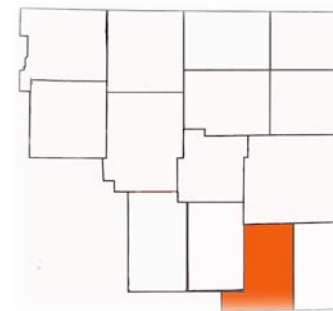


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Canonization of 'Mother' Teresa

St. Teresa of Kolkata will always be 'Mother' Teresa, pope says

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES AND CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With a large tapestry bearing the portrait of the woman known as the "Saint of the Gutters" suspended above him, Pope Francis proclaimed the sainthood of Mother Teresa of Kolkata, hailing her courage and love for the poor.

Despite the formality of the occasion, "her sanctity is so close to us, so tender and fruitful, that spontaneously we will continue to call her 'Mother Teresa,'" Pope Francis said to applause at the canonization Mass Sept. 4.

"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded," the pope said in his homily during the Mass in St. Peter's Square.

An estimated 120,000 people packed the square, many holding umbrellas or waving fans to keep cool under the sweltering heat of the Roman sun. However, upon hearing Pope Francis "declare and define Blessed Teresa of Kolkata to be a saint," the crowds could not contain their joy, breaking



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Missionaries of Charity nuns attend an audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 3. The audience was for people engaged in the works of mercy and for pilgrims in town for the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata.

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Pastor of Culver flock passes away from cancer

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in Culver — usually a quiet time around the parish of St. Mary of the Lake — dozens of people gathered, during the first few hours of visitation, to remember the life of pastor Father Jeffery Largent, who passed away on Sept. 8.

"He was a true priest," stated longtime parishioner and friend Judy Deery. "His vocation was the main thing in his life, and his first priority was the Mass. He loved saying it, and you knew it."

Father Largent, pastor of the parish, passed away at his Culver home after his second battle with



FATHER JEFFERY LARGENT

cancer. He died peacefully, surrounded by his close friends.

Present at his passing was Joan Lupa, a parishioner of St. Monica's in Mishawaka, who went to high school with Father Largent. She remembers reconnecting with him when he was assigned to her family's parish.

"I remembered his sense of humor from high school and didn't know that he had become a priest. But right from the beginning, when our son's illness overwhelmed our family, he was always there for us, helping us through so many trials and tribulations. It was amazing. He was such a generous person."

Lupa's husband, Jerry, agreed. "He was a very, very good friend to our family. I remember how he

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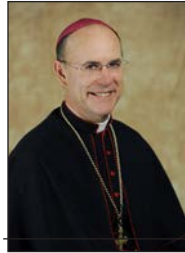
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The aims of a truly Catholic university



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily given by Bishop Rhoades at the University of Saint Francis on August 31, 2016:

It is joy every year to celebrate this opening Mass of the academic year here at the University of Saint Francis. It is good to pray with you this morning and to ask the Lord to bless you and your studies and all your endeavors in this upcoming year.

I imagine most of you attend Saint Francis to prepare yourselves for a chosen field of future employment, to be educated for your future careers. Some of you are probably not sure yet what career path to follow. Perhaps you are taking a variety of courses to see what interests you the most. I hope all of you, though, are pursuing studies with an even higher aim, the aim of an education at a Catholic university. That aim is truth, truth in all its many aspects: the truth about the world and nature, the truth about the human person, and ultimately, the truth about God.

The mission of a Catholic university is not only to impart useful knowledge, not only to teach data, facts, and other information, but to pursue truth and all aspects of truth in their essential connection with the supreme Truth, who is God.

Catholic universities, born from the heart of the Church, have an expansive view of human reason, not one that is limited to certain scientific or mathematical truths or to the material world, but a reason that is open to transcendence, a reason open to the deeper realities of the human experience, like love, a reason that is open to God.

We pursue truth on the wings of both faith and reason. Not faith alone and not reason alone. We firmly uphold the compatibility of faith and reason. Against fideism (faith alone), the Catholic Church defends the power of reason and its ability to attain the truth. Against rationalism (reason alone), the Church believes that faith transforms reason and imbues it with the power to contemplate the highest truths.

Faith enriches the intellectual pursuits of the university. Our faith stirs our reason to move beyond the empirical and to take the risk to seek the true, the good, and the beautiful. Faith broadens the horizons of reason and enables it to be open to a reality beyond itself, and to the eternal and ultimate truth, Creative Reason itself. Ours is a religion of the Logos, the Word, not an impersonal Word, but the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, the One who brings the ultimate and definitive answer to the question of human meaning. He is the human face of God, namely, Jesus of Nazareth. "The truth of Christ, since it affects every person in search of joy, happiness, and meaning, far exceeds any other truth that reason can discover..." (Pope Benedict XVI).

