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## Bishop Rhoades blesses diocese's newest Catholic school

BY VINCE LABARBERA

On Monday, Aug. 29, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed Our Lady School — the newest Catholic school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

At a Mass prior to the blessing celebrating the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Bishop Rhoades talked about the great Old Testament prophet before outlining three objectives he would like to see the new elementary school accomplish.

The bishop said St. John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus, and he asked the students questions about him — ascertaining from them that St. John the Baptist was the first person to welcome Jesus when he “leaped in her womb” with joy when Mary visited his mother Elizabeth.

“Joy is part of being a Catholic, being a Christian,” Bishop Rhoades emphasized. “And since this is the newest Catholic school in our diocese, it should be a

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## Long-awaited gymnasium blessed



Kevin Hagggenjos

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the crowd gathered in the new gymnasium at St. Joseph School, South Bend, which was part of a recently completed \$5 million building campaign that culminated in the construction of the gym, a green space, new preschool facilities and renovations within the church. Story and more photos on page 6.

## Diocese mourns passing of Msgr. John Suelzer

BY JODI MARLIN

In a 2010 interview with *Today's Catholic* newspaper, Msgr. John Suelzer recounted the trepidation he felt 24 years prior upon being asked by Bishop John D'Arcy to assume the pastorship of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, succeeding Father Ed Hession. At the time, then-Father Suelzer was daunted by his impression of Father Hession as someone who was “larger than life.” In fact, he compared the situation to “casting Mickey Rooney



MSGR. JOHN SUELZER

to play Tarzan.” As it turns out, Father Suelzer was well up to the challenge.

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the parish family of St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, and dozens of priests and seminarians from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend came together to mourn the loss of Msgr. Suelzer, who passed away Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, after a brief illness. Msgr. Suelzer had served in several parishes and sat on multiple diocesan committees during his tenure of service to the diocese, but perhaps was most loved by the parishioners of St. Charles, whom he shepherded for 30 years and until the time of his death at the age of 77.

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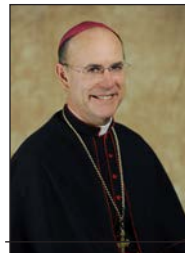
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# Mother Teresa: A Saint of Mercy



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BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

It is providential that Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized a saint during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Next Sunday, September 4th, Pope Francis will declare this humble nun, renowned throughout the world, a saint of the Catholic Church. It will be a day for all of us to rejoice as we give thanks to God for the blessing of Mother Teresa's life and her beautiful example to all of us of our call to holiness by bringing the love and mercy of Jesus to others, especially the poor and the suffering.

Pope Francis wrote that he desired that this Jubilee Year "be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God." That is what Mother Teresa did, especially during her fifty years as a Missionary of Charity, the name of the religious congregation she founded. She heard God's call to give up everything to serve Him in "the poorest of the poor." She was truly His face of mercy, love, and compassion in the lives of so many suffering people. She saw the face of her beloved Jesus in the faces of all whom she served.

Mother Teresa's successor as superior of the Missionaries of Charity, Sister Nirmala, said that "Mother's heart was big like the Heart of God Himself, filled with love, affection, compassion, and mercy. Rich and poor, young and old, strong and weak, learned and ignorant, saints and sinners of all nations, cultures, and religions found a loving welcome in her heart, because in each of them she saw the face of her Beloved - Jesus."

Pope Francis invites us in this Jubilee Year to "enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy." Mother Teresa has taught us how to do so. She entered into the heart of the Gospel through her daily prayer, daily Mass, and adoration of the Eucharist. She gazed on the Body of Christ in the Sacred Host and then saw the Body of Christ in the poor whom she served. There was no disconnect between her contemplative and her active life, between her prayer and her works. Mother Teresa said: "The Jesus whom I receive in the Eucharist is the same Jesus whom I serve. It is not a different Jesus." This was her deep desire: to serve and love Jesus in the poor.

I feel so privileged to have met and spoken with Mother Teresa on several occasions. It was always a very humbling experience when I would go to the house of the Missionaries of Charity in Rome to celebrate a weekly Mass there and sometimes Mother Teresa would be present, kneeling in the back of the chapel. I knew then that she was a saint, so I always felt a little nervous about my homily - I would think: "what can I preach to Mother Teresa?" Even if I felt my words were inadequate, Mother Teresa was always so kind and loving, also humorous(!), in our conversations after Mass.

One of the greatest joys of my life was introducing my mother to Mother Teresa in Rome. After being disappointed that I was



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Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, paving the way for her canonization in 2016. A file photo dated March 2, 1993, shows Mother Teresa in Hong Kong.

unable to get close enough at a general audience to have my Mom meet Pope John Paul II, I took her to the San Gregorio convent to meet some of my Missionary of Charity friends. One of my friends, Sister Prema, now the Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity, whispered to me that Mother Teresa was in the convent. She went to get her to meet my mother. When Mother Teresa came down, my mother was totally surprised and speechless! Mother thanked my Mom for giving her son to the priesthood. I will never forget the joy in my mother's tear-filled eyes and the joy of that encounter. My disappointment turned to joy since my mother got to meet the other "living saint" who, like John Paul, so inspired me as a seminarian and young priest.

In the faces of the saints, we see something of the love and mercy of God. This is because the saints, like Mother Teresa, opened their hearts to the merciful love of God in their lives. Because Mother Teresa believed in God's love with all her heart, she was able, by His grace, to carry that love to the poorest of the poor. She had an absolute childlike trust in God's loving care for us. And she believed in Mary's love for us. Mother Teresa would often give Miraculous Medals to people.

One of the central themes of Mother Teresa's spiritual life were the words of Jesus on the cross: "I thirst." She felt the

call to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls. Mother Teresa said: "We are to quench the thirst of Jesus for souls, for love, for kindness, for compassion, for delicate love. By each action done to the sick and the dying, I quench the thirst of Jesus for love of that person - by my giving God's love to that particular person, by caring for the unwanted, the unloved, the lonely, and all the poor people. This is how I quench the thirst of Jesus for others by giving His love in action to them."

We can learn so much from Mother Teresa that helps us to follow Jesus and to live as His true disciples. This new saint of merciful love is an inspiration for us to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. She is an example for us of fidelity to prayer, of devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother, and of serving our Lord in the least of our brothers and sisters. She teaches us, as Pope Francis exhorts us, to "go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God." She was able to do so because she allowed Jesus to act in and through her. She was filled with the energy of Christ's love.

May soon-to-be "Saint" Teresa of Calcutta intercede for us, that we may live in the love of the Lord and spread His merciful love to all, especially to the poor, the suffering, and all those who are hurting!

## CRS and Mother Teresa, partners in charity

BALTIMORE — Sean Callahan remembers what it was like to work with Mother Teresa. “In those days my vocabulary consisted of two words, ‘Yes Mother, Yes Mother, Yes Mother,’” said the chief operations officer for Catholic Relief Services and vice president of Caritas Internationalis.

On Sept. 4, Blessed Mother Teresa will become Saint Teresa of Kolkata. Callahan knew her when he was CRS’ East India zonal director in Kolkata, then called Calcutta, beginning in 1994. He continued a longstanding relationship between CRS and Mother Teresa that dated to a few years after she and her Missionaries of Charity began to bring care and love to people who were infirmed, poor and dying in the early 1950s.

“She was very petite and spoke in a soft voice, so that I was always leaning in to hear what she was saying,” said Callahan, who has a photo of Mother Teresa, the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, on his desk at CRS headquarters in Baltimore. “Often, she would wrap her hands around your hands and hold you there while she spoke.”

When Callahan arrived in Kolkata, there were 3 million people living on the streets; 1 million of them were children. “The need for help in Kolkata was immense at that time,” he said. “With so many people living on the streets, the desperation and sickness was everywhere. Mother started the Center for Dying because she couldn’t let the last moments of these peoples’ lives be lived alone.”

CRS began working in India in 1946 to help the local church in Bombay provide food to people recovering from World War II.

A decade later, Msgr. Alfred Schneider, then a CRS director in India, heard of a nun serving the poor in Kolkata. He soon met Mother Teresa at an informal school CRS supported, and visited her Center for the Dying set up in warehouses. Schneider then raised the money for Mother Teresa’s first ambulance and arranged for her to speak to a group of Catholic women in the United States, her first instance of international publicity.

CRS was soon working with the Missionaries of Charity on child feeding programs and assistance to families in Kolkata. The relationship grew as the



Photo by Catholic Relief Services

**Mother Teresa’s 1996 visit to CRS Headquarters in Baltimore, Md., included an escort by Sean Callahan, on left, into the building.**

Missionaries of Charity became CRS’ largest partner in East India. Sisters were assigned to work with CRS.

“I remember one day showing up to a meeting with Mother Teresa, and telling her about a man I had seen in the middle of the street who looked in real distress, without clothes and very frail,” Callahan said. “Her immediate reaction was to ask me where he was and what time I saw him so she could send the ambulance. Then she gave me a phone number and told me if I ever see anything like that again to call that number. That’s the way she worked. I was relieved to know I could get help for some of the people I often encountered in those days.

“Another time I received a call from Mother Teresa, who

had heard there was a flood in Bangladesh, asking if I could bring supplies in trucks because the sisters there were asking for them,” he recalled. “I explained that to do that would require special permissions from the governor of the state to take the food and emergency supplies across the border. She asked, ‘What do I need to do?’ I told her she needed to get the permissions. ‘Okay,’ she said, ‘You get the trucks, I’ll get the permissions and we’ll meet in two hours.’

“So that’s what happened. She didn’t just send people out — she did the work herself. So, sure enough, we crossed the border with our supplies and sisters from the Missionaries of Charity as passengers,” he said.

Illness forced Callahan to leave India in 1995. As he was arranging his departure, he told Mother Teresa and she said she wanted to visit him on an upcoming trip to the United States. Rearranging a carefully planned itinerary, she came to CRS headquarters in May 1996, the year before she died.

“We felt we were in the presence of a saint,” said Callahan. “She gave her life to helping people in their most difficult conditions and created a mission for religions and lay persons to follow in her footsteps.”



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**The Vatican will anticipate the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata with this special postage stamp, which will be released Sept. 2, two days before Pope Francis officially declares her a saint.**



### Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, September 4, 9 a.m. — Mass at Saint Bavo Church, Mishawaka
- Sunday, September 4, 5 p.m. — Prayer Service with Apostolate of Divine Mercy celebrating Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, The Life Center, South Bend
- Tuesday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Tuesday, September 6, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Tuesday, September 6, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop’s Appeal Parish Leadership Dinner Meeting, Saint Hedwig Parish, South Bend
- Wednesday, September 7, 12 noon — Mass and Meeting with Board of Catholic Community Foundation, Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
- Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Thursday, September 8, 9 a.m. — Meeting with High School Principals, Wyndham Hotel, Warsaw
- Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m. — Mass with Blessing of Chapel, Dunne Hall, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. — Mass and Talk for Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society, Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne
- Friday, September 9, 7 p.m. — Diocesan Holy Hour for Peace in Our Communities, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, September 10, 11:50 a.m. — Prayer at University of Saint Francis Football Game, Bishop D’Arcy Stadium, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Monday, September 12, 9 a.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, Washington, D.C.
- Wednesday, September 14, 3 p.m. — Meeting of Overseas Operations Committee of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland
- Thursday, September 15, 9 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland



### Priest assignments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective Aug. 24:

**Reverend Julius Okojie** to Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lakeville, and Saint Jude Parish, South Bend.

## Rosary encouraged for lives lost in Italian earthquakes

WASHINGTON — Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, invites all Catholics to unite in prayers with Pope Francis for the victims of the earthquakes in Italy and for those suffering due to other natural disasters.

**A public statement from Archbishop Kurtz, made on Aug. 24, reads:**

“This morning, Pope Francis prayed the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary with pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square for victims of the Italian earthquakes. Knowing all too well the personal toll of natural disasters in our own country, let us join with the Holy Father in prayer for everyone suffering from Louisiana to central Italy. We entrust the lives lost to our loving Mary, Mother of God, praying for the comfort of those mourning and the strength for those rebuilding. Amid our hectic lives, let us pause today to offer a rosary.”

# SCHOOL

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place of joy. In fact, every Catholic school should be a place of joy. That's my first point," he told the assembled students, teachers, parents, parishioners and guests.

"The second point again concerns St. John the Baptist and the very important mission he had," said Bishop Rhoades. "A Catholic school, like your school here at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, has a mission, too, like St. John the Baptist — and that is to point out Jesus to others, to follow Him and repent."

Bishop Rhoades told the students their school's mission is to kind of be like St. John the Baptist, and point out Jesus to others.

