The cost for a brick with nameplate is \$100, and a brick with a nameplate and base is \$115.

There is no additional charge if a brick is picked up at 453 N. Notre Dame Ave. Those requesting shipping will need to add \$15 per brick. Order online at <https://saintjoehigh.ejoinme.org/bricks>.

NCCW to meet in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Council of Catholic Women will have a convention September 7-10 in downtown Indianapolis. Masses and dynamic speakers are on the agenda for Catholic women from all over the United States. Call Betty Lomont 260-348-959 or Ella Wagner 317-849-4321 for information. Full registration cost is \$370 by Aug. 23 to www.NCCW.org. For hotel reservations call 877-640-7666.

Cardinal Burke endorses novena for nation, rosary rally

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN — Cardinal Raymond Burke sent an exuberant endorsement of the new Novena for Our Nation and National Rosary Rally being put together by a group of Catholic lay people and priests supported by the Holy League and Men of Christ.

"There is no doubt that our beloved nation is in one of the worst crises which it has ever experienced, a profound moral crisis which generates division on all levels ..." said Cardinal Burke. "Let us now turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary, asking Mary Immaculate to intercede with Our Lord to bring healing to our nation and to inspire in her citizens the holiness of life which alone can transform our nation ... I urge as many as are able to participate in these great spiritual works for the sake of our entire nation."

This first Novena for Our Nation takes place from Aug. 15, Feast of the Assumption through Oct. 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is structured upon the 54 Days to Holiness Rosary

Novena sponsored by the Holy League, for which Cardinal Burke is the spiritual advisor. The objective of the novena is to make an act of reparation to return the U.S. to holiness imploring God to bless the nation through the intervention of Our Lady.

The novena, now in its third year with the Holy League, will conclude with a National Rosary Rally in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. on Oct. 7.

More information can be found at <http://novenaforournation.com>.

Serra Club supports seminarian fund

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend promotes, fosters and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer and club activities. One of these activities is selling Father's Day cards. The requested price of a card is a donation for the education of diocesan seminarians. Serra Club members sold the cards after Masses at seven local parishes on two weekends in June. The event raised \$3,000 and a check for that amount was presented to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Serra Club of South Bend welcomes new members. Contact Ted Neizer at 412-328-5351 or Frances Sain at 574-272-1989.

Correction

In the July 24 issue of *Today's Catholic*, the name of Rev. Msgr. John Suelzer was misspelled. We apologize and regret the error.

Bishop receives Founders Award



Provided by Virginia Rowan

Legatus, an organization comprised of Catholic businessmen and women whose mission is to study, live and spread the faith in members' business, professional and personal lives, presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with the group's Founders Award on July 19. The bishop was honored for his extraordinary effort in chartering the Fort Wayne Legatus Chapter. Bishop Rhoades is pictured with Fort Wayne Legatus Board President Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick and Legatus Great Lakes Regional Director Nancy Haskell.

WELCOME NEW PRINCIPALS

New St. Joseph principal believes 'God is not afraid of new things'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

For the past nine years, George Azar worshipped in the wooden pews of St. Joseph Church, South Bend, as parishioner, father and husband. He served on the parish school board and school technology committee. This spring he added a deeper dimension to his faith and was received fully into the Church after completing RCIA. In July Azar began another role at the parish, that of principal of the grade school.

Born in Sweden of Palestinian descent, Azar grew up in South Bend speaking Arabic as his first language. After attending Indiana University, Bloomington, and majoring in biology with a business minor, he worked in business in Indianapolis, where he also met his wife.

The couple moved to South Bend, where Azar furthered his studies at IUSB and obtained a master's in secondary education. He began working odd jobs in the South Bend city schools, and found a niche teaching biology at John Adams High School. Azar then moved into administration and completed his administrator certificate at Bethel College. He worked as a principal at Rise Up Academy for three years, helping to turn around a school that was previously on probation. Most recently he completed a successful three-year stint as principal at LaSalle Intermediate Academy, the only public school in South Bend to receive Indiana's four-star status during that period.

Serving in a Catholic school will be a first for Azar. He is most looking forward to practicing his faith and craft at the same time, he said. He finds many similarities between public and Catholic schools, but is looking forward to strengthening the Catholic identity of the grade school by continuing to practice the Holy Cross Congregation pillars and vocational curriculum. "This work will build from years of focused and intentional work in our faith formation," he noted.

It was "God's will alone" that he came to the new position, Azar said. This year he plans on establishing relationships, fostering faith and getting a good understanding of what everyone does at St. Joseph School. "I'm ready to jump in together and learn together."

"As we all move into the next school year together, let us remind ourselves of one of my favorite quotes by Pope Francis: 'God is not afraid of new things,'" he added.



GEORGE AZAR

Holy Cross Father Kevin Rousseau, pastor of St. Joseph Church, South Bend, said the community is excited to have Azar serve St. Joseph Parish as principal.

"We feel blessed to have found a principal who brings so much experience to St. Joseph. While we certainly miss Mrs. Wiwi, who retired as principal after 27 years, we are looking forward to the vision and zeal Mr. Azar brings."

Azar and his wife, Joanna, are active parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. They enroll their four young children in the parish's grade school and preschool.

Bogol aims to support Catholic identity at St. Anthony de Padua School in new role

BY JENNIFER MILLER

After teaching numerous grades, serving at a variety of schools and with a wide background in instruction and curriculum, Karen Bogol steps in to her first administrative leadership role. Her depth of educational exposure has prepared her to serve as principal of St. Anthony de Padua School, South Bend.

Bogol's personal background is similar to her professional one. Her father was in the Air Force, so the family lived in a variety of states. She studied elementary education for her undergraduate and master's degrees from Ball State University. Afterwards she worked in the Muncie public school system, then taught at St. John the Baptist, South Bend, for five years. For the past three years Bogol served as a teacher at St. Anthony, where she focused on fifth grade math. She also served on new programmatic committees of school culture and assessment, as well as the committee on math instruction and curriculum.

She has twice received the prestigious Light of Learning Award from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

When the St. Anthony position became available Bogol spoke with her supervisors and family, all of whom encouraged



KAREN BOGOL

her to take the natural next step on her professional path. With an energetic and upbeat spirit, Bogol has a positive vision for the whole school community. She plans "to continue the exciting initiatives and progress we have been making over the past few years."

She also looks forward to working with the St. Anthony community on a different level.

"I am excited to be able to interact and connect with the student, families and teachers across grade levels and in various activities," she said. Having taught kindergarten students as well as older third- and fifth-graders, Bogol understands how

every grade is unique.

During her first year Bogol hopes to keep the momentum and energy going at St. Anthony school. She hopes to continue on a good path with NWEA assessment, STEM program and community building with staff and students' families that was begun by the past principal, Tom Hamilton, and current assistant principal Allison Taylor, she added.

Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, said, "Karen is passionate about her Catholic faith and education. I have great confidence in her ability and desire to lead our school."

Supporting the strong Catholic identity at St. Anthony is important to Bogol.

"There's a 'rich faith community we already have in place at Saint Anthony's. Our school attends Mass twice weekly, participates in student-led prayer services, has an adoration club and incorporates prayer throughout the day."

"More personally, I want to model the behaviors I love to see in our school community — including love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control," she continued.

Karen and her husband, Steve, are active parishioners at St. Anthony. Their two children attend St. Anthony de Padua School.

