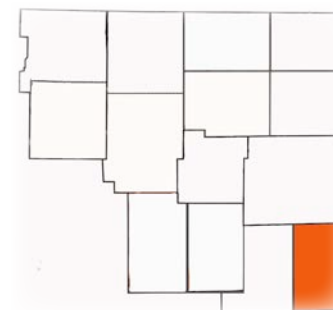


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University of Saint Francis inaugurates downtown campus



Jodi Marlin

A ribbon cutting and blessing took place Tuesday morning, Aug. 16, at the satellite campus of the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. The university's new location, in the heart of downtown, will be home to its business school and Music Technology Center. Among those who provided opening remarks at the event were, from left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, USF President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, and Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry.

BY JODI MARLIN

The Catholic university that's installing faith-based higher education in the heart of Fort Wayne opened its doors Tuesday, Aug. 16, to celebrate the completion of its first two classroom facilities at the new location.

Dignitaries from the city, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the University of Saint Francis were in attendance at a 9:30 a.m. ribbon cutting and blessing of what's being referred to as "USF Downtown." So far, the satellite campus consists of a new Business Center, located in the former Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce building, and the Music and Technology Center, housed in the former Scottish Rite tower.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades delivered the morning's opening remarks. He called the campus "a focal point for both the academic pursuits and Catholic mission of this university, giving witness to our faith in Christ within the context of education and commerce." He then asked those present to "bless the Lord, then, and pray he will shower his blessings on all who will work and study in this place."

"Now one may wonder about a Business School in a university dedicated to a man who was anything but a businessman," Bishop Rhodes suggested. "After all, St. Francis lived a life of radical poverty. Yet, what St. Francis and St. Clare teach all of us by their poverty, including business students, is that God is our only real treasure. Those who study business or finance or economics in a Catholic university study it in the context of the capacity of businesses to serve the common good. They learn that the legitimate pursuit of profit should be in harmony with other goods, especially justice and solidarity with workers, the protection of the environment, and service of others. A Catholic business school, especially one that is Franciscan, looks at business and the economy always within the bigger picture of the common good."

Fort Wayne Mayor and USF alumni Tom Henry and current student Jake Henry, also addressed the packed crowd in the Historic Women's Club Ballroom. Both underscored the value of both a St. Francis education, as well as the new relationships that its move downtown will foster. Those relation-

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For pope, Mother Teresa is model of mercy at work, fueled by prayer

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— When Pope Francis canonizes Blessed Teresa of Kolkata Sept. 4, he won't simply be fulfilling a special duty of his office, he will be honoring a woman he has called "a symbol, an icon for our age."

When talking about the intersection of prayer, mercy, concrete acts of charity and peacemaking, Mother Teresa was Pope Francis' go-to reference.

In one of his early morning homilies in November, Pope Francis spoke about war and about how, by the way they live their lives, many people promote hatred rather than peace and selling weapons rather than sowing love.

"While weapons traffickers do their work, there are poor peacemakers who give their lives to help one person, then another and another and another," the pope said. Mother Teresa was clearly one of the peacemakers, he added.

"With cynicism, the powerful might say, 'But what did that woman accomplish? She spent her life helping people die,'" Pope Francis said, noting that the cynics do not realize that Mother Teresa understood the path to peace and they do not.

A much longer papal reflection on lessons from the life of Mother Teresa was published in July; Pope Francis wrote the preface to an Italian publisher's book of talks Mother Teresa gave in Milan in 1973.

Mother Teresa's life showed the centrality of prayer, charity, mercy in action, family and youth, Pope Francis wrote.

"Mother Teresa untiringly invites us to draw from the source of love: Jesus crucified and risen, present in the sacrament of the Eucharist," the pope wrote. She began each day with Mass and ended each day with eucharistic adoration, which made it possible "to transform her work into prayer."

Her prayer led her to the extreme edges of society — the peripheries — recognizing the poor and the marginalized as her brothers and sisters and offering them compassion, he said.

The little nun in the blue-trimmed white sari teaches people that "feeling compassion is possible only when my heart embraces the needs and wounds of the other," witnessing to God's caress, the pope wrote.

The Gospel tells people they will be judged at the end of time for how they fed the hungry, clothed the naked and cared for others in need, he said. "Mother Teresa made this page of the Gospel the guide for her life and the path to her holiness — and it can be for us, as well."

Pope Francis also noted in the book that, from her experience ministering to the rejected, Mother Teresa knew and constantly emphasized the importance of family and family prayer. Home, he said, is the place people learn "to smile, to forgive, to welcome, to sacrifice for one another, to give without demanding anything in return, to pray and suffer together, to rejoice and help each other."

And, in a message to young people at the end of the preface, Pope Francis said, "Fly high like the eagle that is the symbol of Mother Teresa's country of origin," Albania.

The Life of Mother Teresa



Source: Catholic News Service reports

1910	Born Aug. 26 in Skopje, Albania
1928	Makes first vows with Loreto Sisters in Dublin
1934	Named principal of girls school in Kolkata
1946	Receives inner call to serve the poor
1950	Establishes Missionaries of Charity
1952	Opens home for dying destitute in Kolkata
1965	Receives papal approval for her order
1971	Receives first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize Establishes first U.S. foundation of her order
1979	Receives Nobel Peace Prize
1990	Resigns as head of order, but re-elected in unanimous vote
1997	Turns over leadership of order to Sister Miriam Dies in Kolkata Sept. 5
2003	Beatified by Pope John Paul II
2016	Elevated to sainthood

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In this 1996 black-and-white file photo, Mother Teresa visits Catholic Relief Services headquarters in Baltimore, Md., accompanied by Ken Hackett, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See and former president of CRS. Pope Francis calls Blessed Teresa "a symbol, an icon for our age."

"Do not lose hope, do not let anyone rob you of your future, which is in your hands. Remain in the Lord and love him like God loves you; be builders of bridges that break down the logic of division, rejection and fear of others, and put yourselves at the service of the poor."

Pope Francis also referred, in passing, to Blessed Teresa in his 2013 apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium," on the proclamation of the Gospel in the modern world. Asserting the right and obligation of Christians to express publicly their opinions on political and social issues in order to promote the common good, the pope wrote: "Who would claim to lock up in a church and silence the message of St. Francis of Assisi or Blessed Teresa of Calcutta? They themselves would have found this unacceptable. An authentic faith — which is never comfortable or completely personal —

always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it."

In April, flying back to Rome from Lesbos, Greece, with 12 Syrian refugees, Pope Francis was asked what difference his visit to a refugee camp and his hosting refugees could make. "I am going to plagiarize. I'll answer with a phrase that is not mine," he told reporters traveling with him.

"The same question was asked of Mother Teresa: 'All this effort, all this work, only to help people to die. ... What you are doing is useless! The sea is so great!' Mother Teresa answered: 'It is a drop of water in the sea! But after this drop of water the sea will not be the same!' That is how I would respond. It is a small gesture, but one of those small gestures that we — everyone, men and women — must make to reach out to those in need."

Two sisters complete Perpetual Religious Profession of vows

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

MISHAWAKA — On the feast day of St. Clare, two Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration made their final vows at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Sisters M. Petra Nielsen, OSF, and Sister M. Cecelia Clare Stoffel, OSF, completed their Perpetual Religious Profession of vows on Aug. 11 at the chapel on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis Convent in front of religious sisters, diocesan and Franciscan priests, seminarians, friends and family. In attendance was also the Mother Superior of the Third Order of Franciscans from Germany.

The Church celebrates with great solemnity the Rite of Perpetual Profession, by which the religious bind themselves permanently to the service of God and the Church. It is a sign of the unbreakable union between Christ and his bride, the Church. During this Mass, attendees witnessed the sisters consecrate their lives to God by vowing to live the Gospel through the observance of obedience, chastity and poverty according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

"The consecrated life is an especially rich manifestation of the Church's identity as the bride of Christ," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. "The life of poverty, chastity, and obedience, which Sister Petra and Sister Cecilia Clare embrace today for the rest of their lives, is a life that is to manifest the love of the bride for her bridegroom, the Church's love for Christ, the love which is first and foremost a response to the one who loved us first and gave his life for us."

"St. Clare was fascinated



Molly Gettinger

The consecrated life is a beautiful vocation in the Church since it is to reflect the beauty and splendor of Christ's love and to reflect the fidelity of the bride to her bridegroom." Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass on the feast of St. Clare as Sister M. Petra Nielsen, OSF and Sister M. Cecelia Clare Stoffel, OSF made their Perpetual Religious Profession of vows.

with her spouse Jesus," Bishop Rhoades added. "We see this fascination in her letters to Agnes of Prague. Clare encouraged her to focus on the Lord. She wrote: 'may you totally love Him who gave Himself totally for your love.' 'Cling to Him whose beauty all the blessed hosts of heaven unceasingly admire.'"

After the homily the sisters stood and were asked by Bishop Rhoades to declare their readiness to dedicate themselves to God and to seek perfect charity, according to the rule and the constitutions of the community.

During the Litany of Supplication, all explored the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, while ask-

ing God to pour out His mercy upon the sisters so that they might be forever strengthened in their religious vocation.

At the profession of vows, each sister came forward to kneel in front of the mother superior to read the formula of profession by which she vowed to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis and the order's founder, Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. Each sister's vows were accepted by the mother superior, and Bishop Rhoades said the solemn prayer of consecration over the newly professed sisters. Then each sister was given a ring as a symbol of her lifelong membership in the religious community.

Contemplation leads to 'transformational leadership,' LCWR assembly told

ATLANTA (CNS) — On a personal level, contemplation is "transformative" and on a communal level it is "transformational leadership," Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell told attendees at the 2016 assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in Atlanta. The Aug. 9-13 assembly drew nearly 800 participants under the theme of "Embracing the Mystery: Living Transformation." All of the speakers pointed to the need for contemplative engagement with the struggles and sufferings of the world. In her Aug. 11 keynote, Sister Pat addressed the topic "Leading From the Allure of Holy Mystery: Contemplation and Transformation." She spoke of centering religious life leadership in contemplation, describing contemplation as "a response

to the movement of Spirit that has been stirring in and among us for some time now, becoming increasingly manifest." "Where this contemplative impulse might be leading is less obvious. What will be the long-term effect of reclaiming and deepening the contemplative dimension of religious life, of exploring emerging consciousness?" asked Sister Pat, a former



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Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, right, is seen with other women religious in Atlanta Aug. 10 during the 2016 assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

LCWR president. She said when she was given "the gift of time and space for contemplation," she "found it transformative."



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Friday, August 26: 7 p.m. — Mass with Blessing of Chapel, Flaherty Hall, University of Notre Dame
 Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. — Mass and Keynote Address at ZEAL Summit, Lakeview Middle School, Warsaw
 Sunday, August 28, 10 a.m. — Mass and Blessing of new gym and school addition, Saint Joseph Parish, South Bend
 Monday, August 29, 9 a.m. — Mass and Blessing of School, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne
 Monday, August 29, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishops' Appeal Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
 Tuesday, August 30: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
 Wednesday, August 31, 11 a.m. — Opening Mass for University of Saint Francis, Hutzell Athletic Center, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, August 31, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishops' Appeal Parish Leadership Dinner Meeting, Saint Mary Parish, Fort Wayne

Call to prayer for life, marriage and religious liberty Holy Hours

- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton: Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty takes place at 5 p.m. and ends with Mass at 7 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne: A Holy Hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church, Mishawaka: Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur: eucharistic exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne: A holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

Pope names six women, six men to study women deacons

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has appointed six men and six women to a commission to study the issue of women deacons, particularly their ministry in the early church. In addition to the 12 members named Aug. 2, the pope tapped Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to serve as president of the commission. The pope set up the commission at the request of the International Union of Superiors General, the organization for the leaders of women's religious orders around the world.

Meeting the group in May, Pope Francis said that while his understanding was that the women described as deacons in the New Testament were not ordained as male deacons are today: "it would be useful for the church to clarify this question."

The International Theological Commission, a body that advises the doctrinal congregation, included the question of women deacons in a study on the diaconate almost 20 years ago. While its report, issued in 2002,

did not offer recommendations for the future, it concluded that biblical deaconesses were not the same as ordained male deacons.