"The most important thing you learn here at your school is to follow Jesus. Therefore, you learn all about the teachings of Jesus and everything that Jesus did, His miracles, how He showed His love for people such as the poor, the sick and the suffering. You learn about His passion and death on the cross, His resurrection and ascension into heaven, and all about the Catholic faith. The mission of Our Lady of Good Hope School is at the center of everything. All your teachers and your principal look to Jesus as our great teacher," he stressed.

"The third and last thing I want to talk about is courage. It's one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit," he emphasized to the eighth graders who will be confirmed later this year. "To follow Jesus takes courage. And it's not always easy, because many people in the world don't follow Jesus and don't believe in Him. St. John the Baptist had great courage," Bishop Rhoades reminded his listeners.

He also emphasized that many of our brothers and sisters in the faith are suffering right now throughout the world and are in prison because they are Catholic. "Here in Fort Wayne we need to have courage as well to live our faith and stand up for Christ like St. John the Baptist, who is in heaven with his cousin, Jesus. And that's why we have Our Lady of Good Hope School — to help all of you get to heaven. May God bless you and Our Lady of Good Hope School," he concluded.

Following the liturgy, Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish and the co-celebrant of the Mass, thanked Bishop Rhoades for his support of the new school.

"From the very first moment he heard about it, he never hesitated," Father Gurtner emphasized. He also thanked Marsha Jordan, superintendent, and Carl Loesch, secretary of education, of the Catholic Schools Office; Dr. Eric Grekowitz, principal of Our Lady School; school board



Vince LaBarbera

**In front of a statue of Mary, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades begins prayers for the blessing of the new Our Lady School at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.**

members, teachers, staff and benefactors.

Bishop Rhoades then blessed the elementary school, beginning on the outside of the former pre-school building; he then blessed the students and teachers in their respective classrooms.

Our Lady School opened in August with 160 preregistered students. According to the school's website, it's a "classical liberal arts school geared toward the pursuit of two goals: wisdom and virtue. It inspires students to contemplate all that is true, good and beautiful, and to apply those lessons to their lives."



Stephanie A. Patka



Vince LaBarbera

**Bishop Rhoades blesses the outside of Our Lady School.**

After blessing a new crucifix with holy water, Bishop Rhoades, assisted by Father Mark Gurtner, pastor, places it on a wall near the main entrance to Our Lady School.



Stephanie A. Patka

**Bishop Rhoades celebrates a Mass on Aug. 29, with Father Mark Gurtner concelebrating, prior to blessing the new Our Lady School at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.**



Stephanie A. Patka

# SUELZER

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The son of John Suelzer and the late Hildegard Lange, Msgr. Suelzer was born June 21, 1939, in Pittsburg, Pa. He attended St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne, continuing on to Our Lady of the Lake Minor Seminary in Syracuse, Ind., and Mount St. Mary of the West Major Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was ordained a deacon in April, 1964, and ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1965, by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. He was immediately appointed assistant of St. Matthew's. During the 1970s he served as assistant of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart, St. Bernard Parish in Wabash, St. Henry Parish in Fort Wayne, temporary administrator of Queen of Peace, Mishawaka, and pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven. In April 1986 he became the administrator of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, and was installed in July of that year as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Msgr. Suelzer was also honored with several appointments to diocesan committees, including the Liturgy Committee, Priest Personnel Board, Committee for Retired Clergy, Presbyteral Council, Budget Review Board and the Board of Saint Anne's Home and Retirement Community. He was also consultant for the diocese, and in 1995 was invested as a prelate of honor.

Shortly after receiving the news of Msgr. Suelzer's passing, Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Shulte, vicar general of the diocese, noted that his humor and friendliness would be deeply missed. More than four dozen associate priests, deacons and seminarians served with Msgr. Suelzer at St. Charles Parish alone, and also remember him very fondly.

Msgr. Michael Heintz recalled

being in awe of then-Father Suelzer, from the moment he arrived at St. Charles in 1993 as a newly minted cleric.

"Tall, white-haired, formal, impeccably dressed, urbane and so well-mannered. He also had a tremendously firm handshake. He was very shy by nature, which meant he didn't initially do lots of chit-chat, and that also kept me in awe of him. Over the five years I lived and worked with him, I came to have enormous respect and deep affection for him; he was fatherly and very kind to me in numerous ways. As I departed the rectory on July 9, 1998, I told him how very grateful I was to have learned from such a fine priest and role model. There were tears: but not from the stoic German, just from the surprisingly sentimental associate who shook his hand and said thank you.

"My greatest coup was to have convinced him to do a lip-sync with me to the Blues Brothers' 'Soul Man' as part of a school fund-raiser. We were dressed in black suits, white shirts, black ties and fedoras. We looked like German Jesuits in the 1960s; like Karl and Hugo Rahner doing American

Bandstand. It was priceless, although I never bought him the lobster dinner at Paula's that I promised him for doing it."

In particular, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, Fort Wayne, cherished the memory of a long-standing, friendly antagonism between Msgr. Suelzer and Msgr. John M. Kuzmich, who pastored St. Charles' "rival" parish of St. Vincent de Paul.

"It's tragic: He was a great role model for priests and the laity alike, and just a great man. He would do pretty much anything for anybody."

Msgr. Kuzmich himself gave the homily at the funeral Mass of his dear friend. Using the theme of faith, hope and love, he gave some insight into the person that Msgr. Suelzer was.

"For a priest, where ever he goes, whatever he does, a priest



Msgr. John N. Suelzer

should always be conscious of who and what he is — and what he represents, whether in the public domain or in his parish," he began. Then he addressed his fellow members of the presbyterate, "And in those terms of being a priest, didn't John represent us well?"

He went on: "Msgr. John Suelzer was a gentleman; he was kind to others. He was a wise person and a prudent person, and we all knew his warm sense of humor. For me, he was a good friend and I will miss him. We entered the seminary together in 1958, and have supported each other in our lives and parish work. I consider it a great privilege to be his friend."

Stacey Huneck, youth minister at St. Charles, worked with Msgr. Suelzer.

"Besides his generous heart, the memories that I will always keep with me are those of him making jokes. After he hired me, he embarrassedly forgot my name — so from then onwards, he intentionally called me by the wrong name. Sometimes, he would move his glasses to the tip of his nose, poke his head through the office door and accusingly joke, "Do I hear laughter? ... This isn't getting the baby's shoes paid for!" He is greatly missed."

Father Tony Steinacker, one of many priests who had the honor of serving at St. Charles alongside Msgr. Suelzer over the years, acknowledged his passing with a reflection on his tutelage. "The death of Msgr. John has caused tremendous loss for everyone who knew him. In so many ways, he touched our lives and helped us to grow in the knowledge of our faith and in

relationship with one another, to build up the kingdom of God here on earth. He is in God's loving care now, and forever in our hearts. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Visitation, a rosary and vigil for Msgr. Suelzer took place Monday, Aug. 29, at St. Charles. He was buried at Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

*"He was a great role model for priests and the laity alike, and just a great man."*

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# Long-awaited gymnasium blessed by Bishop Rhoades

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Six years in the making, a new gymnasium, school addition and parish green at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, were blessed on Sunday, Aug. 28, by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. They were the final developments in the parish's "Living Our Faith, Building Our Future" campaign, which raised over \$5 million in four years.

The campaign previously provided renovation of the Ackles Parish Life Center, pew refurbishment in the main church and new preschool facilities. The gym and addition were direct responses to a pastoral strategic plan that recognized the needs of the parish and sought to address them. With the new gymnasium construction, St. Joseph School is able to host Inter-City Catholic League basketball and volleyball games onsite for the first time in school history.

Father Kevin Rousseau, CSC, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, recognized that "It is through the grace of God that we receive the blessing of our new spaces — spaces that will strengthen Saint Joseph Church and School, and allow its people to more fully live our mission of making God known, loved, and served. ... Think of the countless number of blessings taking place within these walls over the last 90 years; each occurrence of a mind discovering a wonderful truth, each heart witnessing an act of charity, of service, of love."

Father Edward Sorin, CSC, founded the parish in the fall of 1853. He built, on what is now the north parking lot, a 22 x 40-foot building, establishing St. Joseph Parish as a place of worship, service and education for the families in the South Bend area. This new addition revitalizes the school building that was constructed in 1926 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The new classroom wing of the addition was named the Suzanne Wiwi Education Center, in honor of the school's recently retired principal of 27 years. It includes classrooms for science, art and music that are "spacious, bright and inviting," stated new Principal George Azar. "The conference rooms, school counselor room, Scrip office, staff work room and nurse's office provide us much-needed space. We are anxiously waiting for the sod to take, so we can run around on the new green space created as well. And the new gym with concessions is amazing." In addition to providing upgraded facilities for school use, the gymnasium and parish green will also accommodate parish-wide functions and activities.

In order to make space for the 15,000-square foot addition, the parish demolished its old parish office building — formerly a con-



Photos by Kevin Haggenjos

**St. Joseph Parish and grade school recently completed a \$5 million building campaign that culminated in the construction of the gym, a green space and new preschool facilities, as well as renovations within the church. Following Mass on Sunday morning, Aug. 28, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and parishioners of St. Joseph process to the new gym for a blessing of the facility.**



**The pews at St. Joseph Church were refurbished as part of the parish's recent building campaign.**

vent for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who were serving the parish. The parish offices are now located in the new Ackles Parish Life Center, situated across the street from the addition.

Father Rousseau, CSC, spoke at the dedication and blessing.

"The parish has dreamed for many years about building a first-class gymnasium and proper green play space for the children whose minds and hearts we educate," he said.

The building and its blessing should be considered in terms of historical significance as well, he

noted.

"The generations of St. Joseph faithful that have come before us have left us a great legacy — one only made possible by their fidelity and sacrifice. I continue to be humbled by the generosity within our St. Joseph community today. With these wonderful new spaces, our parish has built upon our legacy for the people of today as well as for those who will come tomorrow."

Bishop Rhoades spoke about humility, as emphasized in the Gospel reading, in his homily. He eloquently stated: "To be

humble is to recognize the truth of who we are as creatures from the earth, created by God. To be humble is to be truthful with oneself and in one's relationship with others and with regard to God. Humility is reverence for the truth about ourselves."

He quoted St. Augustine, whose feast day was celebrated on Aug. 28. "St. Augustine, the great sinner become saint, learned and accepted the truth about himself, that he was a sinner in need of God's mercy. If we don't celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy with that awareness,



**A former student was given the honor of the "first shot" in the new St. Joseph School gym.**

it will do us no good. As Saint Augustine says: 'No one reaches the kingdom of heaven except by humility.'"

This active humility was demonstrated well by Father Rousseau, as he wove together the many visitors and events of the day and welcomed back his fellow brother priests, Father John DeRiso, CSC, former pastor of the parish from 2004-13, and Father Nate Wills, CSC, the parish's former associate pastor.

Azar described how the school community strives to live out this humility as well.

"Each morning after drop-off, we have enjoyed beginning our day in prayer in the new school gym, as a whole school community, before dismissing to start our day. The feedback from students of all grade levels has been exciting, and it reminds us how important it is to pray as a family. We are honored to have Bishop Rhoades bless this space, as we know it will enrich the prayer that we share in the space each morning."

Andrew Polaniecki, parishioner and school board president, described the fulfillment of the construction with excitement.

"The new gym and classroom spaces are such a blessing to the whole parish community. Having Bishop Rhoades here for the dedication is encouraging to our families, who believe in Catholic education and desire the very best of our children."

Toward the end of Mass, before the final blessing, Bishop Rhoades mentioned how happy he was to see so many young children in attendance. He suggested to Father Kevin that sometime soon, perhaps yet another new addition to the school building would be needed.

"Only if Father John does the fundraising," Father Rousseau quipped.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Pope leads 11,000 pilgrims praying rosary for quake victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After a strong earthquake struck central Italy and with the early news reporting many deaths and serious damage, Pope Francis turned his weekly general audience Aug. 24 into a prayer service. While the pope and some 11,000 pilgrims and tourists recited the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary in St. Peter's Square, six Vatican firefighters were on their way to the town of Amatrice, about 85 miles east of Rome, to help search for victims under the rubble. The pope sent six Vatican police officers to join them the next day. The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude 6.2 quake had an epicenter close to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and home to a monastery of Benedictine monks, who are attracting a growing number of visitors because of their solemn prayer life and beer brewing business. The monks and their guests were all safe, but the monastery and Basilica of St. Benedict suffered serious structural damage. Smaller tremors — at least two of which registered more than 5.0 — continued even 24 hours after the main quake. By early Aug. 26, Italian officials said the death toll had reached 267, and 260 people were hospitalized with quake-related injuries. Rescuers had been able to pull 238 people out of the rubble.