St. Matthew Cathedral School brings on Sister Gianna Marie Webber, OSF

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Coaching boys' and girls' sports since she was 15, Sister Gianna Marie Webber, OSF, has always had a natural gift of leadership. From the sports arena to the spiritual field, she also seeks to follow God's will. This year she was named principal of St. Matthew Cathedral School, South Bend.

Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Sister Gianna Marie played high school basketball and attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio, receiving a bachelor's degree in physical education and health. She began her professional path as a high school teacher and varsity coach of high-risk students in Alaska. She later moved back to Ohio, where she worked in the business field for four years.

Sister Gianna Marie joined the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in 2004. During eight years of formation, Sister Gianna Marie stud-



SISTER GIANNA MARIE WEBBER

ied for a master's in educational administration at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. She professed final vows four years ago. Her first formal leadership role was as principal of St. John the Evangelist School in St. John, until 2015. She has been serving as assistant principal of St. Matthew Cathedral School for the past year.

In her first full year as principal, Sister Gianna Marie is look-

ing forward to working with the new parish staff and the school's "wonderful faculty and staff."

"I'm also looking forward to meeting the families as we build together a positive atmosphere for the students who God wishes for us to serve," she said. "God has blessed me in abundance with His graces, and I look most forward to sharing His love."

"My primary goal is to serve the Lord in all things," she continued. "I love the mission of Catholic schools, which is to develop the whole child, most especially drawing children closer to the Lord. I believe that happy teachers make happy kids, and happy kids make good learners: all of which help keep happy families. With this in mind, as a principal, I hope to engage my teachers and staff in presenting an environment of enthusiasm, joy, and purposeful learning all centered on God's love."

Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, said he is very excited to be working with Sister Gianna Marie at

St. Matthew Cathedral School.

"Both of us are in new situations: She as a new principal, after being here as the assistant principal, and me as a new pastor, after being here many years ago as a grade school teacher at St. Matthew's. I am looking forward to a great school year."

To foster and strengthen the Catholic identity of the school, many changes have been implemented. First, a new position was created: director of Catholic culture and life. Also, Father Fisher said, "we were blessed to hire an assistant principal, Dr. Lindsey Esbensen, who has her doctorate in moral theology." The middle school and junior high has been restructured to best improve religious and literature instruction, and a Catholic Identity Committee was added and designed by parishioners to support the school's mission.

In addition to these important, bold steps that are already in motion, Sister Gianna Marie asked, "Together, let us entrust this year to our Lady, Mother of Mercy."

Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, religious groups gather for annual conference in San Diego

"To serve alongside men and women who are your inspirational heroes is quite an unexpected honor and blessing ... my own ministry would not exist without them." So said Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, who along with his wife, Annie, attended the annual Joint Conference of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, National Black Sisters' Conference, National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and the National Association of Black Catholic Seminarians, all held July 24-28 in San Diego, Calif.

NBCCC was founded in 1968, followed in turn by the other groups. They began meeting jointly because of their commonalities. This was the first such gathering on the West Coast.

The conference liturgies, meetings, discussions and prayers reflected the growing crises and urgent challenges facing black Catholic leaders around the country, particularly in urban areas. Other conference highlights included an uplifting address by Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Ill., based on his 2015 pastoral letter and study guide, "The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace;" Deacon Tardy's election to a second term on the NBCCC board of directors; a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



National Black Catholic Sisters' Conference attendees.

Photos provided by Deacon Melvin Tardy

announcement calling for all U.S. dioceses to unite in a Sept. 9 Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities; and the naming Atlanta Archbishop Wilton Gregory to head a special task force to promote peace and healing.

At the conference, Annie "gained wisdom regarding current affairs and how we need to unite as a religion not just as a people," she said. In particular, "being with the deacon wives helped recharge me for my own church work, reminding me that

what I'm doing is in line with what others are doing; for we as deacon wives are also called to serve, we also have a ministry to help others."

Deacon Tardy and Annie are founding members of the Black Catholic Advisory Board of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The annual diocesan Sankofa Celebration of Black Catholic Faith and Culture will take place Saturday, Nov. 12, at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.



National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus group photo. Deacon Tardy is in the front row, fourth from the right.




Deacon Mel and Annie Tardy with Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Ill.

ShakeScenes performance brings joy




Provided by St. Matthew Cathedral School

Several students from St. Matthew Cathedral School performed in ShakeScenes as part of the Shakespeare Festival at the University of Notre Dame on Saturday, July 16. This was the school's seventh year performing in this event. In the back row, from left, are Leena Bradley, Maria Stroik, Director Josh Napierkowski and Darlene Povlock. In the front row, from left, are Katharine Becker, Emma Kopec, Michael Loesch and Ben Malinowski. On the ground is Nick Becker.



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Mass in front of the Black Madonna at the Jasna Gora monastery in Czestochowa, Poland.



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Statue of St. John Paul II in front of his home parish, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the center square Wadowice, Poland.



Derby Photography

Items were blessed by the Holy Father at the conclusion of the World Youth Day Mass on Sunday at "Campus Misericordiae" ("The Field of Mercy").



Frassati Photography

Pilgrims gather outside the cell in Auschwitz I where St. Maximilian Kolbe was held prisoner and later martyred by the Nazis.



Nate Proulx

The group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gathers between St. John Paul II's home and parish following Mass in Wadowice, Poland.



Nate Proulx

Pope Francis led adoration at the vigil Saturday night prior to the World Youth Day Mass that brought around 1.6 million pilgrims to the site.



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Adoration at the Tauron Center with Audrey Assad, Matt Maher and Bishop Robert Barron.



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A pilgrim waves the Indiana flag enroute to the camp.



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Waiting for the pope to arrive at "Campus Misericordiae," 9 kilometers from the center of Krakow.

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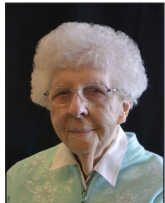
Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate jubilees

BY BARBARA ALLISON

DONALDSON — Nine Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters who served in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese are celebrating jubilees this year. Four are celebrating their 70th jubilee, while five celebrate 50 years as women religious.

70-year jubilees

Sister Mary Conrad Kirchoff celebrates 70 years as a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. She served in the ministries of childcare, education and administration at St. Vincent Villa and St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She also ministered at St. Joseph School, in Mishawaka and was the provincial of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ American Province. In addition, she served as a general councilor in Dernbach, Germany. She is retired and resides at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.



SISTER MARY CONRAD KIRCHHOFF

Sister Antoinette Volk also marks her 70th year as a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. She ministered in the areas of hospital-ity and food service at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne and Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson. Currently she works in the community sewing room at the Catherine Kasper Home, where she retired.



SISTER ANTOINETTE VOLK

Sister Julia Barry celebrates 70 years as a PHJC Sister. She worked in child-care ministries at St. Vincent Villa and as a home-maker at St. Paul Convent, both in Fort Wayne. She ministered at Convent Ancilla Domini and the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, and at St. Bavo School in Mishawaka. Currently she volunteers in the Development Office of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She resides at Convent Ancilla Domini.



SISTER JULIA BARRY

Sister Josephine Iffert marks her 70th year with the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. Formerly known as Sister Concetta, she served as a provincial councilor for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in Donaldson. She's currently retired to Convent Ancilla Domini, where she ministers in prayer and community service.