In June, Pope Francis told reporters that he had asked Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, and Sister Carmen Sammut, president of the superiors' group, to suggest scholars to include in the study group. At least one of the members Pope Francis named to the commission — U.S. scholar Phyllis Zagano — has written extensively on the role of women deacons in the early church, arguing that they were ordained ministers and that women can be ordained deacons today. Zagano is a senior research associate in the religion department at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. Another U.S. scholar also is among the 12 commission members: Augustinian Father Robert Dodaro, president of the Pontifical Augustinian Institute in Rome and a professor of patristic theology specializing in the works of St. Augustine.



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'Receive the Father's Mercy'

St. John Bosco Conference draws record number of participants

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio — As in any presidential election, political tensions run high as voters evaluate the candidates. But instead of "looking to the Capitol dome to save us," U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry urged participants at the July 18-21 St. John Bosco Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville to "form hearts and minds that are oriented to the truth."

Fortenberry, who earned a master's degree in theology from Franciscan in 1996, represents the 1st Congressional District of Nebraska. He spoke briefly Wednesday night, saying a "wholesome, good, and just society depends upon the formative institutions of family life and faith life and civic life."

Setting record attendance numbers, the St. John Bosco Conference drew nearly 450 catechists, youth ministers and directors of religious education who attended workshops to fulfill diocesan catechist certification. Participants came from all across the United States and Canada, and as far away as Ireland, Nigeria, Nicaragua, and Lebanon.

Throughout the four-day conference, they listened to topics such as mission, lesson planning, personal spirituality and Catholic social teaching. They also attended daily Mass, confession, a Holy Hour and praise and worship led by Franciscan University professor and musician Dr. Bob Rice.



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Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, DD, of Louisville, Ky., and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke on "Being Pastorally Present: The First Step of Mercy," during the St. John Bosco Conference for catechetical leaders in Steubenville, Ohio, July 18-21.

Speaking on "What the Church Teaches About Homosexuality," Dr. Janet Smith, who holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, said homosexuality is a "particular challenge of our times."

Smith cautioned against using loose diction when sharing Church teaching, saying, "We stopped using the word 'homosexual' and 'gay' because both of those suggest that this is something someone is, that somehow that's their identity. A better

description is that they experience same-sex attraction."

"Same sex-attraction is not an impediment to sainthood," she said. "It's all about what we do with the struggles that we have in this world."

Her advice to those with friends and family members struggling with same-sex attraction was simple: "Pray that God will show you how to love them. Accept, but do not approve. Don't cut them out of your life ... Tell them that you're praying that they'll get that job or get that raise ... And lovingly share your beliefs about homosexuality."

Franciscan University catechetics professor Scott Sollom opened the conference with his talk, "In the Tender Compassion of Our God."

"As catechists, we need a new evangelization," he said. "We need to be reawakened in our love for and adherence to the good news that Christ has died for us and rose for us and has given us eternal life so that we can go to heaven. It's hard, especially for catechists, because it always seems like the new evangelization is for someone else."

This year, Franciscan University of Steubenville's Christian Outreach Office offered six adult, four young adult and 23 youth conferences in 14 states and two Canadian provinces. Visit steubenvilleconferences.com for a complete list of conferences.

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A legacy of leadership for Big Brothers, Big Sisters

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

Some people make it a point to leave the world better than they left it. Such is the case for Tim Wagner, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, parishioner and dedicated volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana. Wagner passed away Aug. 3 following a battle with cancer, and many are mourning the loss.

Wagner's legacy can best be described as one of selflessness and humility, according to his wife, Karen.

"He viewed it as a team effort and often diminished his role," she said about his approach to leadership.

His efforts did not go unnoticed. At the end of June, he received the national Clifford P. Norman Service Award at the national conference in Orlando. The distinction is awarded to a board member at a local agency who exemplifies the qualities of commitment and generosity.

According to a statement from the agency, Tim was a longtime board member whose "leadership was essential in implementing business-savvy techniques for nonprofit governance that made the agency a locally, regionally and nationally recognized organization. Wagner's passion and advocacy has also led to an exponential increase in agency funding and resources."

But there was a time he wasn't associated with the agency. Tim had served on other local nonprofit boards, and was first introduced to Big Brothers Big Sisters about 10 years ago at a fundraiser. As Karen recounts, there were some kids' artwork for sale as part of a silent auction. He couldn't stand for them to go unpurchased so he bought them and hung the pieces at his place of work.

Josette Rider, executive director of BBBSNEI, approached him about becoming involved. He quickly became a go-to volunteer. It wasn't long before he was approached to join the board; he agreed and became a strong advocate for the cause.

"He could never tell a story (about a Little) without tearing up," Karen said. He felt fortunate to come from a good family and wanted to pay it forward by impacting a child's life, she added.

Tim was a real driving force when it came to inspiring people. His approach was to lead by example. According to his son Joe, he was especially conscious of forming a solid business cul-

ture and ingrained in values. He was not afraid to subtly bring his faith into the workplace. Joe shared one of his father's favorite quotes from St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."

That phrase really encapsulates Tim's personal and professional life. He's credited with encouraging several of his employees at his firm, Wagner-Meinart, to become volunteers. He also initiated fundraising campaigns that resulted in the donation of thousands of dollars over the years.

His giving spirit extended beyond the agency. Karen described him as a big, yet anonymous supporter of St. Vincent de Paul Church. He was a dedicated and devoted Catholic; for example, "every Sunday he would light a vigil candle for someone — even when we were travelling," Karen noted.

His faith no doubt played a role in sustaining him during his illness, from the initial diagnosis to his final days. As Karen recalled, her husband never harbored anger about his situation. "He just moved on with acceptance. He was going to do the best he could within the parameters of treatment." He was even known to joke around with the medical staff. In short, he made the most of the situation, as Karen put it.

That attitude is what made Tim such an asset to the agency. According to Rider, BBBSNEI would not be where it is today if it weren't for his dedication. She said his servant leadership really set an example of what it means to be a Catholic man today. His example challenges other Catholic men to get out of the pew and take action.

"His job was one to ignite passion in other people," she said. "It was a ripple effect."

Memorial donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana and the Anthony and Shirley Wagner Scholarship Fund at Bishop Dwenger High School. As his obituary stated, "The best way to truly honor Tim is to mentor a child or change a life for the better."



TIM WAGNER

Patience hailed as a virtue at eucharistic congress' closing Mass

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Practicing patience can be a great virtue, said Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago in his homily at the Aug. 7 closing Mass of the African National Eucharistic Congress in Washington. "What greater school for patience is there than family life?" asked Bishop Perry, who is episcopal liaison to the African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States, one of the eucharistic congress' sponsors. "Jesus calls us to embrace the gift." Bishop Perry described situations where patience can be a virtue in his homily at the Mass, celebrated in the crypt church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. One such situation: "Imagine for a moment you are stuck in traffic as others lag out of work," Bishop Perry said. All that is visible, he added, is a "line of taillights." Next, he said, imagine there's "someone between you and the exit you call home." Upon encountering that person, Bishop Perry added, would you give that person a wave to allow them to travel safely to their destination, "or would you give them another kind of hand gesture?" he asked to laughter.

Priests send prayers, support for Mexican mudslide victims

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — A priest in the Mexican state of Puebla said parish and archdiocesan officials are attempting to assess the needs of isolated and impoverished pockets of eastern Mexico, which were hit hard with heavy rains and mudslides, leaving at least 40 dead and dozens of settlements incommunicado. "At this point, nothing is getting in," said Father Jose Corona Ortega, pastor at the Our Lady of Assumption parish in Huauchinango, some 120 miles east of Mexico City. "We have attended to the few people that have been able to come by (the parish), but the roads are closed." Father Corona

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estimated attendance at Mass Aug. 7 to be two-thirds of normal, with parishioners donating and collecting food, household items and blankets. A group from the social ministry of the Archdiocese of Tulancingo would assess the situation as conditions allowed, he said. "Many communities are inaccessible," Father Corona said. Archbishop Victor Sanchez Espinosa of Puebla said Aug. 8 that three parishes would be turned into shelters, and collections would be held for those displaced.

New Zika infection fears spark renewed debate on abortion, birth control

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — With a growing number of U.S. travelers returning from abroad with the Zika virus and with several cases of Zika-related microcephaly and birth defects reported in the U.S., the disease has inflamed the abortion debate domestically. U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican from Miami, where the Zika virus has now started spreading in one neighborhood through mosquito transmission, said he does not believe the Zika virus should be a pretext for an infected pregnant woman to get an abortion. Rubio met in Miami Aug. 4 with Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Florida's Gov. Rick Scott. The senator also was making a renewed push to call the U.S. Congress back into session to approve funding for combating Zika domestically and to introduce legislation that would provide U.S. troops serving in high-risk areas with additional protections from Zika. He also reportedly told the news magazine Politico Aug. 8: "Obviously, microcephaly is a terrible prenatal condition that kids are born with. And when they are, it's a lifetime of difficulties," he said. "So I get it. I'm not pretending to you that that's an easy question you asked me. But I'm pro-life. And I'm strongly pro-life. I believe all human life should be protected by our law, irrespective of the circumstances or condition of that life."

Pope praises witness of 10 athletes on Refugee Olympic Team

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a personal message addressed to each of the 10 members of the new Refugee Olympic Team, Pope Francis wished them success in their events and thanked them for the witness they are giving the world. Naming each of the team's athletes from South Sudan, Syria, Congo and Ethiopia, Pope Francis said he had read some of the interviews with team members "so that I could get closer to your lives and your aspirations. I extend my greetings and wish you success at the Olympic Games in Rio — that your courage and strength find expression through the Olympic Games and serve as a cry for peace and solidarity," he said in the message, signed in late July. The 2016 Summer Games marked the first time a refugee team officially participated in the Olympics. Team members marched under the Olympic flag and, in the event a team member wins a medal, the Olympic anthem was to be played instead of the national anthem of the athlete's home country. Pope Francis expressed his hope that through the team "humanity would understand that peace is possible, that with peace everything can be gained, but with war all can be lost."

Mercy received must be mercy shared, pope says at audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God's mercy is infectious and must be shared with others, Pope Francis said. Mercy is "a journey that departs from the heart to arrive at the hands," the pope said Aug. 10 at his weekly general audience. In his main audience talk, Pope Francis focused on the Gospel story of Jesus raising from the dead the son of the widow of Nain, giving renewed hope not just to the woman and her son, but to all. "The powerful word of Jesus can make us rise again and takes us, too, from death to life," the pope said.

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I have met hope ... in person

BY CAROLYN WOO

In July I traveled to Serbia, Greece and Lebanon to review the refugee situation now that the borders to Northern Europe are closed. While the flow of people has diminished, it has not ceased. Migration is now largely dependent on traffickers who charge individuals 4,000 to 6,000 euros to facilitate illegal crossings.

Most of the refugees I met in Serbia were young Syrian men in their 20s who were desperate to find work. They were weighed down with the responsibility to families back home who liquidated their belongings to pay for their journeys. Depending on their route, many encountered beatings and confiscation of everything they had. Broken arms and legs attested to this gratuitous brutality and cruelty.

Nevertheless, amid this deep suffering, a spirit of goodness and resilience broke through.

In Lebanon I met a woman, herself a trafficked victim, who awoke from an accident without memory and missing one leg. Yet she gave thanks for the leg she does have and devoted her energy as a volunteer at a shelter for abused women.

After four years, she joined the staff to build not only the capacity of the ladies for a trade, but also their spirit to imagine



CNS/Reuters

Syrian refugees collect food at the Bab Al-Salam refugee camp in Azaz, near the Syrian-Turkish border, March 14. Catholic bishops of Syria called for a cease-fire in their country and for the pursuit of the Geneva peace talks to end the crisis.

and have confidence in a new life. On her days off, she brings home-cooked food to the inmates of a prison. As she told me, there was no other place she would rather be.

The detention center for illegal workers in Lebanon is situated inside an underground garage with no sunlight and minimal ventilation. Five hundred to six hundred detainees are held, sometimes for up to a year, in seven cells so crowded that occupants had to take turns alternating between sleeping and standing.