## Indians gather to celebrate birthday of Blessed Teresa, soon-to-be-saint

KOLKATA, India (CNS) — They came from all around to celebrate the birthday of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, the founder of the Missionaries of Charity who will be become a saint Sept. 4. Kolkata Archbishop Thomas D'Souza celebrated Mass at the order's motherhouse Aug. 26 for the woman "who knew everyone and touched many lives." Hymns were sung in Hindi and English. Sister Lysa, deputy head of the religious congregation, repeated Mother Teresa's words: "We are not social workers; what we are doing for the people is, in fact, doing something for God, in the path of God." Then the nuns, priests and faithful prayed for Mother Teresa and reiterated their commitment to carry forward her humanitarian work. Missionaries of Charity Sister Mary Prema

Pierick, who was in Rome to lead the celebrations for the canonization, sent a message, saying the canonization "will be a moment when, gathered around Mother, we shall have an experience of universal family of the children of the one heavenly Father. The difference of caste, creed, color, rich, poor will not prevent us from rejoicing together in the honor bestowed on Mother. Mother is with God and, as she promised us, she continues to light the light of hope and peace in everyone's heart."

## Sisters committed lives to serving poor, vulnerable people in Mississippi

NAZARETH, Ky. (CNS) — The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth commit in their mission statement to "risk their lives" in their ministry to the poor and vulnerable. "You don't know what that's going to be like or look like," said Sister Susan Gatz, president of the religious order. "But now we are experiencing that." Sister Paula Merrill, a member of the congregation since 1979, was found murdered Aug. 25 along with Sister Margaret Held, a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, in the home they shared in Durant, Miss. Both women religious worked at the Lexington Medical Clinic as nurse practitioners, caring for the impoverished people of Holmes County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety announced late Aug. 26 that Rodney Earl Sanders, 46, of Kosciusko, Miss., had been charged with two counts of capital murder in connection with the deaths. The bodies of the sisters, both 68, were found by police Aug. 25 after co-workers asked law enforcement to check on the women when they failed to arrive for work at the clinic in Lexington, about 10 miles from the house they shared in Durant.

## Pope appoints Denver pastor as auxiliary bishop for Denver Archdiocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has appointed Father Jorge Rodriguez, a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver, to be an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese. Bishop-designate Rodriguez, 61, is currently pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Thornton, Colo., and a facul-

ty member at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. The appointment was announced Aug. 25 in Washington by Msgr. Rolandas Makrickas, interim charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature. The bishop-designate, who was born in Merida, Mexico, was ordained as a priest of the Legion of Christ Dec. 24, 1987, and was incardinated into the Denver Archdiocese in 2008. "Father Rodriguez is a passionate pastor and teacher of the faith, and he will serve this archdiocese well in the role of auxiliary bishop," said a statement by Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver. "I would like the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Denver to know that my only wish is to serve the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ and to serve them according to this new mission and grace I am about to receive," Bishop-designate Rodriguez told the *Denver Catholic*, the archdiocesan newspaper.

## Nigerian cardinal urges president to speed up promised changes

LAGOS, Nigeria (CNS) — Cardinal Anthony Olubunmi Okogie appealed to President Muhammadu Buhari to hurry with the changes he promised before his election last year. "Today, cries of hunger can be heard across the length and breadth of our vast country. Nigerians hunger not only for food, but also for good leadership, for peace, security and justice," the cardinal, retired archbishop of Lagos, said in an open letter to the president. The cardinal urged Buhari to make changes quickly, and, if he had begun, to redouble his effort so as to live up to Nigerians' expectations. "May it not be written on the pages of history that Nigerians die of starvation under your watch," he said. "This is the time to revitalize moribund industries, reinvigorate our agriculture, make our country tourist and investor friendly, and enable our young men and women to find fulfillment by contributing to the common good," the cardinal said. He also commended the introduction of town hall meetings initiated by Buhari's ministers, but added "in practice, you, not just your ministers, must converse with Nigerians. You are the president. You must be accountable to them." Cardinal Okie said Buhari could be likened to a pilot of an aircraft flying in turbulence.

## Louisiana floods called worst U.S. natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) — The line of destruction caused by historic flooding in southern Louisiana stretches for 25 miles, and, according to Red Cross officials, it is the worst natural disaster in the United States since Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

"As we all know, the severe flooding in many areas of our diocese has dramatically affected the well-being and livelihood of countless people," said Baton Rouge Bishop Robert W. Muench in a videotaped message posted to the diocese's website, [www.diobr.org](http://www.diobr.org).

"To those so impacted, I express genuine empathy, heartfelt solidarity and commitment to help as best as we can," he said, adding his thanks "to those who have so impressively and sacrificially reached out to serve." He called the "outpouring of concern" extraordinary in "our area and beyond." On Aug. 14, Bishop Muench visited three evacuation shelters to comfort evacuees.

In his video message, the bishop also pointed out that the diocesan website has a how-to for people who want to donate money or items to flood victims.

In a statement released Aug. 24, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called on Catholic parishes across the U.S. to take a second collection on or around Sept. 18. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., encouraged U.S. Catholics "to respond generously. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives."

Donations, he said, will go to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the church's domestic relief agency.

News reports said the civil entity of East Baton Rouge Parish was the hardest hit of parishes in the region by the heavy rains that fell Aug. 11-14. In some areas, as much as 2 feet of rain fell in 48 hours; in another, more than 31 inches of rain fell in 15 hours.

Civil authorities reported that at least 13 people died in the floods and that about 60,000 homes were damaged, although a Baton Rouge economic development group put the number of damaged houses at 110,000. The Red Cross put the overall cost of recovery at \$30 million.

"Thousands of people in Louisiana have lost everything they own and need our help now," Brad Kieserman, the Red Cross' vice president of disaster services operations and logistics, told CNN.

Four feet of water inundated the new Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School, which had just opened Aug. 5.

In such a short time, "we'd experienced growth as a family, with the students, with the facul-



CNS photo/Jonathan Bachman, Reuters

**A statue of Mary is seen partially submerged in flood water in Sorrento, La., Aug. 20.**

ty," said Jim Llorens, the school's president, who called the flooding "heartbreaking." The brand-new school building is closed while school officials assess the damage and find another location to hold classes.

"It was really beginning to come together as a true Cristo Rey family, so we have to regroup ... and make sure we don't lose that," Llorens said in an interview with the diocese's CatholicLife Television apostolate and The Catholic Commentator, the diocesan newspaper.

In his statement, Archbishop Kurtz urged all Catholics to join the church "in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world" by helping flood victims. He acknowledged that not all U.S. parishes may be able to have a second collection and encouraged individuals to donate directly to Catholic Charities USA at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>.

The Knights of Columbus, based in New Haven, Conn., said in an Aug. 23 new release statement its members have volunteered to help flood victims by preparing and distributing pallets of food and water, and providing bleach and other cleaning materials. Local Knights' councils are running soup kitchens to feed thousands of people each day.

The Knights as an organization has given a \$200,000 donation to the Baton Rouge Diocese and sent \$30,000 to the Knights' Louisiana State Council.

In a week's time the Knights of Columbus also raised more than \$250,000 for flood relief, the release said.

"We have seen incredible generosity from our members," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a statement. "The funds we raise will go directly to help those affected by this tragedy, and, working closely with the Catholic Church and our Knights in Louisiana, we will continue to make a real difference in the lives of the people of the Baton Rouge area."

## Diocesan Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in our Communities

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will lead a Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in our Communities as part of the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities, on Friday, Sept. 9, the memorial of St. Peter Claver, from 7-8 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Dioceses throughout the United States will be observing this National Day of Prayer for Peace and Unity in light of race-related tensions and strife in various communities.

## Rev. Frater Brennan professes Solemn Vows

DE PERE, Wis. — On Sunday, Aug. 28, the Solemnity of St. Augustine, Rev. Frater Michael Brennan, O. Praem., professed Solemn Vows, forging a mutual lifelong commitment to the canonical life between himself and the entire professed community. Abbot Neville presided over the solemn rite.



REV. FRATER MICHAEL BRENNAN

On Monday, Aug. 29, Rev. Frater Brennan was also ordained to the diaconate by Most Rev. Dale J. Melczek, D.D., bishop emeritus of Gary, Ind.

Rev. Frater Brennan, 39, is the son of Michael and Dorothy Brennan of Michigan City, and a son of Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Michigan City. His parents now belong to St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger.

A 1995 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, Michigan City, he graduated from St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wis., in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology and a minor in religious studies. In 2001 he received a Master of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame. He anticipates completing his Master of Divinity in May 2017 and a Master of Arts in Scripture in the fall of 2017. Both degrees will be granted by Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. Rev. Frater Brennan will be ordained a Norbertine priest on May 27, 2017.

## Day of Recollection planned

HUNTINGTON — The Offices of Catechesis and Youth Ministry will have a day of recollection Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Victory Noll Center, address. The day is open to all priests, deacons, religious, Catholic school principals and their staff, religious educators, catechists, youth ministers and parents/grandparents. There is no charge to attend; however, regis-

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Our Lady of Fatima Statue visits diocese



Provided by Sacred Heart School, Warsaw

On Aug. 16, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, was honored to have the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace statue visit. Larry Maginot, custodian of the statue, spoke at the children's Mass about the beautiful story of our Lady of Fatima. Pictured are Sacred Heart students praying in front of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue also visited the parishes of St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur and Queen of Peace, Mishawaka.

tration is required at [www.diocesefwsb.org/Office-of-Catechesis](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Office-of-Catechesis). For information contact Andrew Ouellette, diocesan director of Youth Ministry at 574-234-0687 or at [aouellette@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:aouellette@diocesefwsb.org).

## Christian Culture lecture planned

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Department of Humanistic Studies will present presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin to speak at the Christian Culture Lecture. Goodwin will present "Leadership Lessons from the White House: Doris Kearns Goodwin on the American Presidents" on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium with a book signing and reception to follow.

As the country's preeminent presidential historian, Goodwin will share cherished stories, intimate insights, and in-depth analy-

sis of the U.S. presidency, which she has studied for more than four decades. She will also suggest how Christianity has affected the presidency and influenced governance.

Drawing from her award-winning and bestselling biographies of Lyndon Johnson, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Franklin Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, Goodwin brings the past alive, delivering an insider's look at the captivating stories that illuminate the inner complexities of our most fascinating leaders.

"We are thrilled and honored to welcome Doris Kearns Goodwin to Saint Mary's," Professor of Humanistic Studies John Shimmers said. "It's especially exciting to have her here to share her insights just a month before the upcoming historic national election."

Goodwin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history for "No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II." She

worked with Steven Spielberg on the film "Lincoln," based in part on her award-winning "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln." She is well known for her appearances and commentary on television, where she is seen frequently on NBC, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, CNN, "The Charlie Rose Show" and "Meet the Press." Other appearances include "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," "The Colbert Report," "The Late Show with Craig Ferguson," and many more. Goodwin has served as a consultant and has been interviewed extensively for PBS and the History Channel's documentaries on LBJ, the Kennedy family, Franklin Roosevelt, Abraham and Mary Lincoln and Ken Burns' "The History of Baseball and The Civil War."

Goodwin earned a Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University, where she taught

Government, including a course on the American Presidency. She served as an assistant to President Lyndon Johnson in his last year in the White House, and later assisted President Johnson in the preparation of his memoirs. Goodwin is the winner of the Charles Frankel Prize, given by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Sarah Josepha Hale medal and the Lincoln Prize.

Admission is free with a ticket. Contact the Moreau Center box office at 574-284-4626 or [moreaucenter.com](http://moreaucenter.com) for information.

## USF announces tenure, promotions; honors faculty at dinner

FORT WAYNE —The University of Saint Francis recognized faculty achievements at its annual Faculty Scholarship Banquet on Aug. 23. Instructors who won university awards, completed advanced degrees or earned tenure, promotions and sabbaticals were honored.

The 2015-2016 Leepoxy Award for Teaching Excellence was awarded to Dr. Michael Bechill of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Paul Schmidt of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences was awarded the 2015-2016 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

Faculty earning promotions in 2015-2016 include:

Amanda Benz, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Weston Cutter, Associate Professor of English; Mark Everetts, Assistant Professor of Music Technology; Dr. Andrea Geyer, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Dr. Matthew Hopf, Associate Professor of Biology; Dr. Elizabeth Kuebler-Wolf, Associate Professor of Art History; Dr. Lewis Pearson, Associate Professor of Theology; Mary Jo Tirpak, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy.