SISTER JOSEPHINE IFFERT

50-year jubilees
Sister Sharon Marie Fox celebrates her 50th Jubilee, ministering in nursing and health care administration. She served at St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka, Catherine Kasper Home and Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson; and the South Bend Clinic and the Veteran's Administration Clinic in South Bend. Currently she's the wellness nurse for the Sisters at Convent Ancilla Domini, where she also resides.



SISTER SHARON MARIE FOX

Sister Mary Jane Ranek marks her 50th year as a PHJC Sister. Formerly known as Sister Janelle, she taught at Holy Spirit School in Fort Wayne and St.



SISTER MARY JANE RANEK

Monica School in Mishawaka, and served as the liturgist at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson. She currently resides in Querétaro, Mexico, where she's the director of Centro Catalina, ministering in the Poor Handmaids Mexico Pro-region.

Sister Mary Ellen Goeller, formerly known as Sister Marie William, celebrates 50 years as a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ. A health care administrator, her home parish is St. Monica in Mishawaka. She also served as an administrator at the PHJC Ministry Center in Donaldson. Residing in Portage, she currently serves as the Regional Director of Mission Integration at St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago and at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart.



SISTER MARY ELLEN GOELLER

Sister Linda Volk, formerly known as Sister Cheryl, is also a 50-year jubilarian. An educator, she taught at St. Monica School in Mishawaka and served as a provincial councilor for the American Province in Donaldson. Currently she's the coordinator of Sister residents at Convent Ancilla Domini, where she resides; and is also an environmental activist at The Center at Donaldson.



SISTER LINDA VOLK

Sister Barbara Kuper, formerly known as Sister Raphael, celebrates her 50th Jubilee as a PHJC Sister. She served in child-care ministries at St. Vincent Villa in Fort Wayne and as the first director of Nazareth Home, a foster home founded by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in East Chicago. She's currently a volunteer at Nazareth Home and resides at Catherine's Convent in East Chicago.



SISTER BARBARA KUPER


History

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ trace their roots to Dernbach, Germany where their foundress, Catherine Kasper, was born in 1820.

They continue in the foundress' tradition of meeting the neighborhood needs of the people they are called to serve. Educational, spiritual, pastoral and home care ministries grow as they continue to be asked to minister in parishes serving the immigrant church.

In the early 1920s, the Motherhouse moved from Fort Wayne to Donaldson, just west of Plymouth.


Since the beginning of the 20th century, the Poor Handmaids in the United States moved, opened and closed many missions and continue to minister in health care, education and childcare; as well as retreat, parish, pastoral and social work.



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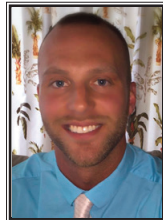


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ZEAL summit to focus on message of Jesus' mercy

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

Are you a DRE? Youth Minister? Catechist? Teacher? Catholic? Are you looking to live your faith more fully? You are invited to dive into the Year of Mercy through a one-day conference titled "ZEAL: Missionary Discipleship Summit." Organized by the Office of Catechesis in conjunction with the Office of Hispanic Ministry and the Secretariat for Evangelization, this summit is open to all adults who are currently serving the church through a particular ministry or who are looking for growth in one's own personal faith journey.

Mary Glowaski, division director of the Secretariat for Evangelization, shared: "ZEAL is an opportunity for anyone in our diocese to come together to strengthen relationships with one another and to learn more about our faith and what our church teaches. We hope those who join us will leave inspired to be bold witnesses for the Gospel and the profound message of mercy offered to all by Jesus Christ."

The summit will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw. It will feature tracks offered in English and in Spanish. Attendees will learn how they can faithfully live out the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in its final months and beyond.

The summit will begin with



James and Wendy Summers presented an informative session titled "One Body, One Family: The Value of Diversity and Inclusion," at last year's ZEAL summit.

Mass and will be filled with panels, workshops and discussions all centering on the Year of Mercy, including the morning keynote, "The Mercy of God," presented by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Other speakers and panelists include Father Bob Lengrich, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Decatur; Kathy Fech, director of religious education for St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne; Sister Marie Morgan, chair of the Theology Department of Marian High School; and Ash Scarborough, university campus and young adult minister for the diocese.

"This has been a collaborative effort to bring people from all walks of life, diverse parish ministries and simply those who wish to learn more about their

faith together in a joyful and informative environment," said Glowaski. "We need to remind one another that we are blessed as a whole church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to serve others, and that we have all been the recipients of God's grace and mercy. Our call is to share this same love and mercy."

Cost for attendance is \$15 per person and includes a morning snack and lunch. All attendees must be preregistered and prepaid. Registration forms are available online, at parishes, at the Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne and at the St. John Paul II Center in Mishawaka. The deadline for registration is Aug. 22.

For more information or to register online, visit www.zealsummit.com.

St. Jude youth group makes local pilgrimage



Provided by St. Jude Parish

Father Bob Garrow and Youth Minister Vickie Lortie led a pilgrimage day on July 15 for St. Jude Youth Group teens to Catholic sites in and around Fort Wayne. Over 30 teens and about 10 adults began the day by celebrating Mass with Bishop Rhoades in the crypt of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, then took a tour of the cathedral, Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel and the Cathedral Museum. From there they proceeded to the Fort Wayne parishes of St. Peter, St. Mary Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, St. Patrick, Most Precious Blood, St. Jude and St. Louis Besancon, New Haven. They ended the pilgrimage with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. in the grotto at Most Precious Blood.

Third Order of Lay Carmelites



Provided by Robin Yee

A ceremony of temporary profession of vows of Third Order Lay Carmelites took place at St. Henry's Parish, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, July 16. The charism of the Carmelites is a life of prayer. From left are Patricia Bader, director of the community, listening to the vows being professed by Judy Kruk. Janet Pawlowski, James Cheviron, Teresa Tallon and Anne Mallett await their turn to speak their profession and Nancy Simmonds, center, assists Father Dan Durkin, pastor of St. Henry's. At far right, Beverly Armstrong and Sarah Lane await their reception into the community.

Answering the call:

Youth publicly show openness to discerning religious life

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO — This summer, more than 50,000 participants at Steubenville Youth Conferences are encountering Christ in new ways during one of 23 gatherings held across the U.S. and Canada. Taking an extra step in acknowledging God's will in guiding their lives, about 6,000 of them will answer the vocations call, coming forward to receive a special blessing for those discerning a vocation to religious life at the Sunday Mass that ends each conference.

At the July 8-10 conference held at Franciscan University, Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey Monforton called forth the young people who were open to discerning religious life.

"Thank you for your fortitude, your humility," Bishop Monforton said, first calling the young women to the foot of the stage to receive a blessing.

Nearly 100 young women came forward, some hesitantly, some in small groups. Bishop Monforton extended his hands and invited the 2,000 people in attendance to also stretch out their hands and offer prayers.

Heather Leclair, from Two Rivers, Wis., was one of the young women who received the blessing. "God put this desire in my heart that I'd been ignoring for years," she said. "Last year at Steubenville, He really opened my heart to religious life. This year He also reaffirmed that desire."