My first instinct, amid the heat, odor, darkness, sight of people caged and people being booked, was to flee. Yet serving this detention center are nine women from Caritas who provide social and medical care 24/7. The majority of them are in their 20s and 30s.

They move without hesitation into the cells to offer care; their boom boxes broadcast music after 2 p.m. when most of the guards go off duty, and they host celebrations with foods and games on special days. "Angels," I call them. We met with the colonel of the center, who not only praised these women but also formulated a memorandum of understanding that would guarantee Caritas' long-term presence.

I am happy to say a new aboveground detention center,

brightly painted and with dignified accommodations, will open in September. In it is a wing for the Caritas operation. Somehow, in the most oppressive physical environment, both guards and volunteers found a way to honor the humanity of those being detained.

A woman who fled Kosovo for Serbia 20 years ago spoke of leaving with nothing but a Bible, the only possession her mother believed they needed as they would be in God's hands. She endured hardships of working without formal papers but noted the kindness of people who took risks to hire her.

Since then, she has retrieved her documents with the help of a CRS partner, Balkans Migration Center, and now owns a business. I asked if her mother was right. She nodded without hesitation: God accompanied them.

A Muslim refugee from Syria who is now living and working in Athens with his family said that if it were all up to him, he would name his newborn daughter "Caritas" for the assistance and kindness his family had received from Caritas Greece. His wife did not quite buy into this, but what a sentiment.

Yes, I have met hope ... in person. Let us be hope, with God's grace, for each other.

Carolyn Woo is president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.

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White Mass planned for health care constituency

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Medical Guild will host a White Mass and conference, "The Catholic Difference in Healthcare," on Sept. 24. The one-day event is open to everyone, but particularly to health care workers, students, clergy and religious.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Thomas Hilgers, creator of NaProTechnology and founder of the Pope Paul VI Institute. Talks will be given by local physicians, a bioethicist physician and a Dominican Sister physician.

The conference will be held at the University of St. Francis North Auditorium. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The day will end with a White Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 4 p.m.

For pricing information and to RSVP, visit www.MedConFortWayne.com or call 260-222-6978. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Thelen achieves rank of Eagle Scout

FORT WAYNE — Nicholas Thelen, the son of Dennis and Dianna Thelen, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday, July 31.

Thelen began scouting in first grade, in Pack 3009 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He later crossed over into Troop 2, with his mind set on earning Eagle rank. Along the way he participated in many summer camps, week-end outings, volunteer opportunities in the community and even backpacking in New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. Later in his scouting career, he joined Varsity Scouts Team 6402 and served as a chaplain's aid.

He has earned 31 merit badges, the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XIII emblems, a Varsity Scout letter and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. For his Eagle project he cleared 200 feet of trail and constructed a six-unit canoe rack for Deer Run Wilderness Area, a much-needed addition for the developing Allen County park.

Thelen is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in the top 10 percent of his class, while also participating as a varsity athlete in cross-country and swimming. He served as Key Club president, Spanish Club vice president, a National Honor Society board member and cross-country captain, and earned a state medal in Science Olympiad. He worked as a lifeguard at the Parkview YMCA and as a Subway sandwich artist.

He is enrolled at Indiana University as a Cox Research Scholar majoring in neuroscience and plans to attend medical school.



NICHOLAS THELEN

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Memorial for the Unborn prayer service draws public



Jennifer Miller

The Korson family prays the Litany of Life at the St. Joseph County Right to Life Memorial for the Unborn prayer service Wednesday, Aug. 10. Bishop Kevin Rhoades delivered remarks and prayed with members of the community. Bishop Rhoades thanked God for closing the last abortion mill in the diocese. He urged the faithful to be steadfast and to continue in prayer. Roses were handed out to attendees to represent the more than 35,000 lives lost in St. Joseph County since 1973, when abortion was legalized.

DOCAT helps young Catholics tackle tough questions about social doctrine

SAN FRANCISCO — YOUCAT, the hugely popular Youth Catechism based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, has sold millions of copies worldwide. DOCAT, the follow-up to YOUCAT, is a popular adaptation of the social doctrine of the Catholic Church that draws on Scripture, YOUCAT, the Catechism and the Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching, and features a foreword by Pope Francis.

DOCAT is written with help from church and business leaders, social activists and young people in a popular Q-and-A, YOUCAT style that guides readers in conscience formation and Catholic action on social and political issues. It shows them how to apply Gospel values to the issues of poverty, imbalance of wealth, employment, unemployment, the use of natural resources and environmental concerns, terrorism, immigration and abortion, among other topics.

DOCAT is available from Ignatius Press.

Building better marriages by promoting growth and reconciliation

FORT WAYNE — Find hope, help and healing for your marriage by attending the Third Option — a skills-based group program that helps participants build stronger, more fulfilling marriages. Each 14-session cycle covers a comprehensive set of tools that couples can use to develop better levels of understanding, conflict-resolution and trust while also learning more effective communication skills.

Start any time in the cycle. Spouses may attend together or alone, and childcare is provided. There is no fee to attend although donations will be accepted. Sessions are held on select Mondays starting Aug. 29, from 7-9 p.m., at Bishop Dwenger High School (enter at door No. 1). Contact 260-338-OPT3 or ThirdOptionFW@gmail.com, or visit www.ThirdOptionFW.org for information.

This ministry is an outreach of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Jude and St. Vincent de Paul. Parishioners interested in volun-

teering for this ministry may also request more information about upcoming training sessions.

Meeting dates and topics are:

Aug. 29: Building a Climate of Respect; Sept. 12: Ending the Blame Game; Sept. 26: Understanding Expectations; Oct. 10: Redefining the Power Struggle; Oct. 24: Coping with Control Issues; Nov. 7: Listening Beyond the Words; Nov. 14: Appreciating Personality Differences; Dec. 5: Recognizing Childhood/Emotional Baggage; Jan. 9: Handling Anger Constructively; Jan. 23: Speaking the Truth in Love; Feb. 6: Learning to Fight Fair; Feb. 20: Breaking the Hurt Cycle; March 6: Practicing Forgiveness and Repair; March 20: Rebuilding Trust.

Alpha Series for young adults to begin

SOUTH BEND — The Alpha Series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith for young adults age 18-39, single and married, will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 54191 Ironwood Rd.

Each week, after dining together, a talk looks at a different question in order to create

conversation. It's an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Register for the introductory session, bring a friend and come check it out. There is no charge for the meal and no pressure to return. The introductory session is followed by 10 additional weeks of dinner, talk and discussion — all on Tuesday evenings at the same time and place.

Register at www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-sb.

Lindenwood Retreat - 'The Vision Of The 21st Century According To St. Paul'

DONALDSON — Join Father Jerry Schweitzer for "The Vision of the 21st Century According to St. Paul," a retreat taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Donaldson.

Participants will come to understand the Word of Jesus in the 21st century through the letters of St. Paul, elucidating the modern, often troubled world. Cost is \$3 and includes sweet rolls for breakfast, as well as lunch and refreshments. Participants should bring their own Bibles.

For more information call 574-935-1780 or visit Lindenwood.org.

Holy Cross College named College of Distinction

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has been honored as a College of Distinction for the 2016-17 school year. The College of Distinction designation is given to select schools to honor their excellence in student-focused higher education. Holy Cross was found to excel in all four distinctions and will receive a personal profile on the Colleges of Distinction website.

Colleges of Distinction is a web-based guide for high school juniors and seniors seeking a school that is nationally recognized and highly recommended by professionals in the field of education. Selected institutions must excel in the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. The colleges and universities are not ranked, but instead are members of a consortium of other equally impressive schools.

Correction

Today's Catholic stated that Sister Sharon Marie Fox of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrates her 70th jubilee this year. Sister Sharon Marie Fox celebrates her 50th jubilee this year. We regret the error.

Mishawaka Catholic School celebrates five-year anniversary

BY TRISH LINNER

Mishawaka Catholic School was founded five years ago with the merger of three schools: St. Monica's, St. Bavo's and St. Joseph's. The consolidated school recently celebrated its five-year anniversary as a unique Catholic community that is supported by all three parishes.

"These three parishes make us who we are," said Principal Jennifer Schwab. Schwab, a teacher and former administrative support person, was named principal of Mishawaka Catholic Schools in April.

The idea of a merger began to form in 2009, due to concerns about the quality of education and low enrollments at the three schools located near downtown Mishawaka. Then-Superintendent of Catholic Education Mark Myers believed a combined middle school could attract students from outside the three parishes and offer a greater variety of classes.

A committee was formed in 2010 to explore the possibility. Serving on the committee were two representatives from each church, then-Marian High School Principal Carl Loesch, Superintendent Myers, St. Bavo Principal Linda Hixon, St. Monica Principal Sister Pat Gavin, St. Joseph pastor Father Terry Fisher and Father Anthony Szakaly, assistant provincial for the Indiana Province of Holy Cross.

The merger was eventually approved, and newly formed Mishawaka Catholic School was launched for the 2011-12 school year. Students were divided up by grades: the St. Bavo campus offers pre-kindergarten through second grade, the St. Joseph campus serves third-through fifth-graders and the St. Monica campus offers sixth through eighth grade.

This was a new challenge for many parents, who could have students located in all three buildings. Many were also attached to the history of their own school and had difficulty seeing the vision of a combined



Trish Linner

One education and faith community with three campuses, Mishawaka Catholic aims for a high standard of success among its students.

community.

"Some parents were understandably anxious: It was the children who led the way to the merger's success," said school board President Dave Heidt. "I think the most successful part of the merger has been the way the children of all three parishes have come together."

Today there is a sense of one school with three parishes: The merger has created a thriving community and the school reflects the traditions of all three.

One of the most popular traditions that has been embraced is called Faith Families. "A Faith Family is made up of a student from each grade, with the eighth-grader as the leader. Each month the families get together for an all-school Mass and activities, and it rotates between the three campuses," Heidt said. Through the Faith Family students bond with each other and have the opportunity to interact with one another, even if they are located at different campuses.

The students kicked off Mishawaka Catholic's anniversary year with a party during Catholic Schools Week. They continued to mark the anniversary throughout the spring, and school leaders were able to reflect on the anniversary as the school year came to a close. "We've accomplished a lot over

the past five years. Now we are ready to take on the next challenges," said Executive Administrative Assistant Tammy Christianson.

The five-year anniversary mark means that the first graduating class of Mishawaka Catholic School has now also graduated high school.

"We want to remain a part of our graduates' lives. We cannot forget who we serve, and we hope they will return and share their stories with our current students," Schwab said. She is committed to a revitalization and to refocusing on academic success.

"We want to bring the best practices in education here. We want our students to be high achievers. In addition, we want to place a greater value on serving. We are called to a greater mission as a Catholic school. I am thrilled to be the principal of Mishawaka Catholic School as we mark our five-year anniversary and look towards the future."

The anniversary also marks another change for the school: all three parishes will receive new pastors in June.

"We are very excited about our future," said Christianson. "We are thrilled to have a new principal, three new pastors and a vision for the future of Mishawaka Catholic School."

Schwab strives to make a difference at Mishawaka Catholic

BY TRISH LINNER

For Jennifer Schwab, teaching is the family business. She is proud to be a fourth-generation member of that professional tradition. "My mom is a teacher. Two of my three siblings are teachers, and many of our extended family members are teachers," she said.

Extensive education and experience in the classroom have also prepared Schwab for her new role as principal, and she is ready to make a difference for the students of Mishawaka Catholic School.

She knew from a young age that teaching was what she wanted to do. "I realized and accepted my vocation to be a teacher and school leader in fourth grade, at about the age of 10," she remembered.

Born in southern Ohio, she attended Catholic grade school and graduated from St. Joseph Central Catholic in Ironton in 1996. She attended Ohio Dominican College, where she earned a bachelor of science in education and then a bachelor of arts in communication studies. She taught for six years with Columbus Public Schools.

Schwab then pursued a master of arts degree in educational policy and leadership through an accelerated program at The Ohio State University. She earned her degree and completed the necessary requirements for principal licensure. She continued her education and earned a second



JENNIFER SCHWAB

master of arts in organizational communication through Ohio University in 2011.

Schwab originally went to school to be a middle school history and social studies teacher, but found that her passion was teaching religion.