Faculty earning tenure in 2015-2016 include:

Rebecca Coleman, Associate Professor of Social Work; Weston Cutter, Associate Professor of English; Mark Fransen, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy; Dr. Andrea Geyer, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Dr. Matthew Hopf, Associate Professor of Biology; Michelle Lefevra, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Nutrition; Dr. Lewis Pearson, Associate Professor of Philosophy; Dr. Thomas Schneider, Associate Professor of Political Science; Dr. Louise Weber, Associate Professor of Biology.

Faculty members who were honored for completing advanced degrees are: Carrie Engel, School of Health Sciences, Dr. Angela Harrell, School of Health Sciences, Dr. Robert Lee, Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership and Dr. Susan Lown, School of Health Sciences.



# Principal of St. Therese School loses battle with cancer

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

The mission of St. Therese School, Fort Wayne, is “to learn and share the Gospel and serve all God’s children.” That perhaps has been no better lived than in the life of the school’s late principal, Chuck Grimm. After a four-year battle with cancer, and surrounded by his family, Grimm passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the age of 54.

Born in Portland, Ind., Grimm graduated from Ball State in 1984. That fall, he taught as a first grade teacher at St. Joseph’s School, Decatur. In 1988, he transferred to St. Patrick School in Fort Wayne; and between 1988 and 1992 he taught a variety of grades including kindergarten, fourth grade and middle school, and he served as assistant principal. He received his masters degree from Indiana University in 1990. Grimm first joined the faculty of St. Therese in 1992 as assistant principal and third grade teacher, and was appointed principal in 1995. He served as teacher and development director for Benoit Academy from 2002 until 2006, when he was appointed principal of St. Aloysius. Grimm rejoined St. Therese in 2006 as principal, and has served there in that role ever since.

Jeanette Donovan is currently serving as acting principal of St. Therese Catholic School. She shared that “Chuck’s commitment to his students was evident throughout his work. Mr. Grimm loved to have fun with his students. At one point, he even had his hair shaved because they raised so much money. He was willing to do anything to motivate the kids: special ribbons, buttons, or whatever he could do. One time, he got a pie in the face.”

Donovan continued: “Mr. Grimm loved Christmas. Every year he would start playing Christmas music in his office in October. He would also put up a 5-foot aluminum Christmas

tree in his office, every year. It took up a good part of the office, but every class would take a trip down to see the tree.”

Grimm’s commitment to children extended beyond his time as a teacher and principal. He spent several summers directing one of the six Foellinger Foundation Summer Clubhouses, which provide at-risk children with a safe place to spend their summers.

“He really enjoyed working with those kids,” Donovan shared. “Chuck was passionate about ensuring everyone had a safe place to go.”

He also had a strong commitment to providing a Catholic education to those who otherwise may not be able to afford it. At St. Therese he was a strong proponent to the voucher system, believing that a holistic Catholic education ought to be provided to everyone. He assisted other schools with the voucher program as well.

Marsha Jones, superintendent of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools, shared: “Over the last 16 years I have enjoyed the friendship of Chuck, but also benefitted from his insight on educational issues. He was always willing to serve as a mentor to new principals or fulfill a committee need, when asked. He will be greatly missed. Most of all, he was very committed to the success of St. Therese School and its students, whom he cared for deeply.”

“In my very last visit with Chuck at hospice, he became very emotional as he spoke about how much he loved and cared for the children of St. Therese,” she continued. “He described how the children were his life and brought him so much joy, never more so than when a he saw a child who had been struggling with a concept



Chuck Grimm



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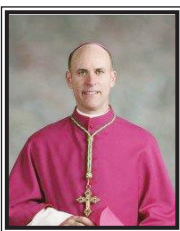
Principal Chuck Grimm was the King of Hat Day during Catholic Schools Week celebrations.



The year he was diagnosed, Grimm led St. Therese’s march to fight cancer of any kind. Michael Niemoeller, a first-grade student suffering from a brain tumor, helped him carry the sign.

finally succeed. They continued to bring him the energy he needed as he battled his illness, and I am confident that he will be watching over all of them as he experiences the joy of eternal life with Jesus.”

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# Notre Dame faculty member joins Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

BY CLAIRE P. KENNEY

This month, Pope Francis welcomed Paolo Carozza, director of the University of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, into the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. St. John Paul II established the academy in the mid-1990s to promote social science as a platform for the betterment of society.

"The Church needs a sophisticated engagement with the best of the social sciences in order to be able to judge as fully and realistically as possible what is happening in our world," Carozza told *Today's Catholic*. "And the social sciences need the deeply humanizing vision of Christian tradition in order to remain open to 'the whole breadth of reason,' to use the phrase of Benedict XVI—and to the most authentic and relevant questions of human and social life."

Carozza's experience in bridging social science with human and social issues extends beyond his role as director of the Kellogg Institute, which concentrates on societal development on a global level. Carozza directed Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights from 2011-13, and he previously served as the president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Currently, he teaches at the university's law school; his areas of expertise include comparative law, human rights and international law.

Carozza lends his background to society in other ways as well. He is actively involved with Notre Dame's faith-based student club, Communion and Liberation. The club works to foster the maturity of faith of its members, including an understanding of the connection between Catholicism and culture.

"I help guide the communion and liberation community at Notre Dame because one can't experience the exceptional beauty and fullness of humanity that we encounter in Christ's presence



Photo provided

**Paolo Carozza, professor of law and political science and director of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, has been appointed to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences by Pope Francis.**

and not be filled with the desire to share it with others," he said.

He considers his admittance into the academy to be a responsibility, and believes that his background will blend well with his involvement on the board.

"It is a real gift to be invited to serve the Church in a way that puts all of my experience as a scholar in play so directly," he commented.

Along with the other members of the academy and the Holy Father, Carozza will concentrate on a variety of current issues—including topics taken up at the direct request of Pope Francis, such as religious freedom, modern forms of slavery and sustainable development.

# St. Mary of the Annunciation celebrates 75th anniversary

BY DENISE FEDOROW

BRISTOL — St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol, observed its 75th anniversary with a variety of events over the weekend of Aug. 13, culminating with a Mass and dinner reception Tuesday night, Aug. 16.

The celebration began Saturday evening with a Mass, followed by bingo and food. A blessing and dedication of the new bell tower took place Sunday, after the 11 a.m. Mass. Following the dedication, those in attendance enjoyed ice cream sundaes in Annunciation Hall.

On Monday, a Holy Hour featured music provided by Mark Forrest, followed

by a light reception. Tuesday, St. Mary's pastor, Rev. Robert "Bob" Van Kempen, celebrated the parish's 75th anniversary Mass, with Father Neil Wach, CSC, Father Steve LaCroix, CSC, Father Jason Freiburger and Father Bob Garrow celebrating. Seminarians Keeton Lockwood and David Huneck also participated.

During the homily, Father Van Kempen took the congregation on a short history tour of the parish. He stated that the parish had its beginnings before the church building existed. It was founded in 1941 and was dedicated to St. Isaac Jogues, a missionary Jesuit priest who came to share the faith with the Native Americans. A "dear friend" painted a picture of St. Isaac to commemorate the 75th anniversary.

"But then someone donated land for the church to be built, and asked only that the name be changed to honor his mother, Mary," Father Van Kempen explained.

He mentioned the names of those who were recorded as the first to be baptized, married and buried from the parish in 1942-



Photos by Denise Fedorow

**Several priests join St. Mary of the Annunciation's Pastor Father Robert Van Kempen in celebrating Mass on the occasion of the parish's 75th anniversary Aug. 16. From left are Father Jason Freiburger, Father Bob Garrow, Father Bob Van Kempen, Father Steve LaCroix and Father Neil Wach.**

More photos are available in the photo gallery at [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org)



**Father Robert Van Kempen gives a homily relating some history of the parish, including that the parish was initially dedicated to St. Isaac Jogues, a Jesuit missionary priest who brought Native Americans to the faith. A painting of St. Isaac Jogues is on the stand.**

happened — the parish church," he said.

Father Van Kempen also recognized Father John Vrabely, who served the parish for 25 years. "He was someone who served God so faithfully," he said. Regarding his predecessor, Father James Seculoff, he noted, his "greatest gift to the parish was its Adoration Chapel." He then fondly recalled Pat Cortas, calling her the "boss of the parish." A longtime parish secretary, bookkeeper and director of religious education, Cortas passed away last year.

"People grew in faith, as did the parish," he said. "Priests come and go, but this is your home, your church, your parish ... You don't come here for a 'feel good' session, but you come to worship, to be nourished, to be fed, to grow in faith and open yourself up to God, because in the end, when you're standing before God, he's going to know what you did or didn't do and it will be too late to change. The church is here to help," he said.

"Tonight we laugh, we give thanks, we celebrate and share stories, (and) celebrate our faith in God. We have a great advocate and intercessor: If we give ourselves over to her, she will lead us to grow closer to her Son," he said. "Let's be mindful of what God has asked of us and be open to His Son, Jesus Christ."

At the end of the Mass he thanked everyone for their hard work. "This is quite a joy-filled day for us, and we appreciate everyone being here with us."



**After Mass a dinner was served in Annunciation Hall and the parish library that included a variety of desserts, including these festive cupcakes. Those who attended the dinner received a commemorative coffee mug.**



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# Lifelong learning in South Bend celebrates 42 years of classes

BY JENNIFER MILLER

This autumn, the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend — a ministry of St. Therese, Little Flower Parish — will celebrate 42 years of offering classes for those 50 years of age “and better.” FLI believes in the importance of challenging educational classes for the older adult population, and in fact, over 100 classes per semester are taught by 120 volunteer instructors.

The width and breath of the classes is truly stunning. From cooking Dim Sum and learning Polish, Hebrew or Arabic to improving I-Pad skills and sweating through Zumba, the courses truly educate the mind, body and soul. Almost every academic interest and hobby is addressed — all for the sake of learning and growth.

The fee to join is minimal, and the classes feature no tests or grades. But the community, rich learning experience and personal growth draw participants to return each year.

“You can come and expand your horizons spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally,” board Director Elsie Nemeth enthusiastically explained. “People find a home away from home here — as well as so much enjoyment. We are all about lifelong learning.”

New this semester is a



Photo provided by Forever Learning Institute

**St. Therese, Little Flower's ministry to older adults in the South Bend area takes the form of a wide variety of ongoing education classes offered next door to the parish, at the Forever Learning Institute.**

Forever Learning Band at Music Village. Interested students with musical background and ability can join together to practice and play the classics, such as “6 Trombones.” Tim McBride, FLI board member, is leading the class and looking forward to the new initiative.

Another new course, “Okuyamba,” will be taught by Cyndy Searfoss, MA. It's a course on delivering palliative care and best practices from both Uganda and the United States, offered in partnership with the Hospice

Foundation.

All of the institute's instructors are volunteers. Nemeth explained that this is because they see teaching at FLI as a “way to give back to the community.”

Daniel Csanyi, who is offering a particularly unique class this semester, is one example of that spirit of giving back: He feels that the South Bend community offered him a second home. A native of Hungary, Csanyi will narrate his personal experience of living in the Soviet-occupied

and Communist-ruled country between 1945 and 1950, the year he escaped across the Iron Curtain to Austria. More of a presentation of his personal memoirs than a history lesson, participants will hear what life was like under a Communist dictatorship.

“The participants are motivated to be there. They are very interested, intellectual and want to enjoy something completely different,” literature instructor Steve Gable noted.

Gable is a retired neurologist who originally studied English at the University of Notre Dame. He began teaching literature through yearly St. Joseph County Library lectures on the book. Those lectures evolved into a course that he has instructed for the past three years. He and the students have studied classics, such as “A Midsummer Night's Dream” and “Moby Dick.” This semester they will look at works by William Faulkner: “The Sound and the Fury” and “Go Down, Moses.”

“There are groupies who return to the same classes, as well as new participants who have a love of literature. This class offers them the discipline to read a book they haven't (read) in awhile, or never have. Then they can say, ‘I actually read Moby Dick,’” Gable pointed out.

James Field, another literature instructor, also personally enjoyed the classes he took at FLI as a student.

“The participants are intelligent, motivated and enthusiastic to read the books,” he said. The classes he teaches focus on 19th and early 20th century novels by Dickens, Chekhov and Dostoevsky. He will be leading a course on “Vanity Fair” this fall.

The majority of courses meet at the Forever Learning Institute, next to St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, 54191 Ironwood Road in South Bend. Registration for the fall semester begins Aug. 30.