Then it was the young men's turn. They came from all corners of the dimly lit Finnegan Fieldhouse, some from the bleachers, some from just a few feet from the stage. Blessing the young men, Bishop Monforton quoted Luke 10:2: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few ... And so, praying to you for more laborers, those who will tend your flock, shower your blessings upon our brothers here who are discerning the priesthood. Give them fortitude,



Provided by Curt Feece

Father Craig Borchard blessed students from both St. Michael Parish in Plymouth and St. Mary of the Lake in Culver who were on their way to the Steubenville Youth Conference. Maria Stukenborg, who is a student at Purdue University, had attended the Steubenville Conferences while in North Carolina. She was so moved by the Holy Spirit during those trips that she wanted to share it and so combined efforts with Angela Reese, who started the youth group at St. Mary of the Lake, to take as many youth as possible. Arrangements were made to take a school bus, which was funded by parishioners, Knights of Columbus Council No. 1975 and local business leaders.

give them strength and humility, docility to hear your word and that the life of your Son is ever grown in their hearts."

Adam Szalay, a member of St. Richard Parish in Pittsburgh, Pa., went forward for the Vocations Call.

Szalay said that discernment is "a constant battle between my plan for myself and God's plan for me, being comfortable versus being called out of my comfort zone."

Bishop Monforton said the vocations call is a reminder of each person's own vocation as a "common thread [that is] rooted in the love of Jesus Christ ... One begins to have clarity of position toward a vocation when casting one's gaze on the face of Jesus. This invites response."

Attesting to the impact of the vocations call, a recent survey by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate showed 10 percent of newly ordained priests

and 21 percent of women professing perpetual vows in religious life said they had previously attended a Steubenville Youth Conference.

This year, Franciscan University of Steubenville offered six adult, four young adult and 23 youth conferences in 14 states and two Canadian provinces that are expected to reach over 60,000 people. Visit www.steubenvilleconferences.com for a complete list of conferences.

New leadership team installed



Provided by Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will formally install its new three-member Leadership Team during a ceremony Aug. 6 in the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel on the Victory Noll campus. The new leadership team consists of Sister Mary Jo Nelson, president, who previously served on the OLVN Leadership Team from 2000-08 as general treasurer, vocation and formation minister and mission integration coordinator at Victory Noll; Sister Lucille Martinez, vice-president, who previously served in leadership from 1980-88 and also from 2004-12; and Sister Ginger Downey, general secretary, who is in her second consecutive term on the Leadership Team and served as general secretary from 2012-16. Martinez and Downey also studied or served for a time in the Fort Wayne area.

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A different kind of fatherhood?

The Ultimate Challenge, at least in this column, is about men and faith. But today I will use an example of a fictional female character to illustrate a different kind of fatherhood.

C.S. Lewis' "The Great Divorce" tells the story of a man from hell who takes a bus tour of Heaven. He sees some "bright Spirits." Amongst them is a lady surrounded by musicians and boys and girls singing to her and honoring her. The man notices her exquisite beauty but cannot remember if she was naked or not. She was either naked, covered with "joy and courtesy," or "her inmost spirit shone through the clothes."

He wonders if this lady with unbearable beauty was Mother Mary herself. But his guide quickly corrects, "Not at all ... Her name ... was Sarah Smith." On Earth she was no one special, but in Heaven, "She is one of the great ones. And the many young men and women are her sons and daughters." The man is dumbfounded, saying she must have had a very large family. The guide explains,

"Every young man or boy that met her became her son — even if it was only the boy that brought the meat to her back door. Every girl that met her was her daughter."

The man asks, "Isn't that a bit hard on their own parents?"

"No. There are those that steal other people's children. But her motherhood was of a different kind. Those on whom it fell went back to their natural parents loving them more. Few men looked on her without becoming,

in a certain fashion, her lovers. But it was the kind of love that made them not less true, but truer, to their own wives."

The woman was surrounded by animals as well. This seemed a bit excessive for the man, but the guide responds:

"Every beast and bird that came near her had its place in her love. In her they became themselves. And now the abundance of life she has in Christ from the Father flows over into them."

The man is amazed. The guide continues,

"It is like when you throw a stone into a pool, and the concentric waves spread out further and further. Who knows where it will end? Redeemed humanity is still young; it has hardly come to its full strength. But already there is joy enough in the little finger of a great saint such as yonder lady to waken all the dead things of the universe into life."

Spiritual Fatherhood

Lewis illustrates a different kind of motherhood. But what can Sarah Smith teach men?

There is a "different kind of fatherhood" in Heaven, which is first lived out on Earth. It is spiritual fatherhood. It is for all men, even the average single or married man, with or without kids — not just the elite canonized saints. Everyone you meet is your spiritual child, but especially the widow, the orphan and "the least of them." The calling of every Catholic man is to "go and make disciples of all nations."



DAVE McCLOW

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

How are we to live out spiritual fatherhood? Spiritual fathers are not possessive and do not use people for their own selfish gain. Paraphrasing Lewis' lines regarding the animals, every person who comes near a man has his or her place in the man's love as his spiritual child; in him, they become themselves. When people meet true Catholic men living as spiritual fathers, they are loved deeply and become more themselves, who they are meant to be. This different kind of love always implicitly or explicitly challenges them, sending them back to their lives with more love toward others.

Lewis uses the image of a stone that creates ripples of concentric circles. In other words, God's love must always be fertile and fruitful. You must beget children who must beget children who must ... You get the idea. There is no infertility in Heaven.

St. John Paul II challenges biological fathers to be the stone that creates the ripples: "In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family...." This is the call for all

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Olympic inspiration:

Waiting for that unifying moment

It was a rough July, on a national scale, marked by division: shootings, protests, funerals, conventions.

Whether you tuned into Trump and Clinton, clicked over to the late-night comics or braced for sharp Facebook exchanges, you likely felt a sense of separation, of people moving further apart, digging in their heels and drawing circles around their camps.

"At times, it seems like the forces pulling us apart are stronger than the forces binding us together," former President George W. Bush observed at a Dallas memorial service. "Too often, we judge other groups by their worst examples while judging ourselves by our best intentions."

To reverse this impulse — to trust in others' better intentions and recognize our own bad examples — is the ultimate act of mercy, the virtue we need so desperately this year.

I'm hoping August can provide what July failed to deliver: unity. I'm banking on the Olympics to give us that lift, through 17 days of drama and daring and more than 10,000 athletes from 207 nations coming together in 306 events. It's time to root for someone who doesn't look or sound like you, to cheer on athletes because you like their stories or their anxious moms, because they're young or old, because they're shy or bold, because you can glimpse their spirit shining through.

The beauty of enduring



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

Olympic moments is that they cannot be planned or predicted. They are unscripted. Part of the magic is watching them unfold before our eyes. We follow the athlete with the most hype, while an underdog sneaks up and stuns. A star is born, and we feel part of it because we have given witness to it.

History is replete with golden Olympic moments. They do not require athletic supremacy, though many contain it; they do require a triumph of human spirit. Ethiopian runner Abebe Bikila ran a marathon in the 1960 Summer Games barefoot — and won. Hermann Maier, an Austrian skier, had a devastating crash in the downhill competition at the 1988 Nagano Games, then returned to the slopes days later to win two gold medals.

Eric Moussambani from Equatorial Guinea had just recently taken up swimming when he gained entrance into the 2000 Summer Games through a wildcard for athletes from developing countries. He lost the 100-meter freestyle qualifying race but set a record for

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God as protector and deliverer



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:35-40

The Book of Wisdom is the source of the first reading for this weekend.

Nighttime was when the Exodus began — the Hebrews' flight from Egypt, where they had been enslaved. They saw God as their protector, assuring that their escape would succeed. Moses was God's instrument.