"Catholic catechesis, which I have taught and shared with fourth-graders, sixth-graders and eighth-graders, as well as juniors and seniors in high school through religious education classes and adults through RCIA, is by far my favorite subject. Nothing trumps faith formation. Apologetics is closest to my heart: After all, one cannot share, explain or defend one's faith if one doesn't know, grow, or practice and live one's faith,"



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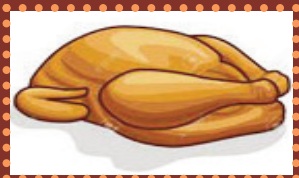
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she said.
Schwab's educational path and teaching experience was always with a goal in mind: that of becoming a principal. "Almost every academic and professional decision I have made since 1996 has been in preparation for the moment when it was my turn to serve in a school leadership role. My dream job has been to be a Catholic school principal. The compelling desire to do this stems from a vocational calling. My wanting to be a school principal is because I want to help, serve and advocate for teachers. Most importantly, I feel called to do so."

The opportunity to fulfill this dream came in December 2015, when she was named interim principal at Mishawaka Catholic School board President David Heidt commented, "When Miss Schwab was named interim principal, it was because of her teaching experience and certification. It was agreed upon by Father Fisher and the board that this would be a trial period to show her leadership and vision for the school. She has met the challenge head-on." She was formally

offered the position in April. Schwab is ready to start her first full year as principal. "I want to advocate for, protect and support the teaching and learning process as a process of mastery, application and growth. Additionally, I want to foster a positive, professional learning environment that encompasses and instills the values, standards and practices of our faith," she shared.

"Lastly, I want to make a positive difference for the greater good through service in education — especially Catholic education. After all, education is our greatest asset. When coupled with our most valuable resource, children, within the realm of the most significant priorities of this life — the sharing of the Gospel and eternal salvation — this work becomes greater than self and influential beyond measure. What we do in schools matters, because it isn't about the teacher or the principal; it's about learning, forming, developing and growing the learner as a future servant of faith, steward and contributor to a world bigger than and beyond self."

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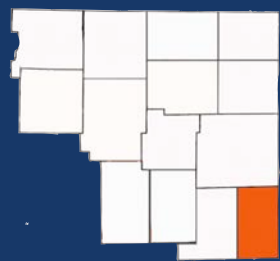
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St. Mary of the Assumption Parish welcomes new priest

BY RACHEL BATDORFF

DECATUR — In 1838 the first Mass was celebrated in Decatur. In 1840 the congregation became St. Mary of the Assumption. Now 176 years old, the congregation has been dedicated to helping the parish growth and witness to the surrounding Decatur community, with the leadership of a new priest.



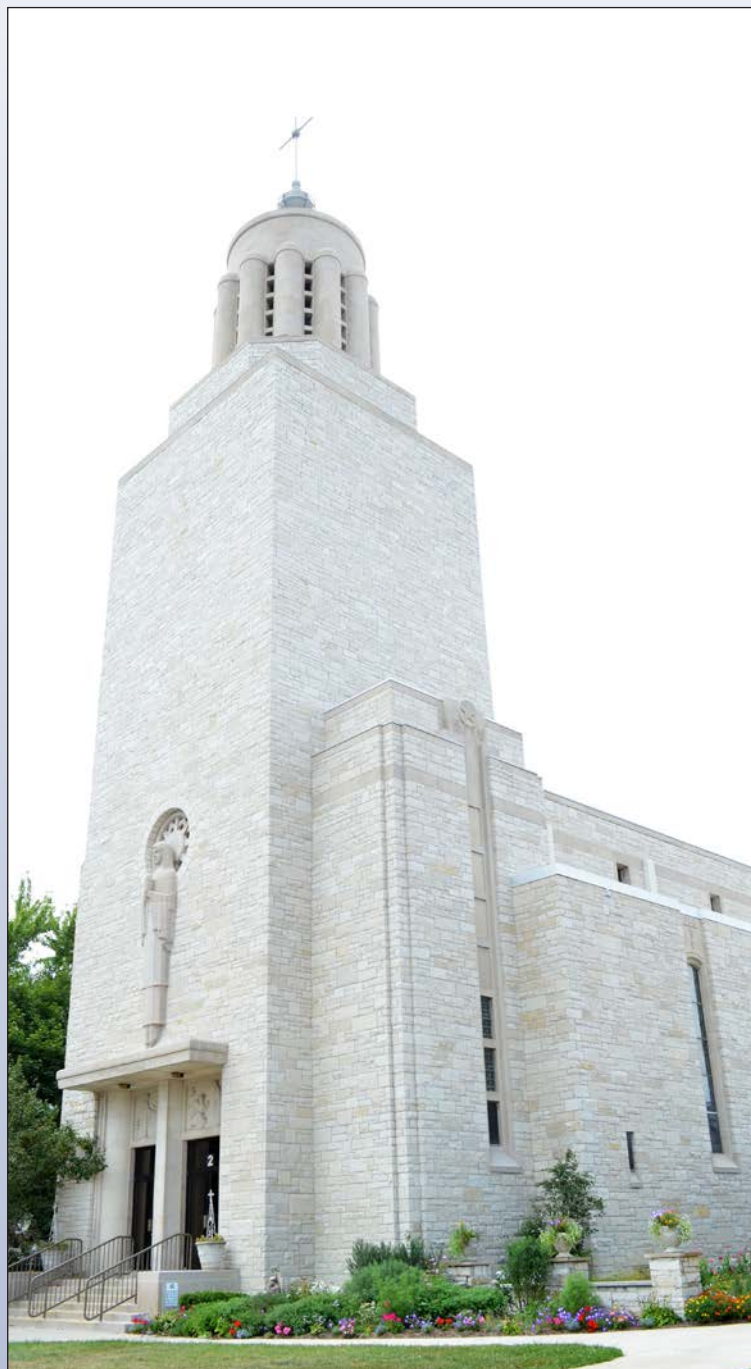
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In June the parish welcomed Father Bob Lengerich. Father Lengerich, formerly from St. Dominic Catholic Church in Bremen, is a joyful and prayerful addition to the staff.

Father Lengerich was ordained to the priesthood in 2007. He also has an interest in music. "What Wondrous Love," released in 2013 by Father Lengerich and Stacie Bert, was musically designed to focus on the sacrifice of Jesus and His love for us, with the intent to draw one deeper into prayer.

St. Mary of the Assumption has several ministries and organizations dedicated to the church and Decatur community.

Parish growth opportunities for the congregation include Bible studies, bereavement support groups, children's liturgy choir, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Christian fellowship for Hispanic members of the congregation and the Women of St. Mary's — a group created to promote unity of all



Father Bob Lengerich has been ministering to the Decatur community at St. Mary of the Assumption since June.

The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana endowments in Adams County are as follows:

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women at the church to better serve God, the parish and the community.

Opportunities for members of St. Mary of the Assumption to witness to the surrounding Decatur community include blood drives, a prison ministry, Right to Life, Habitat for Humanity in Adams County and

the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Mary of the Assumption holds Mass Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Weekday Mass is held Monday-Thursday at 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday Mass is offered 8:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Woodcrest Nursing home. The church is also open daily.

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Geneva parish experienced at rising above difficulty

BY RACHEL BATDORFF

GENEVA — St. Mary of the Presentation, an original Irish settlement, first began its mission in 1856.



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“Though small in numbers there is generosity, goodwill and a depth of faith deeply imbedded in the parish,” Father Joseph Bosco Perera said.

Located in Geneva, St. Mary of the Presentation is a small parish with 52 families. Father Perera is the pastor of the small country church that dates back to 1856, when the first Catholics settled in the Jefferson Township portion of Adams County.

Lacking a church building, the first Catholics in the area attended Mass at St. Anthony in Mercer County, later transitioning to the Holy Trinity in Jay County in 1860.

Geneva first had a church building of its own in 1880; a log structure constructed by Irish immigrant congregation members and their neighbors. Tragedy struck in 1881, when the church was destroyed by fire



Members of St. Mary of the Presentation Parish are dedicated to preserving the opportunity practice their faith in the small town of Geneva.

— leading to the construction of a second building in 1883. Once again, congregation members and neighbors donated their time and resources for the 60 x 32-foot brick building.

In 1904 St. Mary of the Presentation became a parish with its own pastor, Rev. Vincent Muinch.

Fire struck for the second time in 1941. Nothing remained of the church but charred brick

walls. With only 19 families supporting the church at that time, a representative of the diocese and of the Precious Blood Fathers suggested the parish disband and join Trinity Church, a neighboring parish. Members disagreed; a unanimous vote revealed they wished to remain a separate unit.

For the fourth time, parishioners and neighbors rebuilt the church, enlarging the structure to include a sanctuary and two wings.

Present parishioners are as devoted to the parish as were the original members, Father Perera said. The most recent capital addition is a parish hall, built 25 years ago.

“With changing times and situations, and with the help of Our Blessed Mother, hopefully the parish will go forward to see many more years.”

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-Doug Larson

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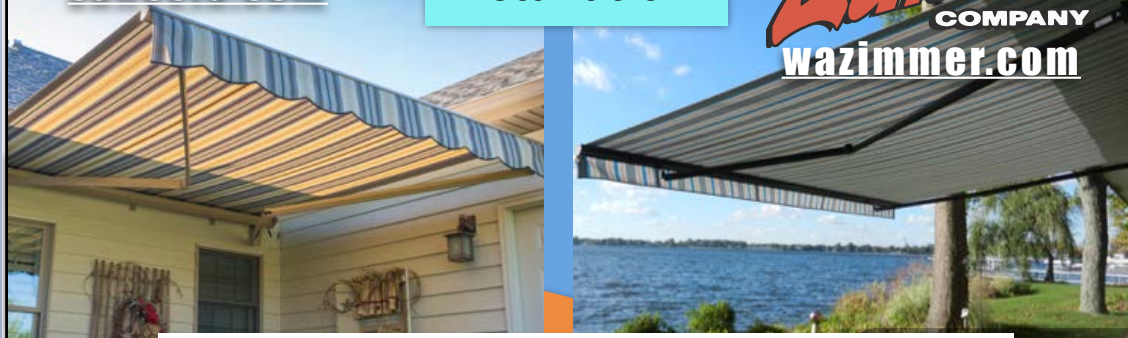
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A lesson from dependence: Seeing things differently

Less than five weeks ago, I had a partial knee replacement. I'm on the young side to need this procedure, but family heredity, an extremely active life, many pregnancies and, I suppose, a bit of bad luck all contributed toward the demise of the cartilage in my left knee. I was limping and in pain. According to my doctor, my leg was slightly starting to bow out, which would only make the leg deformed if nothing was done. What's more, I had gone from a several-miles-a-day walker to barely being able to make it down to the end of the 1,000-foot driveway. Cortisone shots had temporarily eased my symptoms, but that's what it was doing: easing the symptoms, not solving the problem. It was time to bite the bullet and submit to the long-term solution — surgery to get a new knee.

I am generally anxious about medical procedures but for this one, I was really nervous. I had heard stories that knee replacement recovery took longer than other joint replacements and that the pain was worse. A physical therapist told me that rehab after the operation was not going to be a walk in the park. "If a patient feels pain in physical therapy with a shoulder, for example, we might stop. But with knees we have to have you push through the pain or you won't regain your mobility. Full healing usually takes about three months."

Long story short, I discussed options with the doctor, weighed

the pros and cons, got my husband's input ("This is long overdue — do it!"), and got a second medical opinion. On June 24 I entered the hospital and had the surgery done.

Since I'm less than five weeks post-op, I can't speak of this in a total reflection mode. In many ways I'm still recovering, still doing physical therapy daily. According to the physical therapist, while I am ahead of the timetable of healing, walking and bendability of the knee (— measured in degrees — I'm theoretically not even halfway through. Nevertheless, in this short span I've learned a lot, and I'd like to share a few observations and thoughts from these last few weeks.

I can understand why some old people are really grumpy. Like someone who is recovering from major surgery, older people often move slowly, are in pain and are often frustrated at their lack of abilities. They surely must look at people who are breezing through life with health and vitality and pine for the time they had that gift too. When someone with health and vitality complains over something trivial, it must be annoying. Unlike a younger person who is recovering from major surgery, older people cannot look forward to becoming young and fully healthy again. While they may and can improve their muscles and energy to a certain extent, their progressive age limits them permanently. This must be frustrating and depressing.