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# Why Catholic program draws 95-year-old deeper into faith

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

At the age of five, in 1927, Jane Derda moved to Indiana and became a member of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Now, at 95, she is just as active in her parish community as she was then. She participates in anything from Bible studies to faith sharing groups; one of her favorites among these is the diocesan-wide program "Why Catholic? — Journey Through the Catechism," which is welcoming new participants as it begins its fall season.

Derde participates in Why Catholic at her home parish of Corpus Christi Catholic Church; however, that was not her initial parish. When she was 5 years old, her family transplanted from Ohio to the west side of South Bend, where they attended St. Adalbert Catholic Church. She recalls growing up as a parishioner at St. Adalbert, where she would bring her prayer book, in her first language of Polish, to the 40 Hours Devotion before the Blessed Sacrament. She remembers participating in special prayer services during the war, such as an intercessory service for Our Lady of Sorrows.

Forty years ago she first became a member of Corpus Christi. At the time, Mass was still offered in the basement of the school. Later, she moved into the neighborhood where Corpus Christi is located and raised her five children, then in their teens and early 20s, with her husband, Tony. A seamstress by profession, Derda would occasionally find herself using her gift of sewing and embroidery for creating altar cloths, church banners and vestments.



Molly Gettinger

Jane Derda, pictured in the bottom right corner, participates in her Why Catholic group at Debbie Green's home.

She recalled a tornado that tore through the neighborhood the same year the new parish was built.

"It took my roof and part of the garage. When the tornado started coming, I ran into the basement," she said. "Father Horvath was afraid the new church would become swept away. He stood outside on the hill, looking west over the neighborhood. The tornado rushed by church without causing any damage to the brand new building." Forty years later that church is still standing, and Corpus Christi is a vibrant faith community led by Father Daryl Rybicki.

Why Catholic is one of the many groups in which Corpus Christi parish members are invited to participate. Derda has been an active member of this faith-sharing group since its first season in the fall of 2015.

The Why Catholic program is divided into noncontingent seasons, and invites Catholic adults to deepen their faith through study of the catechism and community with others. Running for six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring, parishioners are invited to participate in just one six-week session or to remain active in the journey for the entire four years of the journey. Each year has a theme:

the upcoming theme explores the Creed.

Across the diocese, various parishes host Why Catholic groups. Individual groups contain roughly six-10 members and meet in group leaders' homes. With many groups at each parish, Why Catholic planning committees place participants into a group according to their availability.

When Derda talks about her experience with Why Catholic, she shares that "I've always loved Jesus and the Church. These have always been my first loves. This group deepens this love. You meet people on the same journey as you. It is so interesting to listen to everybody. The more you listen, the

more you find out and go deeper. Everybody has their own experiences and versions of things that they bring to the table."

"This is about getting people together to grow in faith," added Debbie Green, Corpus Christi parishioner and a Why Catholic group leader. "Often we come to church but don't even know the person sitting next to us. This brings us together as a parish community. We have people from all Masses coming together. If someone is sick, we pray for them. We've done service projects. Our group has become a family inside the church. And then when you go to church, you know more people. We are becoming a family."

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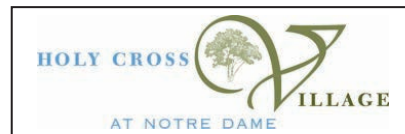
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## The Local Cup: Brewing coffee and Catholic social teaching

BY JENNIFER MILLER

When Michael and Catherine Griffin married, they promised each other they would make a commitment to their family and serve their local community and church. The shape of what that commitment would look like was unknown to them at the time, but they were open to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

Michael, or "Griff," serves as a theology professor of Catholic social teaching at Holy Cross College; Cathy works as a nurse for the Holy Cross Sisters. They are the parents of Benedict and Basil. In 2010, the couple was speaking and "wistfully dreaming" with friends John and Brooke, all four avid coffee drinkers, about how wonderful it would be to have a local coffee house in the Near Northwest Neighborhood of South Bend, where they lived. The area already had a strong, diverse community with an active neighborhood association.

Four years later, they tried a mini-version of a "pop-up" coffee shop during the NNN event Arts Cafe. It was wildly successful and very overwhelming.

They applied and received a grant from the Holy Cross Sisters, set up a board of volunteers and claimed 501c3 status. In March 2015, the couples began the process of restoring an old business building that was worn and decayed into a friendly and welcoming space.

The choice of a location was a specific practice of Catholic social teaching, specifically regarding good stewardship and care for creation. Originally Minkler's Hardware, the classic brick structure on the corner of Portage and California avenues had also been a barbershop, offices and most recently, used by the NNN com-



Photos by Jennifer Miller

**Cassie Haw and her son, who are Near Northwest Neighborhood residents of South Bend, catch up with The Local Cup founder Michael Griffin, outside the cafe located at 1009 Portage Ave., South Bend.**

munity association.

The rehab project was blessed with student leaders from Holy Cross schools across the country, who happened to be in South Bend that summer visiting Holy Cross College. They began with a process of adding a "vintage, retro and artisan feel" to the café. Using local recycled lumber for handcrafted walls, cleaning the elaborate, raised tin tiled ceiling and painting the aging walls, they brought new life to the century old space.

Clearly the Holy Spirit was present and encouraging. A year and half ago, The Local Cup opened, serving customers in the mornings on weekends. The place was often filled with customers, and it still is.

Griff hoped that the project would provide "development without gentrification," a goal he feels is worth a lifetime of effort. He recognized the beauty and strength already present in the NNN, from the diversity and history in the area, and hoped that as parishioners of nearby Holy Cross Parish, and he and his family could share their love of

God with the community.

With a humble and joy-filled spirit, the Griffins clearly live an active, faithful Catholic life. The Catholic social teachings of subsidiarity and solidarity are practiced at The Local Cup, but done so in action and not by outright preaching. Griff gladly shares his theology and faith when asked, but his desire to build the kingdom of God knows that sometimes the words follow the works.

One practical way the principles are implemented is through the unique business model of a sustainable, "pay it forward" system. A generous neighbor paid for the first coffee beans; every customer since then has the choice to accept the cup of coffee as gift or pay it forward for the next person. Essentially it is an economy of communion within in a community.

"Pope Benedict used the term "gift economy" but here we use the term "pay it forward," Griff said. The preferential option for the poor and vulnerable and valuing the dignity of every human person are also CST



**Baristas at the Local Cup prepare drinks for their customers — the drinks that have been paid for by other customers who came before them.**

principles present and brewing at The Local Cup. All people are welcome and able to enjoy a cup of good coffee, regardless of economic means or other social markers.

The product itself is locally sourced. The beans are direct trade from a farmer in Honduras, sent to South Bend and roasted in town by Zen and Bendix Coffee. The café buys the roasted beans from them, grinds, brews and serves its own unique blend.

Catholic social teaching principles can also be observed when local teenagers are hired as baristas. More than a shift job, they are given both leadership skills and coffee brewing training. As a result, the employees feel valued and respected. They are paid fair wages and given shifts that don't conflict with Sunday morning church services. College students serve as weekend managers.

### Relationships

One relationship grew out of direct service with The Local Cup. Cathy became acquainted with Mr. Lu when the café was

still just a dream. He was a researcher at the University of Notre Dame and lived alone, right around the corner. Lu was about to retire, and asked if they could use any volunteers. Cathy knew how often, in retirement, it can be difficult to find one's new place and purpose, so she welcomed him.

Lu quickly found a home though at The Local Cup. Quietly refilling people's coffee or just collecting and cleaning dishes, he brings a sense of care and compassion to the busy café. He even drew a graphite and paper detailed drawing of a Chinese temple, which hangs framed along with other striking local art on the walls.

Makaila Rangers, a barista at The Local Cup and NNN neighbor, finds that the business' CST approach makes all the difference.

"We live in this community, work with each other and we hang out, text and have dinner together. We are actually good friends and are really close. It's not like we just work at the same place," she said.

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# Poor Sisters of St. Clare religious professes final vows

BY JODI MARLIN

In a ceremony that was open to all, Sister Marie Veronica of Jesus, of the cloistered Poor Sisters of St. Clare, completed her perpetual religious profession to the Divine Bridegroom at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Mass of profession was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated by five priests at St. Andrew's Church, New Haven. The church is physically connected to Our Lady of Angels Monastery, where the Poor Sisters of St. Clare live.

The community was previously known as the Franciscan Sisters Minor, a public association of women who feel called to dedicate themselves to a lifestyle of holiness and service following the rule of St. Francis. They became enclosed four years ago after Bishop Rhoades permitted the community to embrace a primitive expression of the Rule of St. Clare and live a life of poverty and restricted interaction with the outside world. It was at that point that their name changed to the Poor Sisters of St. Clare. They now lead a life of prayer and relative quiet, although they may talk to each other or to visitors periodically throughout most of the day. Their daily agenda consists of prayer, Eucharistic adoration, daily tasks, participation in classes, meals, recreation and social time.

As evidenced by Sr. Marie Veronica, removing themselves from the outside world has only served to intensify their joy and love for Christ. That devotion has been returned to them already, as three new members have joined the Poor Sisters of St. Clare since the cloistering.

"We have never been more joyful and in love with our life," said Sister Celeste Marie. "We're so grateful to Bishop Rhoades for allowing us to serve our Lord in this way. We feel we've found our true calling in life. It's a unique call ... but we find it liberating. We have found so much freedom by not being out in the



Photos by Jodi Marlin

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades hears the Perpetual Religious Profession of Vows of cloistered Sister Marie Veronica of Jesus, PSC, during a holy Mass celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, Fort Wayne, Aug. 15.**

world. We stand as a witness that indeed, God is enough."

Sister Marie Veronica is the sixth and last of the order's 10 original members to make the lifelong commitment.

Generally, the enclosed sisters opt to celebrate their permanent vows with their fellow sisters and a few others present. But Sr. Marie Veronica was inspired, said Sister Celeste Marie, by the public Mass of consecration to perpetual virginity of Jessica Hayes last year.

"She realized, 'This is not about me. Why don't we let the community be involved?'" For her it's an expression of her great joy. And it is really is her joy — it's like heaven on Earth, what we experience. It's extreme."

Bishop Rhoades thanked all the sisters for their great self-gift, for their sacrifice and for their joy. In his homily, he also called attention to Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life — her "yes" to him. Sister Marie Veronica imitates that submission, he noted.



**Several priests concelebrated the Mass of Perpetual Religious Profession of Vows of Sister Marie Veronica of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare at St. Andrew's, with members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor and deacons.**

"Today, Sister Marie Veronica pronounces another great yes to God. She says yes to live the consecrated life as a response to God's call. She makes perpetual vows, promising to follow the Lord in the manner of Saint Clare of Assisi, as a cloistered, contemplative nun. There's an echo of Mary's yes, her fiat, today as Sister Marie Veronica makes her perpetual profession in response to God's call," he said.

"Sister Marie Veronica says yes today to the contemplative life, a life of prayer in the cloister as a Poor Sister of Saint Clare. She says yes to follow Christ's life of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Touched by God's love, like Mary, like Saint Clare and Saint Francis, and like Saint

Veronica Emiliani, Sister Marie Veronica is saying yes to that love, the love that gives meaning and joy to our lives. Her yes today, a yes to be repeated every day, is a step toward heaven."

In attendance were members of Sister Marie Veronica's family, including her parents, Keith and Marie Goins, and several of her siblings; all of whom the bishop thanked for their sacrifice and for their faithfulness.

Following the Mass the sisters enjoyed a potluck dinner, music and fellowship with their guests, who included the Franciscan Brothers Minor. The brothers also participated in the Mass with their attendance and by providing joyful and reflective choral support.