Very much a part of the story, therefore, was the people's recognition of God as their deliverer. Hebrew tradition never forgot God's role in the Exodus. Thus, this reading from Wisdom proclaims the might and mercy of

God. This reference gives a logical basis for the Jewish belief in God, a purpose in all the Wisdom literature in the Bible.

The second reading for this weekend is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, written very much for Jewish converts to Christianity. They faced the same difficulties as those experienced by pagan converts in the first generations of the Church.

After the Jews' rebellion against Rome, quashed so brutally by the Romans in 70 AD, the legal system of the empire was no friendlier to them than it was to Christians. Christians faced persecution because they defied laws requiring worship of the Roman gods and goddesses, including the emperor.

This epistle encouraged and challenged Jewish converts to Christianity. The reading literally sings about the majesty and power of faith, continuing one of the themes in the previous reading. By acknowledging God, and by receiving Jesus, the Son of God, believers affirmed the fact that God is, and was active through the centuries, in

human life. Abraham realized this. God gave Abraham and Abraham's wife, Sarah, a child. Their prayers were answered. From this child, their son Isaac, descended the Hebrew people.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. It is always important to realize that the Gospels were composed not during the Lord's time on earth, but decades after Jesus lived and preached. (Biblical scholars think that Luke's Gospel, heavily relying upon Mark's but using other sources as well, was written around 80 AD, a half-century after Jesus.)

The author of Luke knew very well the stresses facing Christians at the time when the Gospel was composed. He witnessed the looming persecution, and certainly he experienced the struggle between the Gospel and the pagan culture. So the words of Jesus, chosen by the Evangelist and read during this weekend's Masses, are encouraging. They also warn.

The Lord urged disciples to be prepared, but the Lord will take care of them. Still, surviving on

earth is not the ultimate goal. Believers will be vindicated by Jesus in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus is the bridegroom. The wedding banquet is the celebration of love and life in heaven.

Reflection

Only two things are certain in life, so they say; namely death and taxes. People spend much time thinking about taxes, filing returns on time, paying what is due, watching withholding statements and resisting political efforts to raise taxes.

If they are healthy, few people think very much about death, however, even though death is the fate of every living organism. It is too frightening to consider. It is easy to turn a blind eye.

These readings are blunt and utterly realistic. Death awaits us all. Aside from final death, we can create for ourselves the living death of hopelessness and despair.

God wills that we live with peace in our hearts now, and that we live forever. He gave us Moses and Abraham. He gave us

Jesus, the very Son of God. Jesus will come, intending to take us to the wedding banquet.

As the Gospel tells us, and as the Hebrews longing for deliverance told us, we must prepare ourselves to live with Jesus by being faithful and by loving God above all. God alone is our security and hope. He has proven it.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 19:13-15

Politics and the court

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg caused quite a stir this month by saying what was on her mind about Donald Trump to the *New York Times*. "I can't imagine what the country would be — with Donald Trump as our president," she said.

If her husband were alive, she continued, he might have said, "It's time for us to move to New Zealand." In a later interview with CNN she called Trump "a faker" who "says whatever comes into his head at the moment."

It's no surprise that Justice Ginsburg should entertain these views. She was appointed to the Supreme Court by Bill Clinton. Before becoming a judge, she co-founded the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. She's the star of a Tumblr blog called Notorious R.B.G., which celebrates her as a hero of the left.

But Canon 5 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges says that "a judge should refrain from political activity." In particular, she should not "publicly endorse or oppose a candidate for public office."

And although the code applies to all federal judges except those on the Supreme Court, the justices traditionally stay out of politics. John Marshall Harlan II, appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1955, didn't even vote after he took his seat on the court.

There is general agreement that Justice Ginsburg should have kept her thoughts to herself, and she has admitted as much. Judges are supposed

to be fair and impartial, and comments like hers create the appearance — to say no more — that she favors one party over the other.

Imagine if a case like *Bush v. Gore* arose out of the November election. Mr. Trump might be forgiven for supposing that she had a bias against him.

I think, though, that the justice's comments reflect a deeper misconception about the role of a judge, and it is one she shares with a lot of people.

In 1973 the Supreme Court held that the due process clause guaranteed women the right to have an abortion — a right with no foundation in the language or the history of the Constitution. It seemed, Justice William Rehnquist said in dissent, more like "judicial legislation" than constitutional interpretation.

Last year the court held that the due process clause guaranteed same-sex couples the right to marry — another right the Constitution says nothing about. Chief Justice John Roberts characterized the court's decision as "an act of will, not of legal judgment."

If the members of the Supreme Court are nothing more than politicians in robes, the rule forbidding them to engage in political activity seems pointless, even disingenuous. Canon 5 rests on a different view of the judge's role. It assumes that the Constitution and laws have meaning, and that they are binding on decision-makers. Judges are constrained by text and precedent. They can't discard or improve on outdated language.



INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

This is what allows us to feel comfortable entrusting weighty matters of constitutional interpretation to people who, in their prior lives, may have worked for the ACLU or the Heritage Foundation.

Since the decision in *Roe v. Wade*, though, a majority of the court has claimed the authority to make things up. This has had the natural effect of leading us to see its work as politics by another name.

It's not just Democrats who take this approach. Republicans in the Senate have held up the nomination of Merrick Garland because, they say, this is an issue the people should have an opportunity to weigh in on. Donald Trump has floated a list of candidates he would consider in lieu of Garland. We're voting for the Supreme Court.

This is a bad turn of events, and to my mind, the court has itself to blame. Its assertion of authority to make law has taken power from the elected branches and undermined the very reasons we have for trusting the court itself.

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their own ripple effects until they illuminate all nations. "Arise, let us be on our way" (Jn. 14:31).

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"Sport, rightly understood, is an occupation of the whole man," Pope Pius XII once said, "and while perfecting the body as an instrument of the mind, it also makes the mind itself a more refined instrument for the search and communication of truth and helps man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator."

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men, as spiritual fathers, not just biological dads.

There is a power in spiritual fatherhood. As Lewis says, "Redeemed humanity is still young; it has hardly come to its full strength." But the joy in only one's little finger can awaken "all the dead things of the uni-

verse into life." The ultimate power of love and joy culminates in the Resurrection. In the same way, the love and joy of our spiritual fatherhood is the greatest power in the universe.

The ultimate power of and challenge to spiritual fathers is, we both conceive spiritual children and resurrect them, when wounded by sin, through revealing and reliving the very fatherhood of God via our love and joy for them. We then challenge them to a fertile love, to create

which Derek crossed on his own. Canadian sailor Lawrence Lemieux was expected to medal at the 1988 South Korea Olympics, but noticed a competitor's capsized boat amid dangerous winds. He abandoned the race to rescue the two injured sailors. After handing them off to a crew he returned to the race, still managing to beat out 11 other competitors and place 22nd out of 32. He was awarded an honorary medal for heroism.

Ultimately, epic Olympic moments reveal truth and beauty. They stir us to strive for something more.

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his home country, wowing fans with his memorable first swim in an Olympic-sized pool.