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TERESA A. THOMAS

When you are recovering from major surgery, you become temporarily dependent on your loved ones to help you. In the first week after my surgery, I remember asking one of my family members who was walking toward me if it would be okay to please fetch me a fresh ice bag from the freezer for my knee. I asked nicely and in the sweetest way possible. When this person ever-so-slightly sighed and ever-so-slightly grimaced before saying "OK" and turning around to retrieve the bag, I cringed. I knew this person was annoyed. I also knew I didn't want to be a burden. I didn't want to be in a position to ask a favor. I didn't want to trouble this person, but I couldn't really get what I needed for myself. It pained me to see that it annoyed my loved one, who may not even to this day know that I noticed that small evidence of exasperation.

If I felt this in my temporary situation, how must an elderly person, who faces dependency and daily help with small things permanently, feel? How must he or she cringe at needing to be

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God and Brexit

Ever since the United Kingdom decided in June to leave the European Union, contending (and sometimes overlapping) explanations have been offered for a vote that stunned the world's opinion-makers: a perceived loss of national sovereignty to a transnational organization; concerns over current EU immigration policy and the effect of open EU borders on jobs and the rule of law; aggravations with petty bureaucratic regulation by EU mandarins in Brussels. Together, these amount to what's often called the EU's "democracy deficit," which seems to me real enough.

I'd like to suggest another, perhaps deeper, answer to the question of the EU's current distress, though: to put it bluntly, the "democracy deficit" is a reflection of Europe's "God-deficit." Let me connect the dots.

The founding fathers of today's European Union — which began with the European Coal and Steel Community before morphing into the European Common Market and then the EU — were, in the main, Catholics: Italy's Alcide de Gasperi, West Germany's Konrad Adenauer, France's Robert Schumann. Appalled by the self-destruction that Europe had wrought in two world wars, they sought an answer to aggressive nationalism in economic partnerships that would bind the West Franks (the French) to the East Franks (the Germans) so that war between them would be inconceivable. It was a practical idea, it worked, and it was understood to be the first step toward forms of political partnership and integration.



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

The wager underlying this project, as these men conceived it, was that there was enough of Christian or biblical culture left in Europe to sustain democratic pluralism in a "union" of sovereign states that would respect national and regional distinctiveness. And that Christian or biblical "remainder" involved the Catholic social-ethical principle of "subsidiarity:" the idea that decision-making should be left at the lowest possible local level (as in classic American federalism, where local governments do some things, state governments do other things, and the national government does things that local and state governments can't do).

"Subsidiarity" is a check against the tendency of all modern states to concentrate power at the center: which explains why the principle was first articulated by Pope Pius XI in 1931, as the shadow of totalitarianism lengthened across Europe. Respect for the social-ethical principle of "subsidiarity" also implies respect for cultural difference. And that, in turn, assumes that human beings get to universal commitments — like respect for basic human rights — through par-

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People create their own destiny in this life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30

The Book of Isaiah provides the first reading for this weekend. Isaiah is a fascinating book of Scripture. It covers a long period of Hebrew history. Its early chapters deal with events and conditions in the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah, before the kingdom's conquest by the mighty Babylonian army.

Then, as the book progresses, it tells of the plight of the Hebrews taken to Babylon, the imperial capital, where they and their descendants languished for

four generations.

At last the Hebrews were allowed to return, but the homeland that they found was hardly the "land flowing with milk and honey." It was sterile, lifeless, and bleak. It must have been difficult not to succumb to cynicism or outright rejection of God. Why did God lead them to this awful place after all that they have experienced in Babylon? How was this God's confirmation of the Covenant?

This dreary situation clearly appears in this weekend's reading, but, nevertheless, the prophet unceasingly and without any doubt calls the people to reaffirm their devotion to God. God always will rescue them and care for them.

For its second reading, the Church presents a reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. In the late part of the first century A.D., when this epistle was composed, the plight of the Jews was not good. In 70 A.D., the Jews rose up against the Romans, and the Jews paid a dreadful price for their audacity. Things were

as bad as they were in the days of the last part of Isaiah, from which came the reading heard earlier this weekend.

Even so, as the prophets so often had encouraged the people in the past, the author of Hebrews assured the people of the first century A.D. that God would protect them and, after all the trials, would lead them to life eternal, in Christ Jesus, the lamb of God.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a somber reading, indeed a warning. Indeed, life is eternal. God lives and reigns in an eternal kingdom. Jesus has the key to the gate, but all who are true to God, and who obey God's law, will be admitted to this wonderful kingdom. Others will not.

Reflection

For several weeks, the Church, either directly or indirectly, has taught us in the weekend readings at Mass that earthly life is not the only experience of living for humans.

Life does not end with earthly death. Life is eternal. After life on earth, in time, eternity awaits everyone; for the good, in heaven, and for the bad, everlasting misery and remorse.

God offers us every opportunity, and every aid, in our way to reach heaven. He could show us no greater love than to give us Jesus as our redeemer and companion as we move toward heaven. The Son of God, one with the Father in divine eternity and power, forgives us, strengthens us, guides us, restores us and finally places us at the banquet table of heaven.

Humans, in a word therefore, create their own destiny. They can ignore or outright reject God's love, so lavishly given in Jesus, and bring upon themselves the consequences, eternal pain. They choose everlasting despair and pain.

The saved choose to be with God. It is that simple.

God drags no one, kicking and screaming, into heaven, and virtue is not always easy to achieve, but God opens wide the gate and

shows us the way, helping us along when we stumble.

God mercifully and lovingly assists us through Jesus. Jesus is our teacher. In Jesus, and through Jesus, our sins are forgiven. In Jesus, the just are empowered and enlightened.

While God gives us free will, therefore, we are sustained, strengthened and shown the way.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

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

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

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

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

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-21 Mt 25:1-13

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

Cremaains and respect for the body

In the famous story of David and Goliath, Goliath boasts to the young David that after he kills him he will give his flesh "to the birds of the sky and beasts of the field." He conveys his profound disdain for David by speaking this way, deprecating even his corpse. This offends our sensibility that dead bodies should not be desecrated, but should instead be respectfully buried. Proper disposition and care of another's body also manifests our Christian faith in the resurrection of that body on the Last Day. Over time, this has evolved into a deeper understanding about the handling of corpses, including regulations surrounding cremation.

For Catholics, cremation is considered an acceptable form of handling the human body after death, although as noted in the Order of Christian Funerals, cremation "does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body ... The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites."

Moreover, cremation can lead to problematic practices, which Cardinal Raymond Burke references in a Pastoral letter to the faithful in the Diocese of La Crosse in the year 2000:

"With the growing practice of cremation, there has also developed a certain lack of care for the cremated remains of the dead. Funeral directors who have been asked to store the cremated remains report that those remains often are left unclaimed by family or friends. Those charged with the arrangements for the funeral rites of the deceased should see that the cremated remains are interred or entombed at the earliest possible time ... It

is not permitted to scatter cremated remains over a favorite place, and it is not permitted to keep cremated remains in one's home or place other than a cemetery ... The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and inter or entomb them in more than one place."

These clearly articulated concerns remind us of our obligation to respect the remains of the dead, even in their ashen state. By becoming lax in our approach to handling cremains, we can easily betray the respect that is owed.

A story comes to mind involving a friend of mine who works as a pilot. He was asked to take up a passenger in a small plane for the "final repose of ashes" into the ocean. As they were taking off, he told the passenger, "Just be sure that you don't ever open that urn! It needs to be thrown overboard when I open the hatch window and give you the signal." The passenger, however, was determined to do it his way; and when the pilot opened the window, he popped off the top of the urn and tried to scatter the ashes at sea. Instead, the ashes were seized by the violent air currents and scattered throughout the internals of the airplane, among all the instrumentation and dials and in the hair and clothing of both the pilot and the passenger.

Another reason to bury cremains in the earth or inter them in a mausoleum, rather than scattering them abroad, is to establish a particular place to be able to visit and pray for the soul of that person in the physical presence of their mortal remains. The burial site serves as a point of reference and connection to the embodi-



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FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

ment of that individual, rather than reducing them to a kind of vague and wispy nothingness.

Keeping Grandma's ashes on the fireplace mantle or up in the attic alongside the antique paintings is another problematic practice that can easily end up downplaying or denying her human dignity, tempting us to treat her mortal remains as just another item to be moved around among our various trinkets.

It can be helpful to encourage the family, and all who are involved with cremains, to think about ashes in a manner similar to how we'd think about a full body. Would we keep a casket and corpse at home for a few weeks? If not, then we shouldn't do the same with someone's ashes. Regrettably, many people are not thinking about cremains as the revered remnants of a fellow human being, but more as something to be disposed of whenever it's convenient for our schedule and budget. We don't approach full-body caskets that way because we recognize more clearly the duty to bury our beloved dead. The sacred memory of our departed family and friends, in sum, calls us to carefully attend to their remains with authentic and objective gestures of respect.

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ticular experiences, not through generalized abstractions. Or as Polish editor Jerzy Turowicz said to me twenty-five years ago, John Paul II was a "European" because he was a Cracovian, the heir of a particular experience of pluralism and tolerance, not despite the fact that he came from a unique cultural milieu.

When biblical religion collapsed, as it manifestly has in most of Old Europe and too much of New Europe after 1989, commitments to subsidiarity and its respect for difference imploded as well. The vacuum was then filled by a monochromatic, anti-pluralist notion of "democracy". Embodied in EU law and enforced

by unaccountable bureaucrats and EU courts, the results of this decayed democratic idea went far beyond idiotic regulations on the shape of tomatoes and bananas to include a concerted attempt to impose a single political culture in Europe, best described as the culture of personal autonomy – the Culture of the Self. That pseudo-culture is the hollowed-out shell of the Christian personalism that once inspired de Gasperi, Adenauer, Schumann, and the mid-20th-century Christian Democratic parties of Europe. And its political by-product is the EU's "democracy deficit."

Forty years ago, German constitutional scholar Ernst-Friedrich Boeckenfoerde argued that the modern, liberal-democratic state faced a dilemma: it rested on the foundation of moral-cultural premises – social capital – it could not itself generate. Put another

way, it takes a certain kind of people, formed by a certain kind of culture to live certain virtues, to keep liberal democracy from decaying into new forms of authoritarianism – more pungently described in 2005 by a distinguished European intellectual, Joseph Ratzinger, as a "dictatorship of relativism." The Boeckenfoerde Dilemma is on full display in the European Union, which is in deep trouble because of a democracy deficit that is, at bottom, a subsidiarity-deficit caused by a God-deficit.

Americans would be very foolish to think ourselves immune to a similar crisis of political culture.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 21, 2016

Luke 13:22-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lesson about getting to the Kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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BE SAVED	STRIVE	HOUSE
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IN REPLY	WE ATE	DRANK
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helped to the restroom, or aided in getting dressed. And how depressing it must be if an old person has a caregiver who is not kind, or who is not patient? I'd be a lot more than grumpy if this were my lot. No wonder some older people are. Can you blame them?

This surgery and post-surgery experience continues to teach me many things; maybe I'll share more in a future column. But

today I'm mostly pondering on the value of kindness and generosity and of offering a favor with a willing spirit and empathetic, cheerful heart. This temporary physical setback of mine has given me permanent empathy for the elderly. It helped me realize that another's dependence is an invitation for those near him or her to grow in love. The giver and givee can be gifts to one another.

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Fall Sports preview

Marian High School athletics gear up to repeat success

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

Under the leadership of new Athletic Director Steve Ravatto, Marian High School athletics are gearing up for an outstanding season. Ravatto shared that "With three teams — boys' soccer, girls' soccer and girls' cross-country — excelling in last year's post-season, we're looking to see continued success this coming fall. Lots of talented athletes have graduated, but with a strong coaching staff in place, we expect to see strong teams. With a little hard work, we hope to have just as many — if not more — successes as last year."