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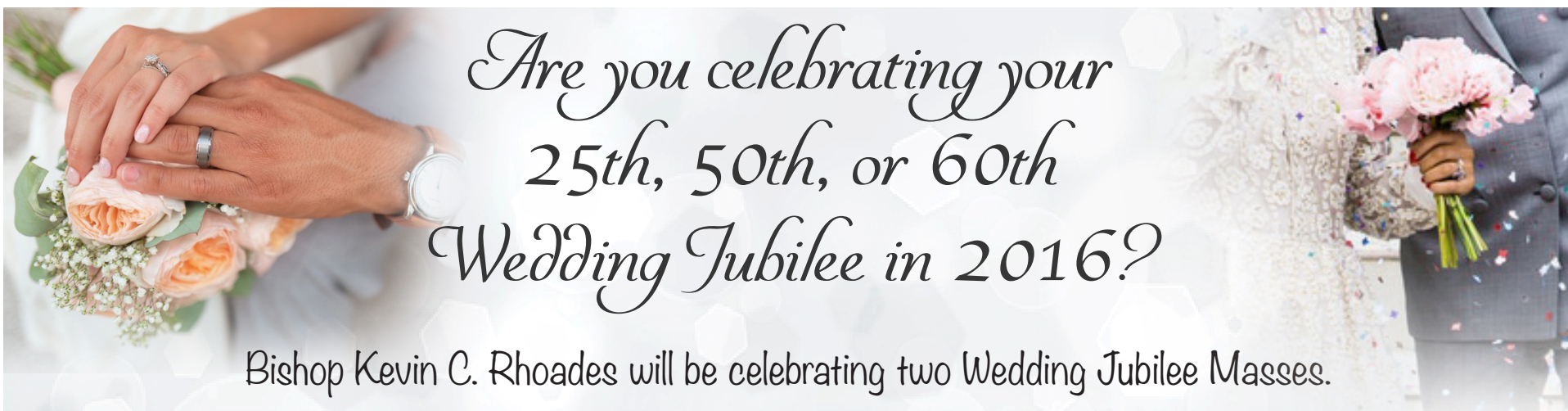
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On Aug. 16, Bishop Kevin Rhoades assembled 12 diocesan pastors from parishes with large Latino populations and introduced the Prophetic Voting Campaign — a unique opportunity through which the Church can bear prophetic witness and stand with the marginalized during an election season that threatens to make them feel overwhelmed and unimportant. Above, clergy and laity of St. Patrick Parish and St. Joseph the Worker Parish, both in Fort Wayne, launch their Prophetic Voting plan. The overall diocesan goal is to have deep, one-on-one conversations with a total of 2,000 Catholic and minority voters throughout the diocese. The initiative also helps potential voters register, discover when and where to vote, and invites them into a sustained effort to build the leadership capacity and public voice of low and moderate-income residents of Northeast Indiana. To become a Prophetic Voting parish or to learn more about the long-term goals of the campaign, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/social-justice](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/social-justice).



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**Pope Francis accepts a book from Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, who was accompanied by his wife, Priscilla Chan, during a private audience at the Vatican Aug. 29. The book details the history of internet connectivity throughout the world. At right is Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office.**



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# Pope meets with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Continuing his dialogue with leaders in the world of social media and technology, Pope Francis met with Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, met the pope Aug. 29 in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where the pope lives.

"It is an honor to be with you today," Zuckerberg told the pope, adding that he hoped to help spread the pope's "message of mercy and tenderness."

He also presented Pope Francis with a model replica of Aquila, a solar-powered aircraft that will beam Internet connectivity to areas with limited or no connection.

Greg Burke, Vatican spokesman, said the pope and Zuckerberg spoke about "how communications technology can be used to alleviate poverty, encourage a culture of encounter and help deliver a message of hope, especially to the most disadvantaged people."

Pope Francis presented Zuckerberg and his wife with a copy of "The Name of God is Mercy," a book-length interview he did with Italian journalist Andrea Tornielli. In a message posted on his personal Facebook page, Zuckerberg expressed his admiration for the pope and "how he's found new ways to communicate with people of every faith around the world."

"It was a meeting we'll never

forget. You can feel his warmth and kindness, and how deeply he cares about helping people," Zuckerberg wrote.

Throughout his papacy, the pope has highlighted the importance of social networks as a means to "facilitate relationships" while warning of their ability to "lead to further polarization and division" if used incorrectly.

"The digital world is a public square, a meeting place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks," the pope wrote Jan. 24, in his message marking the 50th World Communications Day.

Earlier this year the pope met with several notable tech giants in the world of mobile communications, including Google's Eric Schmidt and Apple CEO Tim Cook.

He also met with Kevin Systrom, CEO and co-founder of Instagram, two weeks before the Vatican launched the pope's Instagram account, "Franciscus." Upon its launch, the account broke a new record for gaining over 1 million followers in 12 hours.

Pope Francis' Twitter account, @Pontifex, has also left its mark in the social media landscape with over 30 million followers spread across nine different language accounts. Twiplomacy, a study of the Twitter accounts of world leaders and their retweet rates, declared the pope "by far the most influential" world leader on Twitter.



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# Summit attendees get ZEAL for mercy

BY DENISE FEDOROW

They gathered from all over the diocese — priests and religious, directors of religious education, school faculty, RCIA directors, youth ministers, parents and grandparents — all serving in different ministries within their parishes, to attend the ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit held Saturday, Aug. 27, at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw.

The theme for this year's summit was mercy, coinciding with the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. The morning began with Mass celebrated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated several priests.

Bishop Rhoades offered the Mass for Msgr. John Suelzer of St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, who passed away earlier in the week and also, because in honor of the Feast of Saint Monica, for the return of fallen away Catholics to the sacraments.

Father Andrew Budzinski expressed gratitude on behalf of himself and his brother priests for the work that the attendees do for the faith.

"Consider our calling—we are called to a noble and horrifying task — to help people become saints. Feel unqualified? Unprepared? Good," he said.

"Every thing the Father has is yours: Don't hoard it and don't hide it. It's to be multiplied — dozens of times with your students, hundreds of times with other parishioners, thousands of times with generations of descendants of Jesus Christ," Father Budzinski said. He also encouraged those in attendance to imitate the saints — St. Monica's perseverance in prayer, Blessed Mother Theresa's model of mercy, and Msgr. Suelzer, who served with love.

Bishop Rhoades delivered the keynote speech on the topic of the mercy of God. He spoke of being blessed to accompany the 137 young people from our diocese to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, and how impactful it was to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and the Divine Mercy Shrine.

"After visiting a place of terrible sin, darkness and hatred, a place of misery, we visited a place where another reality shone forth: infinite love and redemption, a place of mercy," he said.

"Pope Francis teaches that the word 'mercy' reveals the very mystery of the most Holy Trinity. Christ, the Son of God, is the full and definitive revelation of divine love and mercy. In His teachings and in His actions, Jesus shows us that God's love is always ready to rise up and forgive, always ready to go to meet the prodigal son. God's love

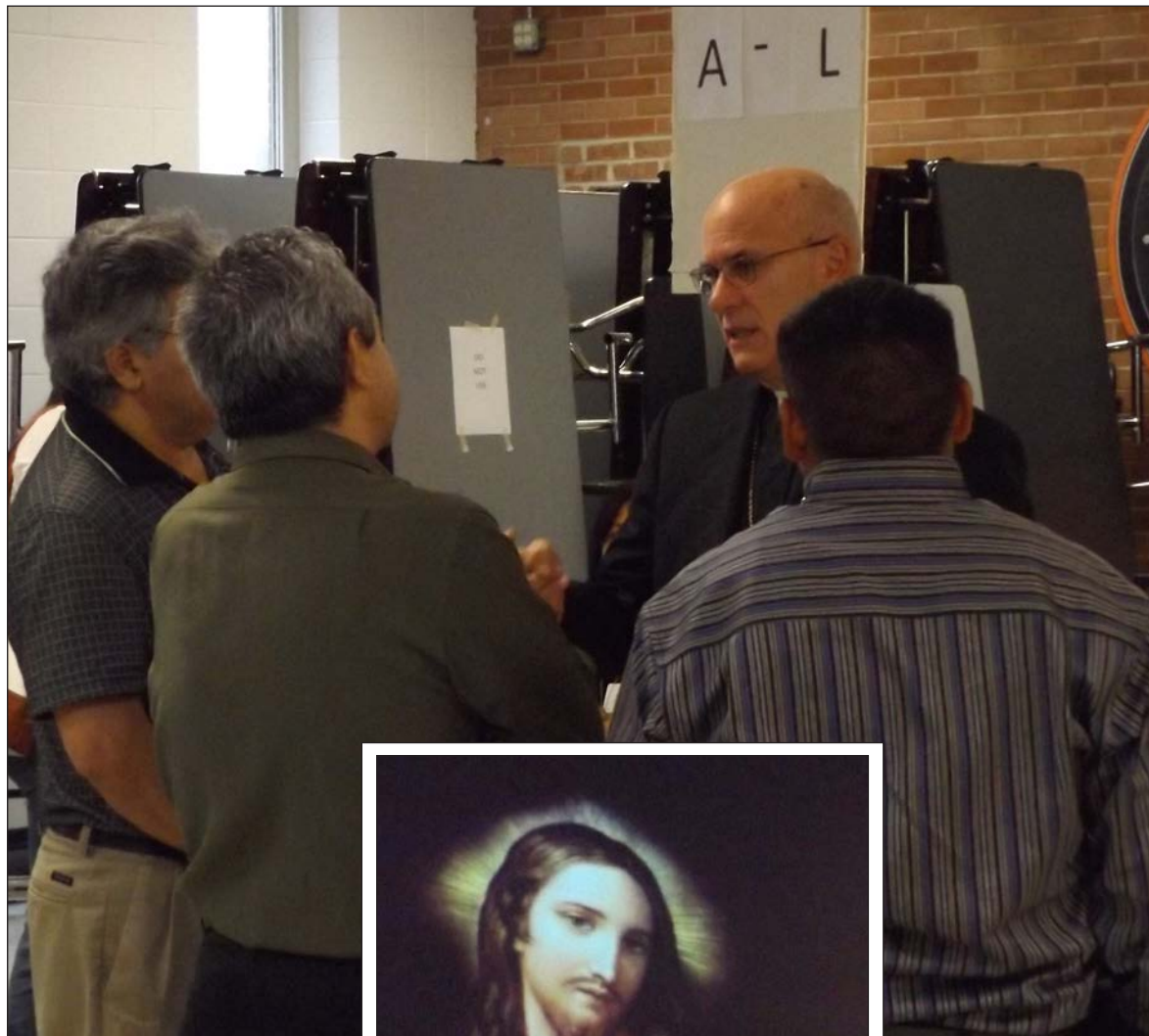
is greater than sin, and stronger than death."

In the crucifix, Bishop Rhoades said, we are reminded of the depth of God's merciful love and the price of our redemption.

He concluded by stating that no matter what one's ministry is in the church, everyone is called to show and bear witness to God's mercy.

"If the new evangelization is to bear fruit we must live and testify to mercy, what Pope Francis calls 'the beating heart of the Gospel.' When he dedicated the Shrine of Divine Mercy Pope John Paul II said, 'This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness.' I believe this. May the Lord bless us with the zeal to spread the fire of His love and mercy in our diocese and beyond."

Following the keynote, breakout sessions were organized by ministry. After lunch, a panel that included Rev. Bob Lengerich, St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur; Sr. Marie Morgan, OSF, Technology Department chairperson, Marian High School; Kathy Fech, director of faith formation and Building Inclusive Parishes, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne; Audrey Davis, secretary for young adult evangelization and social justice ministries for the diocese; and Deacon Mel Tardy, St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, discussed how to put God's mercy into action within the various ministries in the church.



Music for the Mass was provided by members of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne.



Photos by Denise Fedorow

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades chatted with a group of men attending the ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit, after Mass and before his keynote remarks on Saturday, Aug. 27. The event was held at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw.



Attendees of the ZEAL Summit enjoyed the music provided by choir members from St. Joseph Parish. From left are Melina Reyes and Anita Senesac of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; and Kathy Fech, Denise Smith, Debbie Greene, Lorenza Martinez and Miguel Mendoza, all of St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne.



Bishop Rhoades distributes the Eucharist during the Mass celebrated at the start of the ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit.

# Blessed Teresa: Witness of modern-day holiness

Blessed Teresa of Kolkata came to The Catholic University of America 45 years ago to receive her first honorary degree. If I'd been president of our school at the time, I would have tried hard to get a picture of her in a Catholic University sweatshirt.

I do have a lovely picture of my predecessor, Clarence Walton, with Mother Teresa in her sari, with the hood the university confers on doctors of humane letters. The citation for the degree said that the university was privileged to recognize a woman "for whom love is not a slogan but a way of life."

In 2010 the U.S. Postal Service held a ceremony at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, at the corner of our campus, to dedicate a 44-cent stamp to Mother Teresa.

I attended that ceremony. So did Mother Teresa's novice mistress from the Sisters of Loreto, the order she joined before she founded the Missionaries of Charity. The novice mistress was 105, though she didn't look a day over 80.

On Sept. 4 of this year, Pope Francis will proclaim Mother Teresa a saint. And so she is, one of the great and holy women of the 20th century.

This might seem a little sudden, as these things go. She died only 19 years ago. Most saints whose feasts we observe in September — Matthew, Cornelius, Cyprian, Jerome, John

Chrysostom, Gregory the Great — died a long time ago. And at least since the Reformation, the canonization process itself has taken a long time.