British sprinter Derek Redmond tore a hamstring during the 400-meter semi-finals in 1992 and struggled to rise to his feet. His father broke through security to join his son on the track, propping him up and helping him reach the finish line,

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Gospel for August 7, 2016

Luke 12:32-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lessons in wealth and stewardship. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

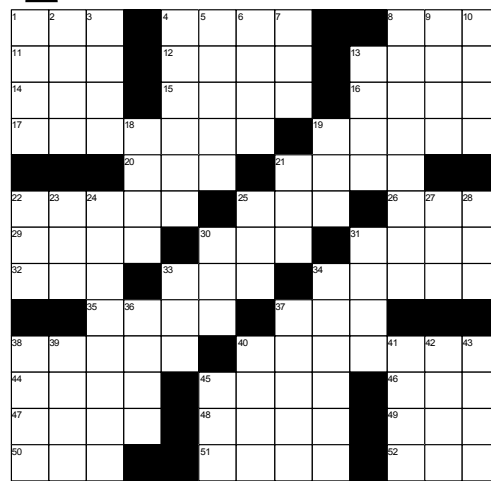
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Based on these readings: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48 and Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

ACROSS

- 1 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 4 Stream
- 8 Feminine possessive
- 11 Throw
- 12 Healing plant
- 13 Soybean
- 14 Recede
- 15 Italian farewell
- 16 Oil producers
- 17 He obeyed by faith
- 19 Swedish citizen
- 20 Moses did
- 21 Where we think
- 22 Blacksmith's need
- 25 Barbarian

- 26 Respiratory disease
- 29 Nuns wear under veil
- 30 What a cow chews
- 31 To dock a boat
- 32 Family argument: three against _____
- 33 Protrude
- 34 Syriac title for Jesus
- 35 Coil
- 37 Kettle
- 38 Grow _____ & lose heart
- 40 Ebed-Melech was one
- 44 Jesus called God this
- 45 Uses sticky black stuff
- 46 Cozy room
- 47 Rock and _____
- 48 Canal

- 49 The _____ (final word)
- 50 Vane direction
- 51 Sell our things and give _____
- 52 Advertisements

DOWN

- 1 Animal insect
- 2 Type of salad
- 3 Abbreviation
- 4 Jacob's favorite wife
- 5 Book by Homer
- 6 Rich dirt
- 7 Favored papal name
- 8 Faith is realization of what it _____ (2 wds)
- 9 Looked over
- 10 I've "run the _____"
- 13 Planted seeds
- 18 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 19 "Clings to us"
- 21 Jeremiah sank into
- 22 Play a role
- 23 The present
- 24 Can be breached
- 25 Small dwelling
- 27 Mauna _____ Hawaiian mountain
- 28 Cremains vase
- 30 Chalice
- 31 Insect that destroys treasure
- 33 This lay before Jesus
- 34 Green seedless plants
- 36 Spoken
- 37 Feast from Book of Esther
- 38 Item for sale
- 39 Black
- 40 Variation of Charles
- 41 Thought
- 42 Good shepherd does
- 43 Ceases
- 45 Oolong

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

BISHOP LUERS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AUG. 20 The Bishop Luers Alumni and Friends Golf Outing is slated Saturday, Aug. 20, at Brookwood Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person and includes greens fees, golf cart, range balls, six drink tickets and food. Registration and team fees are due by Aug. 17 to the alumni office at 260-456-1261, ext. 3040 or by sending an email to Melissa Hire at mhire@bishopluers.org. A registration form is available online at www.bishopluers.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling Mary Huth at 260-456-1261, ext. 3039 or mhuth@bishopluers.org.

Ten questions for Coach Lou Holtz

BY RON BUSCH

One would be hard-pressed to find a more knowledgeable and enthusiastic coach than Notre Dame's legendary Lou Holtz. Coach Holtz is one of college football's icons, and after retiring from coaching he has among many activities, served as an entertaining TV college football analyst. Coach Holtz has a knowledge and wisdom that is difficult to challenge. He was graciously willing to answer some questions submitted by *Today's Catholic* regarding his personal young life and how his participation in youth sports has helped to shape his life's outlook.

Today's Catholic: First, thank you, Coach Holtz, for agreeing to a written interview. I know you have a busy schedule with football season approaching. I'm sure that your wisdom will be well received by our readers. Let's get started ...

Today's Catholic: How old were you when you first became active in sports?

Lou Holtz: I was in the fifth grade when I played on the eighth grade football team. The reason I was able to do this was because my uncle was the football coach.

Today's Catholic: Do you have an early memory that you want to share?

Lou Holtz: One memory I have was of being put in a football game as a safety, and (I) had a chance to tackle a guy who was in open field. I ducked my head



and made no attempt to do so. I then said it was because my helmet fell in my eyes, but my uncle knew that wasn't the truth. That hurt more than making the tackle would have. From that time on, I can't recall another time I shied away from contact.

Today's Catholic: Is there anything from your early days in sports that you still carry with you today?

Lou Holtz: I carry a lot of things with me from early sports, including baseball, basketball and football. Some were successes and some were failures, but the one thing you learn is that this too shall pass. You do the very best you can and move on. It's not about you, but about

the obligation you have to other people.

Today's Catholic: What positives can youth sports instill in a youngster today?

Lou Holtz: Youth sports can play a great role in the development of an individual, as long as it is up to them to participate. In other words, a parent can't decide if their child will play football or basketball or anything else. I think you have a natural desire to compete and you find out a lot about yourself. Handling adversity is every bit as important as handling success.

Today's Catholic: Is there one value, most important, that youth sports should focus on?

Lou Holtz: If there is one value,

it should be that all we can ask of anyone is that they do the best job that they possibly can and learn that when you join a team, a business, bring a child into the world or join a spouse, you have obligations and responsibilities and you must fulfill them.

Today's Catholic: The NFL has its initiative, Play 60, for youngsters. What's your opinion on that?

Lou Holtz: I am not familiar with Play 60 for youngsters.

Today's Catholic: Is there a word of advice you want to share with a coach of a young team?

Lou Holtz: The best advice I'd want to say to a coach is to make sure they have fun, learn

the fundamentals and learn the value of discipline and sacrifice.

Today's Catholic: Is there a word of wisdom you want to share with a parent of a youngster?

Lou Holtz: If there is a word of wisdom I might want to share with a parent of a youngster, it would be to let the child grow and don't try to protect them from adversity. Adversity is part of life. We are now trying to make it where everybody gets a trophy, and this is not the way life is. The last thing I would tell a parent is to make sure your child knows how to make good choices. Whatever happens in your life, good or bad, it's because of choices you make. Remember that there is never a right time to do the wrong thing and never a wrong time to do the right thing.

Today's Catholic: Do you have any grandchildren that are or were active in youth sports?

Lou Holtz: I have several grandchildren who participate in active sports. Fortunately, most of them have been very successful. However, we try to keep life in perspective. All we want is for them to be the best they can be. Whether they win or lose, they are still going to be my grandchildren and I'm still going to love them.

Today's Catholic: Thanks so much for agreeing to our interview, and wishing you the "Luck of the Irish." Is there anything you want to add in conclusion?

Lou Holtz: ... Hope this helps.

Blueberry Bike Cruise registration open

DONALDSON — The Ancilla College Alumni Association, in association with the annual Marshall County Blueberry Festival, will host its annual bicycle tour Saturday, Sept. 3, in Plymouth. Routes cover 31, 41, 62 miles, and a special family tour of 16 miles to the Menominee Monument. The tour has won wide acclaim for being well organized and scenic with outstanding SAGs (support and gear.)