Boys' and girls' cross-country

Returning for his third year of coaching, David Walsh is ready to lead Marian High School boys' and girls' cross-country to another successful season. The girls are coming from an outstanding season last year, qualifying for semi-state for the first time. Led by returning athletes Emma Kearns, Hannah Stein, Hannah Majewski and Claire Fewell, this year is looking to be even better than last.

The boys are also hoping for a successful season. Last season, many players were competing for the first time; however, with a year of experience under their belt, Coach Walsh believes that the team shows promise.

Football

The A3 regional champions are ready to go even further in the post-season this year. Led by the guidance of Coach Reggie Glon, they already have a talented team. Some of their strongest returning players are running back Alexander Horvath, lineman Michael Dennison and quarterback Bryce Tomassi.

Coach Glon feels confident in other starters, including center Conner Glon, tight end RJ Decker, kicker Jack Tiller, defensive lineman Joe Cline, defensive lineman Atanasa Sete, defensive back Michael Hemingway and defensive back Deontre Nyengo. Coach Glon shared, "We strive to be 1-0 each day at practice, and that will give us a chance to win on Friday nights. Our goal is to win a conference championship and defend our sectional title."

Boys' tennis:

In his first year as head coach for the boys' tennis team, Coach Dan Tryniecki has high hopes that the team will excel.

"We only had one senior on last year's team. We are looking to improve and raise our expectations this year," he said. While Max White is out this year due to injury, new recruits are looking promising; Dustin Greer is anticipated to compete at varsity level early in his high-school career.

Coach Tryniecki is confident that the team's dedication will lead to a successful year that

is not only measured by the scoreboard. "While our squad is small, the team has consistently shown great chemistry and a genuine love of the sport. We are excited to not just compete at a high level, but also to build camaraderie."

Girls' soccer:

The 2015-16 regional champions are back to defend their title. This past year the team made it all the way to semi-state. Coach Djamel Charvat is hopeful for another successful year, with strong incoming freshmen who are already playing on the varsity team, including promising right midfielder Reyna Cruz. The center midfielders are Caroline Baughman and Jessica Veldman.

The defense is also looking strong, led by Libby Priller, Sofia Donati, and Ellie Costello. The two forwards are Megan Bullock and Brooke Strickland. "I think the talent we have and the way the players are looking forward to this season after tasting semi state last, they are going all the way to Indianapolis," Coach Charvat shared.

Girls' volleyball:

Following a winning 2015-16 season, Marian High School girls' volleyball is looking to have a solid season. The team is filled with strong players, including senior Marielle Corbettm, who is back for her second season of play following a torn ACL. Sophomore Bella Ravotto, Senior

Abby Wood and Senior Emily Sharp are also geared up for another positive year. Coach Dan Anderson is confident that, with productive training and continued display of commitment by the team, Marian High School volleyball will have an increasingly successful year.

Girls' golf

Ending with a 7-14 record for the 2015 season, Marian High School girls' golf team hopes the 2016-17 season will continue to be one of personal growth. Led by Coach George Grenert and the experience of seniors Molly Pendergast and Catherine Olivia, the team is optimistic for a season filled with hard work and success.

Junior Bridgette Joyce, sophomore Carly Turak and sophomore Emily Laviolette are eager to continue their golfing career, and incoming freshmen Rosa Trippel is already demonstrating promise for the team. Coach Grenert said their goal is to "improve our scores by minimum of five strokes per player, win more than we lose and qualify for the state finales. Most important is to learn to enjoy the game of golf. With a lot of hard work and positive attitudes this group of golfers will do lot of good things this fall."

Boys' soccer

Following a 3-0 defeat over Cardinal Ritter to win the Class 1A Boys Soccer State

Championship, the Marian High School boys' soccer team is ready to defend their title. Last year's 20-2 record was impressive, but former successes only serve as an invitation to improve.

With the graduation of some outstanding seniors, including forward Augie Hartnagel, defender Christian Verstraete and midfielders Richie Ontiveros and Kevin Villa-Torres, this year will be an opportunity for returning players to strive for another winning record, fighting to defend their state title.

Cheerleading

The Marian High School Cheer Team has already kicked off the year with the NCA camp at Indiana State University, where, for the second year in a row, they received first place in the Large Varsity Performance Top Team category and the All-Camp Spirit Award.

The team has incoming freshmen talent, including Alyssa Himschoot, Olivia Salazar and Nataleigh Reed, and is anchored by seniors Taylor Ryan-Sizemore, Theresa Arterbery, Rachel Snyder, Leah Moreno and Shyanne Girres.

Coach Nicolini shared; "We are extremely excited to cheer on the football and basketball teams this year. I anticipate these cheerleaders to even impress themselves with their advancements in stunting, strength, teamwork and involvement in both the games and the community."

Developing depth is goal of Saint Joseph High School

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — The summer is ending with a hot spell, and the Saint Joe Indians are taking the heat in stride while gearing up for the upcoming fall season.

Cross-country

"The girls team has 14 runners, seven of which are first year; so experience is in short supply after graduating 12 seniors a year ago," said Coach Mike McCarthy.

Senior Caroline O'Callaghan and sophomore Grace Beehler were semi-state qualifiers last year, and Katrina Sakimoto is

the lone returning four-year varsity team member. After these top three, the team is very inexperienced. McCarthy uses the five-times-a-week summer runs to teach much of the team good running lifestyle habits.

"The primary team goal early in the year is to develop excellent practice habits. Examples include the importance of logging all workouts, the necessity of post-practice stretching, eating and hydrating well for maximum recovery and the Saint Joe emphasis on pre- and post-practice routines. Once these habits are in place, the key for the team will be getting 5,000 meter race experience," noted McCarthy. "Saint Joe added the Northwood

Invitational to its August schedule for this reason and hopes to defend its South Bend City Championship Sept. 1 before heading into invitational season. With such a young team, the late season goals are currently secondary to early season goals."

McCarthy said the boys' team of 20 includes seven seniors.

"Coming off a strong track season where all three relays went to the state finals and the team scored 51 points at the regional a solid summer of aerobic runs for the top three runners leaves the team with lots of potential in the fall," said McCarthy. "Sophomore Bill Powers, in his first year running cross-country, was a standout

in the 3200-meter run in the spring and looks to be the top runner after summer road racing season. Senior Andy Powers and junior Saul Garcia will help form a great frontline trio."

The key for the boys' team is for the number four and five runners to close the gap between themselves and the top three.

"While there are about half a dozen possible candidates, it will take the early season races to sort out the team's rank order. Running well as a team every day is the primary season goal along with hitting weekly minute and mileage goals. Advancing to semi-state is the ultimate end of season goal, as it looks from the summer," noted McCarthy.

Football

"Personal growth, skill development, and building a football family with faith guiding us through all the difficulties that come our way," are the season predictions from new football Coach Bryon Whitten.

Whitten said the teams' strengths are youthful enthusiasm, coachability and the desire to improve. Its areas for improvement are consistency and to build experience.

Whitten said his goal for the season is to develop better people, be a team, have fun and win.

Saints look to repeat winning seasons

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

School is back in session, and after much hard work over the summer months, rosters have been firmed up for the fall season. Bishop Dwenger boasts a considerable amount of talent in northeast Indiana as it vies for Summit Athletic Conference titles and post-season crowns. Here is a preview of the 2016 Saints teams.

Tennis

The Saints return three letter winners for 2016 in senior Kyle Weingartner and juniors Drake LaPan and Luke Maskal. Other notable players back for the year include seniors McKade Schuldt, Michael Voors and Luke Siela, along with sophomore Jeremiah Jauch.

Last year, Bishop Dwenger ended with a 17-7 record and an SAC and sectional championship.

Coach Tim Koehl needs just 14 wins this season to chalk up 300 career coaching victories. He explained, "This year's success will depend on the very inexperienced players and how fast they

develop and can compete at the varsity level." The Saints face DeKalb in their first match on Aug. 18.

Football

Bishop Dwenger football couldn't be more excited to continue the team's winning tradition with Coach Chris Svarczkopf (132-42) back in the saddle for his 14th season. Captains Amaun Clark, Blake Podschlne and Frankie Yanko will lead the attack for the Saints, along with Peter Winkeljohn, Mike Hake and Mitch Effinger, who were also starters during the 14-1 Class 4A state championship campaign a year ago. With Podschlne's experience as signal caller and strength at the running back positions, the shotgun triple option offense is well equipped. The Saints will have defensive depth as well in their linemen, linebackers, safeties and cornerbacks.

Boys' soccer

Captains for this year's boys' soccer team will be Colin Stroud

and first-team SAC selection Austin Ly. They will be joined by 10 players who bring leadership and a wealth of varsity experience, including Jaxon Simerman, Sergei Collins, Jacob Hursh and Lucas Harkenrider, along with several newcomers to watch for. This combination of depth and experience will provide a nice mixture of talent for the reigning SAC champions (7-0) to build on.

"This is a new year with new challenges; therefore there are no guarantees, everything has to be earned through hard work," Coach Carl-Philip Dorissant summarized. "We will approach every game as our last and leave everything on the field."

Girls' soccer

Bishop Dwenger's girls' soccer program lists six seniors on their roster for the season. They are Emily Tippmann, Anna A'Hearn, Paxton Simerman, Natalie Mowery, Karsyn Kleinrichert and Claudia Morgan. The Saints will open play against Carroll on Aug. 22 at their home field, the Plex.

Volleyball

With six seniors and nine returning players overall, the Bishop Dwenger volleyball team is chock full of talent and looking to compete for the SAC title, after a second-place finish in 2015. In his fourth season with the Saints, Coach Tim Houser also hopes to get out of a tough sectional for a chance at a state title, after a loss in the sectional finals a year ago. Seniors who are back are Abby Bojrab (305 kills), Maddy Omo (126 blocks), Katie Fredbloom (646 assists), Alaina Schenkel, Marrisona Godfrey and Josie Kolkman. Ellen Ross, Madi Ross and Ava Robinson round out those with varsity experience returning for Bishop Dwenger.

Cross-country

After losing their top three runners from last year, the Bishop Dwenger boys' cross-country team looks to be led by junior Carson Pocock and sophomore Emmett Delaney. "As we have emphasized the last two years, our key will be running

as a pack because we don't have a front runner," Coach Thomas Crum explained.

The Saints are a young team, having only three seniors: Michael Manning, Ben Howe and Kevin LaMaster.

The girls will also be a very young group, losing four of their top runners from 2015. However, Crum predicts the freshmen class is not going to back down from the challenge, as they have shown so far this summer.

Senior Abby Brelage will be leading the way for the Lady Saints. Laura Carroll is the Bishop Dwenger's only other senior this season.

"Overall I'm excited to see what and how both teams shape out with having a freshmen class as competitive as we have on both sides," Crum said.

Girls' golf

The Bishop Dwenger linksters are well underway in their season, under the direction of new Head Coach Meg Ryan.

Optimism is the word for Bishop Luers' fall sports programs

BY RON BUSCH

A number of sports programs are already practicing and preparing for fall contests.

Kevin Godfroy steps in this year as Bishop Luers' new athletic director. He is certainly not new to Bishop Luers, and is anxious to get started to the task at hand. For the following seven fall sports, the word is "optimism."

Football

Any follower of football in the area would find it difficult to present a fall preview without mention of Luers' 11 state titles.

Coach Lindsay expects maintaining good health to be vital to the team's success. Head Coach Kyle Lindsay, former a Luers quarterback, has 17 senior athletes on the team this season.

Team captains are Luke Fisher, Carter Gillie and Tre Underwood. A lack of depth on the lines will be remedied with many players playing on both offense and defense this year. Senior Gareth Brouwer also returns this season, after missing all of the 2015 season due to a broken ankle.

Bishop Luers' last SAC title was in 2014, so one goal will be to bring the title back to the south side of Fort Wayne. Coach Lindsay is optimistic that this team will be competitive every week this season.

Girl's golf

Tenth-year coach Tom O'Brien is optimistic regarding the girls' golf team this year. Key players include returning athletes: senior Captain Katie Leja, juniors Emily Shimer and Jackie Savio, and sophomores Lexy Turpchinoff, Caroline Gladding and Gretchen

Spenn. Newcomers this year include sophomores Caroline Rahrigh and Faith Jones, along with freshmen Madeleine Pape, Lydia Reimbold and Sarah Podzielinski.