But St. John Paul II changed the process in 1983 in ways that made it faster. It's now more like an academic inquiry than a trial. The office of the "devil's advocate," a canon lawyer whose job it was to find fault with the cause, was eliminated. The number of required miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession was reduced from four to two.

In recent years we have seen many more saints, beatified and canonized at a faster clip, than ever before. Pope John Paul II himself was canonized in 2014, just nine years after his death.

I'm a big fan of the new approach. When our children were growing up we used to read the lives of the saints over breakfast. The idea was to set for them examples of holiness, to keep in mind during the day.

Kids find stories about real people more accessible than, say, St. Paul's letters. From St. Martin they could learn a lesson of generosity; from St. Clare, humility; from St. Lawrence, fortitude. But when all your examples come from the third or the 13th century, there is a danger that they'll become like Aesop's fables. The lessons they teach are poignant and useful, but the characters may seem unreal — like they were drawn with the lesson in mind.

But Mother Teresa was real



## INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

JOHN GARVEY

and recent. She came to our campus, and we gave her an honorary degree. I met her novice mistress at the basilica. My father used to send Mother Teresa money and got a thank-you note from her.

We know from the testimony of many people still living what good she did for the poor in Kolkata and around the world. When I read her own account of Jesus speaking to her in 1946 on a train to Darjeeling and saying "come be my light" to the poor, I feel a conviction about God's acting in the world that is as certain as faith can be.

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, "Lumen Gentium," proclaims that we are all called to be saints. The wonderful thing about our newest saint is that she shows that this means us, and that it is possible.

John Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of America in Washington.

## Dreaming of the Caribbean:

# Bold adventures, surprise homecomings

The phone call came when I was boiling sweet corn. It was suppertime on a humdrum Sunday, a day whose excitement peaked with a trip to the grocery store.

It had been months since I'd spoken with my college friend Wendy, but she skipped right over the small talk: She's moving to St. Croix.

When I heard "St. Croix," I thought Wisconsin and the river I've fished with my brother. But Wendy had been thinking much bigger, she clarified: the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The life she had planned for herself — a comfortable one in a quiet Iowa suburb lined with sidewalks, strollers and swing sets — no longer fit. Motherhood, she had come to discern, is not her vocation. This was a startling realization, one she had arrived at with frequent prayer and utter honesty.

A series of events that seemed divinely orchestrated led to her this juncture, beginning Memorial Weekend when she was laid up with a broken arm. Restlessness made her heart throb and her fingers tingle, sending them to the keyboard and a Google search for job openings in — of all places — St. Croix, some 2,500 miles from her current residence.

I Googled it to brush up on my geography. The map showed a tiny island surrounded by blue. Images of scuba diving, horseback riding and white beaches.



## TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

An hour's flight from Caracas, Venezuela.

It was time to take a leap of faith, Wendy told me. Time for an adventure.

Sunday night rolled around — dishwasher loading, Netflix and Etsy — and I couldn't stop thinking of St. Croix. I felt a jolt of inspiration. Somewhere folded into Wendy's news, should I acknowledge it, was a challenge.

Couldn't we all use the push to finally do the thing we've always wanted to do? Couldn't we all use the audacity — that place in the heart where blood pumps in equal measures of courage and impatience — to go ahead and do it?

My early 20s took me across the globe with friends, with family and for journalism: from Kilkenny, Ireland to Ketchikan, Alaska. I prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, strolled through Venice on a wet, ethereal night and embraced the pope in St. Peter's Basilica.

But part of young adulthood is letting the slow tilt of maturity

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# Following Christ is not an easy road



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 14:25-33

The Book of Wisdom was written, according to scholars, in Alexandria, by a Jew who either had emigrated from the Holy Land, or whose ancestors had come from the Holy Land. Originally, it was composed in Greek. Since it was written outside the Holy Land and not in Hebrew, orthodox Jews have never accepted it as genuine Scripture. Noting this, Anglican scholars in the early 17th century excluded it from the King James Version of the Bible.

In the most ancient Christian tradition, however, it has been revered as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

This book, along with so much of the Wisdom Literature, builds on the basic notion that the unshaken Jewish belief in the one true God of Moses, and the law of Moses itself, reflect the deepest and best human logic, or wisdom.

Specifically, this reading simply says that much of life cannot be predicted beforehand, nor can it be understood. Humans are limited. God is all-wise. The wonder is that God has shared with us in speaking to us through representatives such as Moses and the prophets.

For its second reading, the church chooses a passage from the epistle to Philemon. Only rarely is this epistle the source of a reading in the liturgy; possibly because Philemon is the shortest volume in the New Testament, with only one chapter. In this chapter there are only 25 verses.

The story is dramatic. Paul writes to Philemon, whose slave, Onesimus, escaped from

Philemon's custody and went to be with Paul. To run away from slavery was a very serious crime in Roman law at the time, as it once was in the United States.

In this letter, Paul announces that he is sending Onesimus back to Philemon; but Paul counsels Philemon to receive this runaway slave as a brother in Christ.

Beyond the particulars, several lessons strongly appear. The first is that all humans are equal in dignity, having been created by God and having been redeemed by Christ.

Secondly, disciples must love all others, including those difficult to love.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading.

The Gospel already has made clear that true discipleship builds upon a deeply personal wish to follow the Lord. It is a decision not always easy to sustain. Enabling a disciple to continue in this resolution and to abide by it in every circumstance of life requires not just determination but God's strength and insight. Continuing, the Gospel bluntly

says that many obstacles can stand between a disciple's initial intention to follow Christ and actually living as a disciple.

It is important to remember that Luke was written when Christianity, albeit an infant religion in the Roman Empire, very much was sailing into the hot, strong winds of cultural opposition to Gospel values and even into persecution under the law.

A fact, an obvious result of this situation, was that Christians inevitably faced pressure from their loved ones to forsake the Gospel. Thus, the Evangelist here recalls that Jesus said a true disciple should turn away even from father and mother, brother or sister, if these close relatives urged abandoning Christ.

First and foremost was the disciple's choice to be one with Christ.

## Reflection

The Gospel sets the stage: Living the Christian life is not easy. Christians must withstand much if they are committed.

Among other pressures is the pressure not to see God in others, not to give others their due.

Only in standing firm against such pressures can a disciple expect to stay the course. To stand firm, the disciple first must admit personal inadequacy and ask for strength and wisdom from God.

Blessedly, if humbly sought, strength, determination and wisdom will come from God.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 136:abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

# Advice to students new and old

Last week I offered some remarks at the matriculation ceremony for Thomas Aquinas College in California. Since I would give the same advice to any Catholic students reentering the school year, I thought I would share my thoughts here.

A few months before I was named bishop, I gave another lecture at Thomas Aquinas College. I was asked to deliver a talk that I thought was going to be a little too heavy. It was late at night, I had flown in from Chicago and driven up the California highway, and I thought, "Oh, this talk is going to bomb." Yet when I finished it, there was an hour of questions from the engaged students! The experience gave me a direct taste of the intellectual vitality of Thomas Aquinas College, which has always been a joy. One of the pleasures of being assigned to Santa Barbara is that this college is in the region.

Today, I would like to share a few simple thoughts, directed especially to incoming freshman. It's a privilege to welcome these new students to the school, which is one of the premiere liberal arts colleges in the country. You have come to a great place — and to a pivotal moment in your lives. For the next four years, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourselves in the best minds that the Western world has produced: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, Dante, Newton, Lincoln and Einstein — among many others.

In doing so, you will be standing very much athwart the contemporary culture, which

holds that truth, both theoretical and moral, is relative and that personal freedom trumps objective value. Your instructors here don't drift with the cultural mainstream; they believe, with G.K. Chesterton, that an open mind is not an end in itself but rather is like an open mouth, designed to bite down on something solid and nourishing. And they maintain, with Pope John Paul II, that authentic freedom always subsists in tight correlation with the truth. In light of this, please know that you are going to be formed, whether you like it or not, as warriors. For the vision of life that you will take in here will not be widely shared by your contemporaries. Expect opposition; expect a struggle; but enter into the lists with what the French call the *joie de combat*.

Young friends, know that you will engage in a study of the great minds of the West precisely because this college is dedicated to Jesus Christ and his Gospel. St. John tells us explicitly that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." It is crucially important to grasp — especially in our relativistic time — that Jesus is not one teacher among many, one more in a long line of prophets and sages, but the very truth that every teacher, prophet, and sage has sought. But if he is the Logos in person, then every particular expression of the Logos — whether it is found in mathematics, poetry, chemistry, physics, or metaphysics — speaks, in some way, of him. This is the ground of Christian humanism and the explanation as to why the best representatives of the Catholic tradition never drove a wedge between faith and reason. It is also why the patron of this



## WORD ON FIRE

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school, when asked by the Lord himself what he desired as a reward for his service, famously responded, "Non nisi te, Domine" ("Nothing but you, Lord"). Thomas Aquinas understood that in receiving Christ, he would also receive everything else of value.

A final consideration, which might seem a tad trivial after all of this high-flying talk. The study of the greatest minds is, quite simply, a delight. Machiavelli is a thinker with whom I rarely agree, but he said something that I have always treasured. He observed that when he entered his study to read the most sublime philosophers, he took off his mud-spattered workaday clothes and put on a regal gown, for he knew that he was entering into communion with masters.

Over the coming years, you will set aside mere practicality, clothe yourselves in regal gowns and become participants, however humble, in the most stimulating conversation of all. God bless you on this great adventure!

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## Saint of the week:



### Boniface I

Feast Day Sept. 4

A priest and son of a priest, this humble Roman who became pope undertook several trips to Constantinople for Pope Innocent I during 401-417. When Pope Zosimus died in 418, some Roman deacons and priests elected Archdeacon Eulalius as pope. Other Roman clergy and laity simultaneously elected the now elderly Boniface. When each was told to leave Rome pending the decision of a synod, Boniface obeyed but Eulalius did not, earning himself banishment and the papacy for Boniface.

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carry your feet to the ground, like a teeter-totter nearing the grass. It's figuring out where to put roots, and holding onto your adventurer's heart while making room for responsibility.

I've been thinking about new beginnings — which you can almost smell in September, with all the back-to-school possibilities that come with sharp-tipped crayons, blank notebooks and mighty resolutions.

New beginnings can come in surprising forms, and sometimes they lead you back home — allowing you to recognize the beauty that was always in your midst. The late Eleanor Boyer, a New Jersey Catholic who never married, was given a new shot in 1997 when, at 72, she won the lottery. Immediately, she knew how to spend her \$11.8 million winnings. She gave it away: half to her parish, half to her hometown.

"No new car, no vacation," Eleanor told *The New York Times*. "My life is no different. I've given it up to God. I live in his presence and do his will, and I did that from the start."

My commitments mean I won't be adding a stamp to the passport this year, so I'm contemplating adventure in the broadest sense: from the life of the mind to the spiritual life, exploring new corners of my God-given talents and embracing glimpses of grace.