"This is the 26th year for this great event. It appeals to casual family riders as well as serious bicyclists and covers a number of beautiful, well-supported routes," said Development and Alumni Relations Manager Emily

Hutsell, organizer of the event. "Best of all, money raised from the hundreds of participants funds scholarships for our students, many of whom are completely reliant on Ancilla's generous financial aid."

The cost of the BBC is \$20 per person before Aug. 19, and \$25 per person after Aug. 19. The maximum fee for families is \$35, (\$55 after Aug. 19). The cost includes refreshments, SAG stops and a map of the route with emergency numbers. Refunds will not be made after the application is accepted.

To register, participants can pay securely online at www.ancilla.edu/BBC or call Ancilla College at 574-936-8898 ext. 355

or email to emily.hutsell@ancilla.edu. Registration forms are also available at the Blueberry Festival office, 233 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth.

Riders must sign a waiver on the registration form before starting. Riders under 18 must have a parent or guardian signature. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 21. All riders will be asked to sign in at the end of the ride.

Plymouth is the home of the annual Blueberry Festival conducted during the four-day Labor Day Weekend Sept. 2-5.

All Diocese team members omitted

Several outstanding rugby players were inadvertently left out of coverage of the Bishop Dwenger All Diocesan Team in the last issue.

Girls Rugby



Samantha Sliger
senior,
flanker
St. Vincent



Katie Burnham
senior,
flanker
St. John's
New Haven

Boys Rugby



David Kelty
senior,
fullback
St. Jude



Hunter Fabini
senior,
center
St. Charles

Kevin Godfroy named Bishop Luers athletic director

FORT WAYNE — Kevin Godfroy has been named athletic director of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. He assumed the role on Aug. 1.



KEVIN GODFROY

A native of Huntington, and now a resident of Roanoke, Godfroy grew up at St. Mary and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes. He attended Huntington Catholic and then Bishop Luers High School, graduating from Bishop Luers in 2006 and then earning a bachelor's degree in education at Miami University of Ohio in 2010. Godfroy and his wife, Janna, have been married for five years and are members of St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke.

Godfroy was director of student services at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne. Prior to that post he was a physical education teacher and athletic director for three years at Huntington Catholic and taught

physical education in a joint effort at St. Bernard, Wabash, and St. Paul in Marion.

Most recently at Bishop Luers, Godfroy has been an assistant softball coach and worked the scoreboard for basketball. He also kept the statistics for Bishop Luers football.

"I always wanted to be at Luers," Godfroy said. "I've always loved the school and the family here." He said he likes "the close-knit community, the value. That really is Luers Spirit."

Godfroy said he was inspired by a baseball coach from his youth. The coach was a gas worker and lost his life in an accident when Godfroy was a freshman in college.

"Just knowing how he affected me, pushed me towards working with kids," Godfroy said helped to motivate his career plans.

His goals are "to continue the great traditions at Bishop Luers and help to build them into something greater and support the mission of the students — growth of mind, body and soul."

Cross-country and the Cardegles tradition

BY RON BUSCH

The Cardegles cross-country team program has developed for more than 20 years to fulfill the need for a cross-country training program for fifth through eighth grade students from St. Jude and St. Charles schools. The Cardegles name was developed by the student athletes themselves about 10 years ago: It's a combination of the St. Charles Cardinals and the St. Jude Eagles names.

The Cardegles have an interesting history that can be traced back over 20 years to 1993-1995, through the initial efforts of Doug Snowball. Pam Mahlie and Pam Tippmann continued the program in 1996 and current Cardegles coach Dan Kaufman took over in 1997. Scott Reiling joined from St. Jude in 1998.

In the early years, the combined St. Charles-St. Jude group began small in total numbers. Over time, interest in the program continued to grow as more students from both St. Charles and St. Jude joined the ranks. Kaufman works to this day with the group that now includes his son, Coach Chris Kaufman.

Now, over 20 years later, there are 60-70 Cardegles who begin training in July with "fun runs." Training in earnest begins in August, just before the start of school. Chris and Dan Kaufman, Reiling and the other coaches —

Dan Delaney, Steve Leffers, Dan Leffers and Tim O'Connell — train right along with the student athletes, so the coaches are in condition along with their team. Additionally, Brian Kaufman has developed the team's website Cardegles.com.

"Cardegles Nation" started small, but over the years the group has been a stepping stone that provided a training ground for a number of well-known runners in the local running world. Chris indicated that probably 90 percent of the runners now graduate to the distance running and cross-country programs at Bishop Dwenger. Additionally, a small number run for other area high schools.

A number of current athletes have gone on to run in college and continue to run today:

Blake Malone — IPFW; Zack McIntyre — Huntington University; Lee Ann Moeller — University of Saint Francis; Mary Momper — Ball State University; Bryson Tretter — Marian University; Kevin Wuest — Rose Hulman; and former Cardegles graduates no longer running in college are Andrew Coolidge

— Iowa State University; Andrew Eckrich — University of Dayton; Luke Miller — Indiana University; and Joel Sanders — Huntington University.

The competitive racing season for the Cardegles typically starts around Labor Day and lasts until the first week of October. At the end of the regular season, the Cardegles sponsor an area-wide meet. This meet attracts several hundred runners from a number of area cross-country teams. It has developed into a year-end meet that the Cardegles host for all of the local parochial schools, including local Catholic schools such as St. Vincent, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Huntington Catholic. These schools now also have their own established cross-country programs.

This year-end meet is testimony to the growth of the Cardegles cross-country mission. Not bad for a program that started over 20 years ago with four or five runners and an idea generated to give some young student athletes a positive summer and fall running experience, and starting a tradition today known as the Cardegles.





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Notre Dame football ticket raffle

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a Notre Dame football ticket raffle of two season tickets to all six home games. Donation: \$1 each, 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Drawing will be Aug. 28. License #139989. Send checks (including phone number) in SASE c/o 2834 W Calvert St., South Bend, IN 46613.

SetonFest planned

Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., announces SetonFest Saturday, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. with free carnival games, bubble soccer, a video game trailer, face painting, a corn hole tournament, a free throw contest and more. There will be food, a bake sale and live music by Urban Legend at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the seminarians. For more information, visit www.seasfw.org or www.facebook.com/seasfw.

Volunteer opportunity

Catholic Charities National Mentoring Program is seeking committed, responsible adults looking to give back to the community. Mentors are needed to provide supportive adult role models to at risk youth in Noble, LaGrange, Steuben and Dekalb Counties. Individuals are asked to dedicate two hours per week with their mentee. For information or materials to promote in your parish, contact Shirley Johnson at 260-925-0917 or sjohnson@ccfwsb.org.

Rosary Sodality rummage sale planned

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Church, 301 East Diamond St., will have a rummage sale Friday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday Aug. 6, from 9-11:30 a.m. \$3 bag sale starts Friday at 3 p.m., \$1.50 bag sale all day Saturday.

Pilgrimage planned

Fort Wayne — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish will offer a Jubilee Year of Mercy pilgrimage on Thursday, Aug. 25, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. The bus departs from the cathedral at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. The cost is \$56. Payment by Aug. 6 to 260-482-8299.

Faith and canvas

Fort Wayne — Paint the Immaculate Heart of Mary with instruction by artist Tim Luncsford Friday, Aug. 12, from 6:30-9 p.m. at 1702 Lombard St. Participants will create an 11x14 inch acrylic painting. Cost of \$45 includes instruction, snacks, and all materials. Advance registration required by calling Sandy Seyfert at 260-433-1236. Visit www.FrancisLittleAssisi.com for more information.