This year is likely to be a rebuilding year, after losing four very strong seniors, including two All-SAC golfers. But there is hope on the horizon. In Coach O'Brien's own words, "Amazingly, through the first three 18-hole tournaments, this year's 2016 team has shot a total of 60 shots better than last year's bunch."

Caroline Rahrigh has placed third in the two tourneys she's played in so far. Madeleine Pape has medaled in two of the invitational already, including shooting an 88 at Noble Hawk at East Noble. Coach O'Brien remarked, "Yes, we are rebuilding, but it's going to be a really fun young team with some wonderful young ladies."

Cross-country

Second-year head coach Nichole Wellman has been inspired by one student-athlete in particular: Margaret Cicchiello, who has been returning from an injury. "It's been inspiring how she hasn't let it get her down. She's been a positive influence on the younger athletes, despite her slow recovery."

Helping in the coaching duties this year are eighth-year Assistant Coach Jacob Doctor and first-year Assistant Coach Jordan Miller. The squad is young, with only two seniors: Joe Deiser and Mary Wigent. Deiser and Wigent also serve as team captains this year.

Cross-country hopes to build on last year's successes. Last year seven athletes competed at the regional level and three moved on to semi-state. The regional runners included Maria Lill, Marisa Wigent, Simon Derloshon and Stephen Busch. Moving on to semi-state were Joe Deiser, Madison Busch and Emily McManus. This year cross-country fields a relatively young team, but Coach Wellman is optimistic and "excited to see what they can bring to the table and watch them grow over the next few years."

Boys' soccer

Even though numbers are down this year, Coach John Myers indicated "the future looks bright." Incoming boys' soccer players are more experienced and

have very good game knowledge. The team includes six seniors; four are returning players. Team captains are Vinnie Connett and John Hipskind.

Without huge senior numbers, the team will be very young. The last couple years have been .500 seasons, but boys' soccer looks to improve as the younger players get more varsity experience. One of the goals this year is to improve that .500 record. Consequently, players will need to exhibit patience with the won/loss columns. That will be one of the keys.

Coach Myers wants the team to stay focused until the end. This will prove to be a challenge as they have a very difficult schedule, playing all the tough area 2A teams. With that in mind, right now, for Coach Myers, the "future looks bright".

Girls' soccer

Second-year girls' soccer coach Jozsef Feher was born and raised in Romania, of Hungarian heritage. He has coached for over 22 years in the U.S. and spent many years at the former Citadel soccer club, as well as coaching travel teams for the Fort Wayne Sports Club. He is assisted this year by JV Coach Bill Shaw and Natalie Siegel.

Certainly his experience provides a good fit for this year's girls' soccer team. This year the team is young, having lost eight seniors at the end of last season.

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Girls' golf

New girls' golf coach John Fischer said the strength of his team is their short game — chipping and putting.

"What we need to work on is getting tournament-ready before the season starts by playing in local and state competitions throughout the summer," noted Fischer. "We also need to make sure the girls have the proper equipment fit for their games. We need the junior varsity players to play more golf in the summer and have a higher goal in mind of competing at the state level in the game of golf."

Fischer is getting a late start, with being a recent hire to the Saint Joe coaching staff; but he's optimistic the team will have a great season.

"Our goal this year with me

getting the coaching position so late is to qualify for the state championship and win several large invitational tournaments during our regular season. Having probably the largest turn out of 21 girls on the team this year, I feel the future looks bright, with the right game plan for off-season and in-season training and competing. We are off to a great start by winning the Plymouth Invitational by nine shots in an 11-team field," said Fischer.

Boys' tennis

"Our goals never change: conference-sectional-regional champs and a trip down state," said Coach Steve Bender about his prediction for this year's tennis season.

The strength of this year's team is the singles players. The areas needing work for the Indians are the doubles teams.

Bender's hope is to become a balanced team and to see vast improvement during the season from the doubles teams.

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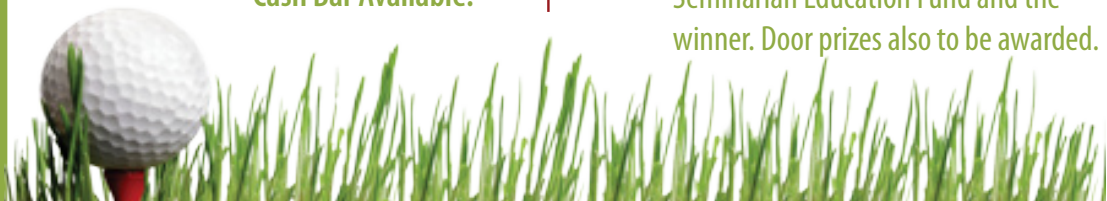
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Now there are four freshman and four sophomores on varsity, out of 18 total team members.

One of the goals for the team this season is for the girls to become stronger in possession aspects of the game. The coach analyzed it this way, "Specifically, being very young and fairly inexperienced, we will likely spend more time on the defensive end, and we hope to accomplish strong development in counter attack strategy." Another goal is to develop individual technical skills.

Volleyball

The theme for this year's edition of Bishop Luers volleyball is family. The girls will have a new staff with a new vision and outlook, and the emphasis will be on trust and commitment. Coaching duties this fall are shared between Troy Girod and Jahrae "Jae" Hampton.

The team is coming off a rough 13-21 season last year that had several injuries to key players throughout the season. The team is optimistic about making positive memories this year. There are two seniors returning, Rachel Baehl and Adrian Phillips. Juniors include Emily Strack, Gabrielle North, Mary Lee and Kathryn Knapke.

Bishop Luers volleyball promises to be an athletic and scrappy team with the addition of sophomore Abby Leja and freshman Jelena Girod competing on varsity full-time. There are also a few junior varsity players who will play a key role in the team's success.

Coach Hampton sees the bottom line as the family theme. "Love is what drives families when times get difficult, and we will rely on this love to see us through. Ultimately, these principles lay the foundation for who we are and our commitment to them will determine our level of success," she said.

Boys' tennis

Huntington native Joel Pyle has a several goals for himself and the 2016 boys' tennis team. They include winning the SAC, advancing in the post-season and continuing to develop the program at all levels. Coach Pyle wants to create a positive, fun and learning experience for everyone in the program, both on and off the court.

Team captains are returning players Maximilian Pyle and Johnny Woehner. Other returning varsity players are Cole Scheible and Charlie Burton. In the East Noble Invitational Johnny Woehner won at No. 2 singles, while Ethan Brown won at No. 3 singles.

Coach Pyle hopes to improve from last year's 10-5 overall regular season, which included

finishing 6-1, in second place, in the SAC. With improvement across the board from veteran players, the Luers tennis team is looking forward to taking the courts for the start of the 2016 season. The coach declared: "This year should be a fun and successful one. We are excited about the potential with our returning talented players, and with lots of new faces we're impressed with what we've seen from our newcomers."

St. Pius X announces the Flyin' Lion 5K and 1-mile fun run/walk

GRANGER — St. Pius X Parish will host the Flyin Lion on Saturday, Aug. 20. The 5K race starts at 8 a.m., and the 1 mile fun run/walk begins immediately following the start of the 5K, both starting and ending at St. Pius X Church. The event will complete a three-day weekend of festivities including casino night on Friday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m. and parish picnic on Sunday, Aug. 21, at noon honoring the feast day of St. Pius X.

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Redeemer Radio sports high school football schedule announced

SOUTH BEND — Redeemer Radio Sports, WRDI 95.7 FM, will announce high school football games from the Michiana area on Friday's Game of the Week this fall. Each Game of the Week will showcase the best of varsity football and feature either the Class 3A Marian Knights or the 4A St. Joseph Indians.

Former high school sports coaches Bob Berger and Todd Stammich join Redeemer Radio to broadcast the premier season of football on Michiana's new Catholic Radio. They will also be the voices of Marian and Saint Joseph basketball games in the winter.

Berger taught and coached in the South Bend Community School Corporation for 40 years. Since 2007, he has been active in broadcasting high school sports on television, radio and the Internet. Stammich has worked in SBCSC as a teacher and counselor since 2000. For 11 seasons he coached football at Riley, and he has coached at Jefferson Intermediate School for the past nine seasons.

Redeemer Radio's coverage of the entire high school football schedule will also be available to stream live via Redeemer Radio's website.

The 2016 fall schedule includes:

Aug. 19, Marian vs. SB Clay; Aug. 26, Marian vs. John Glen; Sept. 2, St. Joseph vs. Marian; Sept. 9, Marian vs. Riley; Sept. 16, Marian vs. Jimtown; Sept. 23, St. Joseph vs. Penn; Sept. 30, St. Joseph vs. Mishawaka; Oct. 7, St. Joseph vs. Culver Academy; Oct. 14, St. Joseph vs. Adams.

All games will air at 6:55 p.m. Any post-season games will be announced six to 12 days prior to its broadcast date.

Best of SAC football to be showcased on Redeemer Radio

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio Sports 106.3 FM has announced its fall high school varsity football schedule, which will showcase the best games from the Summit Athletic Conference during the Game of the Week. The lineup includes Battle of the Bishops, with 3A Bishop Luers hosting the state 4A Champions of Bishop Dwenger, on Sept. 30.

This schedule is the network's 10th consecutive season in the Fort Wayne market. Sean McBride brings back his broadcast crew of Joe Wharton, Mark Watts, Dave Egts and Nick Gray for Friday night high school football action.

Tailgate Talk, the network's pregame show, returns for a sixth season with McBride,

Wharton, Watts and Casey O'Boyle of Northeast Indiana GameNight. Tailgate Talk airs during the regular season, through the first week of sectionals, at 6 p.m., prior to the Game of the Week broadcast. Tailgate Talk features coach and player interviews and an in-depth look at all the SAC matchups of the evening.

"This promises to be an outstanding football season here in northeast Indiana, and we are once again honored to be able to bring our listeners the games," McBride said, reflecting on the upcoming season. "We have two defending state champions in the SAC this year, and the returning talent pool is as deep as it has ever been. We're all very excited to begin the season."

Redeemer Radio's coverage of the entire fall high school football schedule will be heard on WRDF 106.3 FM in northeast Indiana and will be available to stream live via Redeemer Radio's website.

The 2016 fall schedule includes:

Aug. 19, Bishop Luers vs. Carroll, Aug. 26; Bishop Dwenger vs. North Side; Sept. 2, Bishop Luers vs. Homestead; Sept. 9, Bishop Dwenger vs. Homestead; Sept. 30, Bishop Dwenger vs. Bishop Luers, Oct. 7, Bishop Dwenger vs. Snider; Oct. 14, Bishop Luers vs. Snider

All games will air at 6:55 p.m. Any post-season games will be announced six to 12 days prior to its broadcast date.

'Saturdays with the Saints' lectures contemplate Year of Mercy

The seventh annual "Saturdays with the Saints" lecture series, sponsored by the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, will feature seven saints whose lives give witness to the mercy of God.

The lectures will be held on the Saturdays of home Notre Dame football games, combining the university's rich traditions of Catholic faith and spirited football game days. Notre Dame theology faculty and staff will deliver dynamic lectures on saints chosen this year to coincide with the global Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy.

"The series was inspired by the fact that Saturday has great significance in the Christian tradition. Saturday was the ancient sabbath and is an image of eternity, because it was on the seventh day that God rested. Therefore, our lecture series is an image of eternity," said John Cavadini, McGrath-Cavadini director of the Institute for Church Life.

"Saturdays with the Saints" has established itself as a popular pregame ritual for members of the Notre Dame community and visitors to campus. The lectures begin at 10:30 a.m. in Andrews Auditorium, on the lower level of Geddes Hall adjacent to Hesburgh Library. The talks are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as the events tend to fill to capacity.

In addition to home game weekends on the Notre Dame campus, a lecture will be held prior to the Shamrock Series game versus Army on Nov. 12 in San Antonio, Texas. Timothy Matovina, professor of theology, and Father David Garcia, director of the Old Spanish Missions, San Antonio, will speak on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The 2016 Saturdays with the Saints schedule is as follows.