I'm pushing myself to find compelling ways to tell other people's stories, all while writing my own story. One day I will appreciate how God brought each chapter together, marked by a generosity that knows no bounds.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 4, 2016

Luke 14:25-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a teaching that sounds hard. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWDS	TRAVELING	COMES TO ME
WIFE	BROTHERS	LIFE
CANNOT	WHOEVER	CARRY
CROSS	WHICH OF YOU	TOWER
FIRST	SIT DOWN	THE COST
FOUNDATION	BUILD	WHAT KING
TWENTY	FAR AWAY	PEACE

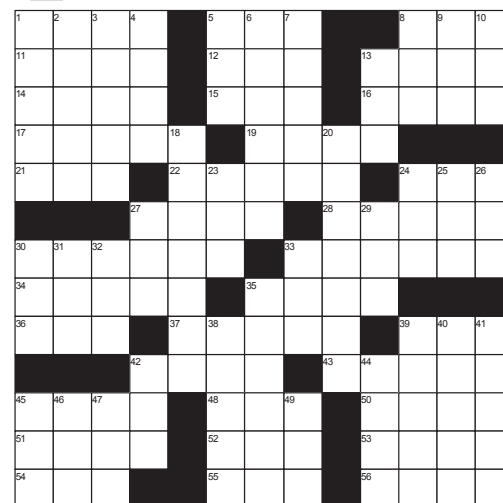
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 J O B N H H D E O I A T  
 Y T N E W T C J H U F O  
 F O U N D A T I O N H M  
 T R A V E L I N G H J E

## The Cross Word

September 4 and 11, 2016

55 Gratuity  
 56 The \_\_\_ Nuns of Montreal



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Based on these readings: Phm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 and Ex 37:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-10

### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ *vu*
- 5 Computer part
- 8 Coat holder
- 11 Forever and \_\_\_
- 12 Play on words
- 13 In Peru
- 14 The first & the \_\_\_
- 15 Alternative (abbr.)
- 16 Wrote to Timothy
- 17 Burned (archaic)
- 19 \_\_\_ of Judah
- 21 Affirmation
- 22 Leaves the 99 \_\_\_
- 24 BB association
- 27 Water marker
- 28 Death be not \_\_\_

### 30 "Without \_\_\_ his father"

- 33 Great ones were traveling with Jesus
- 34 Stadium
- 35 \_\_\_ the line
- 36 Japanese money
- 37 Resources
- 39 Oolong
- 42 Weary sound
- 43 \_\_\_ and crossbones
- 45 South Amer. country
- 48 Yang's partner
- 50 Molten calf was one
- 51 Stray
- 52 School group
- 53 No
- 54 ER nurse practitioner

### DOWN

- 1 Put off
- 2 Escape from
- 3 Christ \_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_ and crafts
- 5 Accountant
- 6 Lifting aid
- 7 Undo shoes
- 8 \_\_\_ *mater*, in the brain
- 9 Flightless bird
- 10 Young woman
- 13 Licensed practical nurse
- 18 Giant wave
- 20 Enslave
- 23 Swine
- 24 This time
- 25 Develop
- 26 Marketing spots
- 27 Trash container
- 29 Pole
- 30 Straw
- 31 Blessed \_\_\_ you among women
- 32 How many commandments
- 33 Against
- 35 Favorite vacation island
- 38 Moses led Israel out of
- 39 Henry VIII was one
- 40 Run away and marry
- 41 Bowling \_\_\_
- 42 The calculated cost
- 44 Before battle, This man plans
- 45 Before (prefix)
- 46 Long timeframe
- 47 Tap
- 49 Drowse

Answer Key can be found on page 23

# Sports

**LOCAL CHEERLEADER NAMED ALL-AMERICAN** Saint Joseph High School student Kayla Graham was named an All-American Cheerleader during her recent time at the Universal Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Butler University. This award comes with an invitation to cheer at a special parade later in the year. The UCA provides high quality educational training for college and high school cheerleaders through summer camps and clinics on college campuses. Cheerleaders play an instrumental role in raising, leading and maintaining school spirit in and around their communities.

## CYO football schedule: Can St. Charles repeat?

BY RON BUSCH

FORT WAYNE — Last season, St. Charles dominated Catholic Youth Organization football news in Fort Wayne and also at the diocesan championship held at the University of St. Francis' Bishop D'Arcy Stadium. The St. Charles team won the championship 40-6 over South Bend St. Anthony. The consolation matchup favored Fort Wayne as well, as St. Vincent defeated Mishawaka Catholic 24-0.

The 2016 versions of St. Charles and St. Vincent do battle this year in week three of the upcoming season. This promises to be one of many interesting matchups in the fall. The two battled in the 2015 Fort Wayne CYO tournament at the grades seven and eight finale, as well as in the finale of the grades five and six tourney.

Look for other Fort Wayne teams to make this an exciting CYO season. The 2016 schedules appear at right.



### Seventh and eighth football schedule

**Week 1 — Sunday, Sept. 11**

12:30 p.m. — St. Charles vs. Knights

2 p.m. — St. Vincent vs. Central Catholic

**Week 2 — Sunday, Sept. 18**

12:30 p.m. — Central Catholic vs. St. Charles

2 p.m. — Knights vs. St. Vincent

**Week 3 — Sunday, Sept. 25**

12:30 p.m. — Central Catholic vs. Knights

2 p.m. — St. Charles vs. St. Vincent

**Week 4 — Sunday, Oct. 2**

12:30 p.m. — Central Catholic vs. St. Vincent

2 p.m. — Knights vs. St. Charles

**Week 5 — Sunday, Oct. 9**

12:30 p.m. — St. Vincent vs. Knights

2 p.m. — St. Charles vs. Central Catholic

**Week 6 — Sunday, Oct. 16**

12:30 p.m. — St. Vincent vs. St. Charles

2 p.m. — Knights vs. Central Catholic

All games played at D'Arcy Stadium at the University of Saint Francis. The tournament schedule will be played on Sunday Oct. 23 and Oct. 30. The diocesan playoff will be played Nov. 6 in South Bend.

### Fifth and sixth football schedule

All games at 5:30 p.m.

**Week 1 — Thursday, Sept. 8**

Central Catholic vs. St. Vincent at Havenhurst

Knights vs. St. Charles at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Week 2 — Thursday, Sept. 15**

St. Vincent vs. Knights at St. Vincent

St. Charles vs. Central Catholic at St. Charles

**Week 3 — Thursday, Sept. 22**

St. Vincent vs. St. Charles at St. Vincent

Knights vs. Central Catholic at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Week 4 — Thursday, Sept. 29**

St. Charles vs. Knights at St. Charles

St. Vincent vs. Central Catholic at St. Vincent

**Week 5 — Thursday, Oct. 6**

Central Catholic vs. St. Charles

at Havenhurst

Knights vs. St. Vincent at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton


**Week #6 — Thursday, Oct. 13**

Central Catholic vs. Knights at Havenhurst

St. Charles vs. St. Vincent at St. Charles


The tournament schedule will be played on Thursday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Oct. 30, at Saint Francis.

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# Jaylon Smith: youth sports, faith and life after injury

BY RON BUSCH

Jaylon Smith, a talented athlete, Bishop Luers High School graduate and Notre Dame linebacker, was injured during the last game of his Notre Dame career on Jan. 1. Now recovered, he was recently drafted by the Dallas Cowboys and begins his NFL career this fall.

Smith sat down with *Today's Catholic* to talk about how his early Fort Wayne influences, as well as his faith, formed him as an athlete and sustained him during his rehabilitation.

**Today's Catholic:** What grade school did you attend? Did you participate in CYO or youth sports?

**Jaylon Smith:** I attended Village Elementary School and played Metro Youth Sports for the Outreach Rams, under Tom Macon.

**Today's Catholic:** What sports interested you at an early age?

**Jaylon Smith:** I have always been interested in sports, but my favorites were football, baseball and basketball.

**Today's Catholic:** Do you have any early recollections of your youth sports experiences?

**Jaylon Smith:** Some of my favorite and greatest memories are playing for the Rams. There was always a lot of pressure on me because my brother was very well-known throughout the community for his football skills, and I wanted to be great like him. I was under his shadow and always wanted to live up to his expectations. That fueled me to be a great football athlete. My experience with the Rams was very unique, because I grew up with many of the guys on my

team and a lot of them went to Bishop Luers as well. During our time at Bishop Luers we earned four state championships because of the chemistry we developed from playing together for so long.

**Today's Catholic:** Did any early coaches influence you?

**Jaylon Smith:** Yes, Tom Macon, Matt Lindsey, Virgil Tharp and Matt Millhouse all had a very great influence over me.

**Today's Catholic:** What lessons learned during youth sports have you carried over into today?

**Jaylon Smith:** I learned to always play with a passion, as well as to always give and receive respect from those around you. I also learned that in order to be great you must have dedication, work hard and be coachable.

**Today's Catholic:** Did you have an early ambition to play a college or professional sport?

**Jaylon Smith:** Yes, I have wanted to play in the NFL since I was 7 years old.

**Today's Catholic:** When did you decide to pursue football exclusively as your sport?

**Jaylon Smith:** For me, football has always been my first love, however I still really enjoyed playing baseball and basketball so I played those as well for a number of years. Senior year of high school I made the decision to focus solely on football.

**Today's Catholic:** What words of wisdom would you share with coaches of youth sports, such as CYO?

**Jaylon Smith:** First and foremost, I have never had a concussion in my life and I would credit that to my Metro Youth Sports



Former Notre Dame linebacker Jaylon Smith is pictured during his standout career with the Fighting Irish. He credits his youth sports coaches with keeping him from injury as a young player, and prayer with helping him maintain a positive outlook on life and career.

team, specifically Tom Macon, teaching me how to tackle the right way and play with my head up. Also, instilling the basic fundamentals of football into the youth is a huge key. You can apply those to everything in life and that has helped me greatly. Those basic fundamentals have helped me form my "Clear Eye View". Clear Eye View is having a focused vision, determined

belief and earned dreams. This means that whatever your Clear Eye View is, if you have those three keys, you will achieve your dreams.

**Today's Catholic:** Has your faith played a part in your success?

**Jaylon Smith:** Faith is huge for my success. Because of my belief in God I have been blessed with success during my time

playing football. It is very important to always give thanks to God, and that is just something I have always lived by. Giving Him thanks before, during and after games is a huge priority for me. Without Him, I wouldn't have been blessed with the talents to even play this game at a high level.

**Today's Catholic:** Can you think of a specific example in which you relied on your faith?

**Jaylon Smith:** Throughout my injury I have had to rely heavily on my faith. Throughout my success I have understood that an injury is always a possibility and I have feared that. Now that it has happened, I do not have any more fears because of my faith and trusting him that this injury was just part of His plan for me. I am humbled by the situation and very thankful it has happened because nothing has stopped me from my Clear Eye View.

**Today's Catholic:** How do you practice and rely on your faith or beliefs in your day-to-day life?

**Jaylon Smith:** Consistent prayer drives me every day to put positive words into my conscious and subconscious mind which allows me to flow freely. Giving thanks to God day in and out keeps me on the path to success.

**Today's Catholic:** Do you have any words of encouragement for a CYO youngster wanting to follow in your footsteps?

**Jaylon Smith:** Take it day by day, set goals and methods to achieve them. School is extremely important, and you must take it seriously. I still have a 3.0 GPA at the University of Notre Dame. Without valuing education, it is very hard to succeed in life.

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**Vocation Society plans meeting**

Fort Wayne — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society (formerly the Serra Club) meeting will be Friday, Sept. 9, at St. Joseph Hospital with Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the hospital chapel followed by lunch and speaker, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who will celebrate Mass.

**Day of Reflection**

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent, across from Marian High School, Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Mercy: Grow and Reflect." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Sept. 9 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

**Evening prayer hosted in Geddes Hall for Notre Dame community**

Notre Dame — Vespers will be held once a month during the academic year in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel located in Geddes Hall. Hosted by the Institute for Church Life, the 30-minute evening prayer service begins at 5:15 p.m. and includes liturgical music, Scripture and a brief reflection by members of the university community. The dates for Vespers during the fall semester are Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and Nov. 30.

**Jason Evert to speak on love, lust**

Fort Wayne — Jason Evert will speak to parents and teens about purity and how to determine the difference between love and lust, on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 7-8, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 6 p.m. Wednesday the topic is "Parenting for Purity" and is for parents only. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday students in grades 7 and above, and their parents, can listen to his second topic, "Love or Lust?" At 9 a.m.

Thursday Evert will give a third talk, also titled "Love or Lust?" for students in grades 7 and 8; parents are welcome to attend.

**Little Flower Holy Hour**

Fort Wayne — Pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life on Sept. 6 from 7-8 p.m. at the Mother Theodore Guerin chapel, located at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Father Andrew Budzinski. For information, contact Christine Nix at [cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsb.org) or 260-422-4611.

**Prayer gathering at St. Jude Parish**

South Bend — A monthly prayer gathering is beginning at St. Jude Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd., on the 2nd Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mass on Monday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by light refreshments. For information contact Dave and Jan Torma at 574-291-3381 or Patrick and Carol Miller at 574-273-4429.

**Knights plan fish fry**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 2, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4.

Shrimp or chicken strips available for \$9.50 and cheese pizza for \$1 per slice.

**Craft bazaar seeks vendors**

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Craft Bazaar is now accepting registrations for vendors and crafters for its Nov. 12 event. Crafters may rent tables for \$50 each. Register on the performing arts page at [www.bishopdwenger.com/Performing-Arts](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Performing-Arts). Contact Karen Graham at 419-518-0241 for information.

**Franciscan Fest seeks crafters**

Fort Wayne — Crafters are invited to host a table at Franciscan Fest for \$20 per 8 foot space. Franciscan Fest will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, from 5-7 pm, at St. Andrew's Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. Call 260-739-6882 to reserve your spot.

**Catholic Business Network meeting**

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network will resume Friday, Sept. 9, with Mass in the Guerin Chapel at 7 a.m. followed by fellowship in the Cathedral Center at 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Thomas Didier. Refreshments provided by Oak Street Health. Call Cathy Tauzin at 260-418-0262 for information.

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