Fall Right to Life fundraiser planned

Roanoke — Allen County Right to Life and Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund will host a fall fundraiser, A Harvest Celebration For Life, on Monday, Aug. 29, at the Joseph Decuis Farm. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with a short program at 6 p.m. followed by a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 and include beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Young professionals discount available. For more information visit www.ichoos-life.org or call 260-471-1849.

All-class reunion planned

South Bend — The Our Lady of Hungary Alumni Association is hosting an all-class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include appetizers, Hungarian goulash and kolach as well as a commemorative mug or beer glass. Cash bar and live D.J. on the O.L.H. playground. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets may be purchased at www.foreverbulldog.org.

Interpreter to be at Mass

Fort Wayne — An Interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be present at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For information contact Allison at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org.

Summer fish fry planned

South Bend — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 63568 Old U.S. 31- South will have a summer fish fry Friday, Aug. 12, from 4-7 p.m. 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.

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., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, there will be a bag sale.

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The Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeking a full-time (30 hrs/week) Young Adult/University Campus Minister for the Fort Wayne area.

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Youthful face of mercy can change the world, pope says

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

KRAKOW, Poland (CNS) — The youthful face of God's mercy can change the hearts of people who have lost hope, Pope Francis said.

A young person who is touched by Christ is "capable of truly great things," the pope told thousands of young men and women July 28 at the welcoming ceremony of World Youth Day in Krakow.

"Today the church — and I would add, the world — looks to you and wants to learn from you, to be reassured that the father's mercy has an ever-youthful face and constantly invites us to be part of his kingdom," the pope said.

Arriving at Blonia Park in his popemobile, Pope Francis was enveloped in a sea of red, yellow and blue as pilgrims donned brightly colored parkas to shield them from the rain.

Taking his seat on the main stage, the pope was welcomed by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow and six young men and women representing Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa and Australia.

After presenting him with a custom pilgrim's book bag, a group of young performers from around the world entertained the



World Youth Day pilgrims cheer as Pope Francis speaks during the welcoming ceremony July 28 at Blonia Park in Krakow, Poland.

CNS photo/Bob Roller

pope and the crowd by dancing traditional dances. The dances ranged from a young Indian woman swaying to the tune of sitar to a couple masterfully dancing to tango music.

Following the Gospel reading, the pope thanked the youth for their presence, greeting them warmly saying, "At last, we are together."

Encouraging them to cheer for St. John Paul II, the pope thanked his predecessor for initiating World Youth Day.

"From heaven, he is with us, and he sees all of you: So many young people from such a variety of nations, cultures and languages, but with one goal: that of rejoicing that Jesus is in our midst," he said.

The pope noted the festive atmosphere of World Youth Day and praised the "enthusiasm, dedication, zeal and energy" of the young men and women who make God's love palpable to the world.

However, while extolling the virtues of a young, merciful heart, the pope also lamented young people "who seem to have opted for 'early retirement.'"

"It worries me to see young people who have 'thrown in the towel' before the game has even begun, who are defeated even before they begin to play, who

walk around glumly as if life has no meaning," he said.

Deep down, he added, "young people like this are bored and are boring."

The celebration in Poland, the pope continued, offers an opportunity for young men and women to help each other and "not be robbed of the best of ourselves."

Pope Francis encouraged the youths to look to Jesus to receive a "true passion for life" and to "give the very best of ourselves."

"Are you looking for empty thrills in life, or do you want to feel a power that can give you a lasting sense of life and fulfillment? Which one do you want: empty thrills or the power of grace? To find fulfillment, to gain new strength, there is a way.

It cannot be sold, it cannot be bought, it is not a thing, nor an object. It is a person: His name is Jesus Christ," the pope said.

He also invited them to dedicate their time in Poland to listening to Jesus and to each other in order to live a full life and to embark "on the adventure of mercy."

"Here we are, Lord! Send us to share your merciful love," Pope Francis prayed. "We want to affirm that our lives are fulfilled when they are shaped by mercy, for that is the better part and it will never be taken from us."

WYD

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Part of our journey included going to places of tragedy and struggle. We learned of ancient kings, queens and bishops who influenced Poland's religious history: like St. Stanislaus, who was martyred while saying Mass, and St. Jadwiga, who helped convert Poland to Christianity. Out of those efforts was borne a culture of devotion to Mary and a patriotic duty to protect the faith. It was this history that formed the young man Karol Woylyta a crusader of God's Divine Mercy. We felt a connection when we visited Wadowice, his birthplace and hometown. We celebrated Mass at his home parish where he was baptized, received his holy first Communion and was confirmed.

By stepping into these historical places of persons of such great faith, we experienced the shared history of Catholicism.

One of the most difficult days to process was our visit to the concentration camps Aushwitz I and Aushwitz-Birkenau. We walked the very same roads and paths that millions of people shuffled down before their torture, starvation and death during World War II. Despite the sun on that day, the air was heavy. The only palatable response was silence as we prayed and walked through the camps.

Aushwitz-Birkenau was the perfection of a Nazi murder and torture factory. Yet, along the

way we heard stories of how people risked their lives in order to show mercy in this horrific place, including St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Jewish uprising in the camps; and Oscar Schindler, who gave Jews work in his factory so that they could avoid the gas chambers.

At the end of the day, with very heavy hearts, our group traveled to Divine Mercy Sanctuary. We celebrated a beautiful Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who reminded us that while we had just seen the culture of death that is Auschwitz, we can trust that there is hope in the culture of life that is the Divine Mercy.

Americans see so few architectural structures that can compare to the centuries-old Polish churches and shrines. Many of the cathedrals, churches and basilicas that we walked into literally take your breath away because of the intricacy of architecture, adornment of the altars, statuesque figures and pictures that point in the direction of the tabernacle. Their beauty draws us into a reverent state of mind and reminds us that the glorious nature of the physical elements are not even close to comparing with the beauty and glorious nature of God our Father. As Catholics, we believe that God is truly present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle and therefore it is fitting for us to have a place of beauty for our Savior and King.

As pilgrims, we had the opportunity to receive the sacraments of confession and the holy Mass. Spending that intentional

time in prayer helped to shape and guide our days around what is important — focusing our eyes towards Heaven. Emboldened with the joy that comes from knowing that we are so desperately loved by our merciful God, we are called to bring that joy and that light to the darkness that seems to infiltrate our world at every turn.

It was so important for the young people of our diocese to fully enter into this pilgrimage, to see the powerful things they saw, because it is a part of our story. St. John Paul II isn't just a part of Poland's history, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati doesn't just belong to Italy. They belong to the church and to all of us.

The fraternity and authentic friendship from within our diocese and from all over the world was evident during this pilgrimage. All those pilgrims gathering together in peace and joy, and celebrating our faith in Jesus Christ with our Holy Father and all of the angels and saints, was powerful. The joy that was brought to Krakow from different countries and young people living the faith is something our young people can bring back home.

On this trip we witnessed places of great beauty that lifted our hearts to the glory of God. We saw and heard stories of young men and women who achieved sainthood through the blessing of God's mercy in their lives. It serves as a call to all of us to embrace that challenge and that call to sainthood.



Pope Francis speaks during a July 30 prayer vigil with World Youth Day pilgrims at the Field of Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

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