Sept. 10: "St. Joseph, A Father Rich in Mercy"

John Cavadini, director, Institute for Church Life and professor of theology, Notre Dame

Sept. 17: "St. Faustina, The Divine Mercy of Vilnius, and Priestly Self-Offering"

Sister Ann Astell, professor of theology, Notre Dame

Sept. 24: "St. Teresa of Calcutta, On the Occasion of her Canonization"

Leonard DeLorenzo, director, Notre Dame Vision; Department of Theology, Notre Dame

Oct. 15: "St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint of Auschwitz"

Jessica Keating, director, Office of Human Dignity and Life Initiatives, Notre Dame

Oct. 29: "Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Apostle of Charity"

Lawrence Cunningham, O'Brien Chair of Theology, emeritus, Notre Dame

Nov. 12: "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Jubilee of Mercy"

Timothy Matovina, professor of theology and co-director, Institute for Latino Studies, Notre Dame; and Father David Garcia, director of the Old Spanish Missions, San Antonio, senior advisor for Clergy Outreach at Catholic Relief Services and former rector of San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio

Note: Lecture will be held at the Cathedral Centre Cafe at San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas at 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 19: "St. Elizabeth of Hungary: Wife, Mother, Queen, Champion of Mercy"

Father Terry Ehrman, CSC, professor of theology, Notre Dame

Gymnast keeps rosary close when she competes



CNS photo

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS) — U.S. Olympic gymnast and gold medalist Simone Biles says when she travels, she sometimes takes with her a statue of St. Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes; she also carries a rosary her mother gave her.

Biles, whose flawless floor

routine Aug. 9 sealed a gold medal in the team competition for the U.S. women, made those comments to *Us Weekly*.

"My mom, Nellie, got me a rosary at church. I don't use it to pray before a competition. I'll just pray normally to myself, but I have it there in case," the

19-year-old told the magazine in a July 8 interview.

Her remark about her patron saint was part of a list in an Aug. 9 article about Biles posted by the magazine online, with the headline "25 Things You Don't Know About Me."

Biles' hometown is Spring,

Texas, in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The London-based Catholic Herald described her as "a Sunday Massgoer."

Other news accounts said Sunday is the only day she does not practice gymnastics, so she can go to church with her family at St. James Catholic Church in Spring.

According to several news reports, Biles was born in Columbus, Ohio, to parents who were drug addicts. Her father left, and young Simone bounced back and forth from her mother's house to foster homes. When she was 5 or 6, her grandparents, Ronald and Nellie Biles, adopted her and her younger sister, Adria, and moved to Texas.

Her interest in gymnastics took hold 13 years ago. "My first experience with gymnastics was when I was in daycare. We took a field trip to a gym and I was hooked," she told *Us Weekly*.

But she added: "Gymnastics

is just one part of my life, and I'm having as much fun with it as possible. At some point, I'll have to go get a real job."

Her favorite routine is the floor, she said. Biles is described as determined, disciplined and something of a perfectionist.

"She's always been headstrong," her mom, a retired nurse, told *Texas Monthly* magazine. "When she makes up her mind, it's, like, oh my gosh — the whole world could be upset and she'd still do it. My other kids would listen: her, no. She makes her mind up and that's it."

Biles' approach to her sport has paid off. She is the three-time world all-around champion, 2013-15; three-time world floor champion, 2013-15; two-time world balance beam champion, 2014, 2015; and four-time U.S. national all-around champion, 2013-16.

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Cardinal Fest planned

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have Cardinal Fest Sept. 16-18 with a teen dance Friday from 7-9 p.m.; the carnival with food on Saturday from 3-5 p.m. and adult music tent from 8-11 p.m. A 5k walk/run Sunday will be at 1:30 p.m.

St. Mary fall fest

Decatur — St. Mary Parish will have offer games, bingo, raffles, auctions, kid events and more at a fall fest September 10-11 beginning Saturday after the 4 p.m. Mass until 11 p.m. Sunday time is noon to 4:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the church and community. Contact ntbaker@embarqmail.com for information.

Pilgrimage planned

Decatur — Father JR Hadnagy of Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio, is coming to St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Monday, Sept. 12. Confessions will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Mass of Healing at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend this moving experience that includes the Laying of Hands; and for those of the Catholic faith who are ill, the Sacrament of Healing.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land scheduled

Mishawaka — St. Bavo Parish is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 9-19, to extend mercy to families who have lost loved ones in the violence that plagues the Holy Land. Anne Jones, St. Bavo's parishioner, will accompany the group to present original portraits of loved ones to those left behind, as an aid in the bereavement and healing process. Pilgrims will visit Bethlehem, Galilee and the Christian holy sites in Jerusalem. The cost is \$2900, includes hotel, admissions, all breakfasts and dinners. However,

the cost should not prevent participation by anyone who feels called to make this pilgrimage. For further information contact Sandy at 574-674-9968 or Dsmike60@comcast.net. A commitment is necessary by Sept. 9.

Disability retreat to be offered

South Bend — A non-denominational retreat for young adults with disabilities (persons 15 and older) celebrating God and how He works in our lives will be held at People of Praise/Trinity School Sports Complex, 53666 N. Ironwood Rd. on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is included. A donation of \$10 per participant is requested. Register by Sept. 1 to Peggy at 574-329-4407, or email peggygsgo@gmail.com.

Polish festival planned

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a Polish festival Sunday, Sept. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. The Polka Mass will be at 11 a.m., followed by food, dancing, cash raffle, balloon animals, games, cash bar, gambling, desserts, and baskets to be raffled off. T-shirts and caps will also be offered for sale.

Summer festival planned

South Bend — St. Patrick's Parish will have a summer festival from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. There will be kids' games and activities and Irish, Vietnamese, Polish, Mexican and American food choices. There will also be a beer garden and live music. St.

Patrick's parish is located at the corner of Taylor St. and Western Ave.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521 will have a spaghetti dinner at the South Bend Francis Club, 61533 Ironwood Rd., on Friday, Aug. 19, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4, children under 5 free.

Parish picnic planned

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish is holding its annual parish picnic from noon-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, on the parish grounds at 2800 Corpus Christi Drive. Pony rides, bounce house, bungee run, rock wall, trackless train, competitive pedal carts for young and old. Corn and sausage roast, food and drink concessions, wine and beer garden, bingo. 1/2-chicken dinner with noodles and cabbage from 4-7 p.m. Advance tickets \$8 by Aug. 23; call 574-272-9982. Cash raffle with \$7,500 total in prizes. (License No. 141919)

EWTN family celebration road trip

South Bend — The Apostolate of Divine Mercy is planning a road trip to EWTN's Family Celebration in Birmingham, Alabama, honoring Mother Angelica's life September 17-18. Departure is Thursday, Sept. 15 with return on Sept. 19. Some meals, snacks, hotel and round-trip transportation will be \$490 per person, double occupancy.

Young Adult/University Campus Minister

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.

Those considering applying for this position should possess:

- A strong and committed faith life as a practicing Catholic
- At least a 4 year Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Pastoral Care or related field and experience
- Strong leadership and communication skills and the ability to work independently
- Obvious zeal for the Catholic faith and desire to work as a team to advance the mission of the Office of Evangelization
- An ability to create and form ministry in an ever changing environment

Send a cover letter and resume with references to:

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ships will provide traction as the greater Fort Wayne area journeys down the Road to One Million, and toward the Northeast Regional Partnership goal of 60 percent of the area's residents possessing college degrees.

The USF Business Center, 826 Ewing St., houses the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership; the Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts program; and the new Risk Management and Insurance program, designed to prepare students for the growing specialty insurance market. It includes a chapel.

USF President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, underscored the value of the school's new location to the programs it offers.

"The important part of all this is that here, we can provide our students the opportunity to work closely with professionals in their field; professionals who have a downtown presence and who can prepare them for a role in the business field after college," she said.

At the nearby Music Technology Center, the drawing card will be state-of-the-art facilities. Its new home at 431 W. Berry St., adjacent to the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, offers audio recording and performance space and a recording studio; all of which will provide hands-on training in an environment designed by local music professionals from Sweetwater.

During the renovation process, the university remained cognizant of the buildings' historic value and of their legacy as part of the community's identity — just as it did during restoration of the Scottish Rite theater.

"In a way, we're saving history. We're reclaiming it, really, for modern use," Sister Elise said.

Although it was not been a long-term goal of the university to expand from its main campus on Spring Street, on the near west side of the city, to Fort Wayne's downtown, a series of what Sister Elise called "providential" conversations and situations in 2011 culminated in Tuesday's grand opening celebration. There had been discussion regarding the demonstrated need of several USF programs to expand; but those expansions were originally planned as new construction on the Spring Street campus.

Due to the opening of USF Downtown, the amount of new Spring Street campus construction has been reduced to science laboratories and a chapel.

"It's appropriate to say that the move downtown was both space and program development driven," Sister Elise said.

The USF Downtown project has been designated an official Bicentennial Legacy project as part of the Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration. University officials are looking forward to the opportunity to work and interact closely with the downtown business and community leaders, and this designation is another reason the project is highly anticipated.

"This project is part of the university's commitment to help grow downtown Fort Wayne and the region in general," Sister Elise noted. "With 125 years of educating in Indiana, the University of Saint Francis understands the importance of honoring this state's past by building for the future."

Following the ribbon cutting and blessing of the Business Center, attendees enjoyed a block party that included music and food trucks, as well as the opportunity to tour the Business Center and Music Technology Center.



Photos by Jodi Marlin

Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, thanked the University of Saint Francis leadership and the many donors to the project during remarks delivered at the grand opening of the USF downtown campus Tuesday, Aug. 16. The public event took place in the Business Center building, in what was formerly the Historic Women's Club Ballroom.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades sprinkles holy water on the installations of the USF Business Center and the Music Technology Center following the ribbon-cutting ceremony and blessing of the facilities.

On 'Mercy Friday,' pope visits women rescued from prostitution

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Continuing his Year of Mercy practice of going one Friday a month to visit people facing special struggles, Pope Francis paid a surprise visit to a community helping 20 young women get their lives back together after being rescued from prostitution.

The pope visited the house operated by the John XXIII Community in northeast Rome the afternoon of Aug. 12. The community members, the Vatican said, were "20 women liberated from the slavery of the prostitution racket. Six of them come from Romania, four from Albania, seven from Nigeria and one each from Tunisia, Italy and Ukraine."

The women's average age is 30, said a Vatican press statement. "All of them have endured

serious physical violence" and are now being protected.

One of the young women, identified only as East European, told Vatican Radio she never dreamed she would be able to see the pope up close and "tell my story to a holy person like him. I was very emotional and kept crying because I could not believe what I was seeing and hearing."

The young woman said she told the pope that she had been offered a job as a caregiver in Italy, but the offer was fake. Instead, "they kept me locked in an apartment for two weeks, drugged me, tied me up and the men, they did what they wanted with my body."

She said she was taken to Italy in the trunk of a car and forced into prostitution. When she disobeyed her traffickers, she was beaten, cut with a knife and

burned with cigarettes.

When volunteers from the John XXIII Community started visiting her on the streets, she said, not only did she not believe she could escape, but she did not think she was worth saving. "You feel like a sack of trash" thrown on the side of the road, she said.

According to the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, Pope Francis asked forgiveness of the women on behalf of all the men who had used and abused them and for the governments that continue to do

little to stop human trafficking.

"You are witnesses of resurrection," the pope told them.

Pope Francis' visit, the

Vatican said, is another call to combat human trafficking, a reality the pope has described as "a crime against humanity" and "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ."

The pope's "Mercy Friday" visits are part of his personal observance of the Holy Year of Mercy; while leaders of the communities and structures he is visiting are given some

advance notice, there is no publicity and no open press availability. Usually the Vatican releases a few photographs and sometimes a short video clip afterward.

Since January, the pope has visited a home for the aged and a home for people in a persistent vegetative state; a community for recovering drug addicts; a refugee center near Rome and a refugee camp in Greece; a L'Arche community; and a home for sick and aged priests.

The Vatican includes among the Mercy Friday practice several of Pope Francis' activities the last Friday of July in Poland: his visit to the Nazi's Auschwitz death camp and to a pediatric hospital and his attendance at the World Youth Day Way of the Cross service, which involved young Iraqis and Syrians as well as youths from other war-torn countries and difficult situations.

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