A Catholic university teaches beauty and recognizes that "the infinite beauty of God shines on the face of Christ" (Pope Benedict XVI). A Catholic university teaches goodness and virtue and recognizes that God's good-



Jodi Marlin

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the University of Saint Francis' new downtown campus on Aug. 16.

ness shines on the face of the One who suffered and died for us, the face that shows us that good triumphs over evil.

A Catholic university is open to mysteries that surpass, but do not contradict, reason. I think that education can be sterile and unfulfilling if it is not open to mystery, not open to pursue the ultimate questions, and the longings of the human heart. I invite you to take advantage of your Catholic education here at the University of Saint Francis to go deeper. I pray that you will have a real passion for the truth and for beauty and for goodness.

I encourage you to consider more deeply your vocation as human beings created in God's image and likeness. What is that vocation? It's the vocation to love, to find yourself through the sincere gift of self. I pray that while here at the University of Saint Francis, you will learn to live this vocation and that you will grow in intelligence of the heart as well as the mind!

Learning to live a life of virtue, a good and moral life, is part of the enterprise of Catholic education. A truly Catholic university recognizes that every student has not only a mind, but a soul. An authentic Catholic university seeks to inculcate a spirit of service in its students and obedience to the Lord's command in today's Gospel: "love one another as I love you."

This coming Sunday, Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized a saint. What a great day of celebration that will be for the entire Church. It is very appropriate that Mother Teresa is being canonized during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. 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. 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.

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. Then they carried that mercy and love to others. Mother Teresa carried God's love to people who were unwanted, unloved, lonely, forgotten, and abandoned. She teaches all of us about our vocation to love. She teaches us, as Pope Francis exhorts us, to "go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God." This is a lesson that is part of an education at a Catholic university. I pray that your education here at the University of Saint Francis will be an education of the heart as well as the mind, an education in virtue, and an education in love. That's what we learn at this altar today, at the school of the Eucharist, that "no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Here at this altar, the sacrifice of Christ becomes present for us in mystery, in the sacrament of His Body broken for us and His blood poured out for us. The Eucharist is the sacrament of charity. Here we learn, celebrate, and receive Christ's gift of Himself to us, the gift of love that strengthened Mother Teresa for her amazing life of loving service of the poor, the gift of love that strengthens us to live good and holy lives. The education we receive here at the Eucharist is the most important lesson you can learn at the University of Saint Francis, because if it's learned, the reward is more than a diploma, it's a crown of glory in heaven!

Day of prayer aims to begin restoring peace to U.S. communities

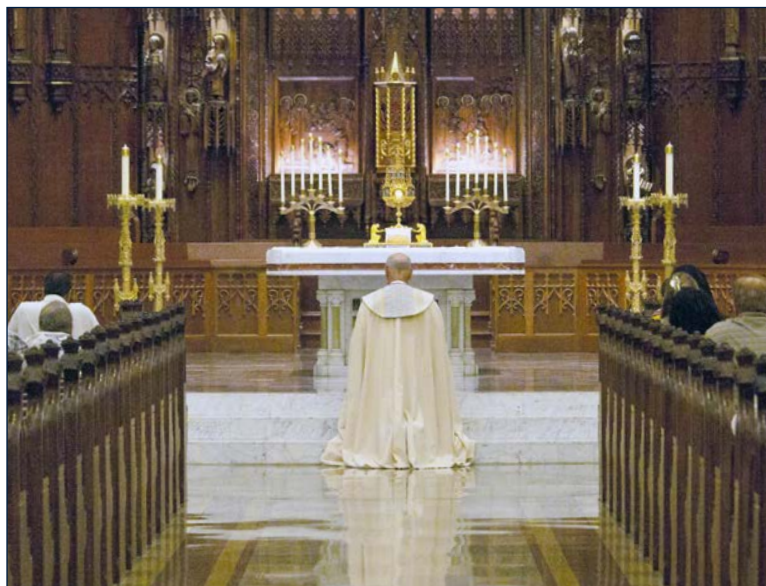
WASHINGTON — Prayers for peace at Catholic schools and parishes around the country Sept. 9 were meant to “build relationships and plant seeds in people’s minds and hearts” said Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, La. He said the nationwide celebration of a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities should “raise awareness” of violence and racism within communities and empower people to do the work needed to restore racial harmony.

“We always begin with prayer, which prompts us to action,” said the bishop in a Sept. 8 telephone news conference. Bishop Fabre is a member of the new task force, chaired by Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, that supports the bishops in marking the day of prayer and in other efforts to promote peace and healing.

Named the USCCB Task Force to Promote Peace in Our Communities, the group will finish its work with a report on its activities and recommendations for future efforts at the November General Assembly of U.S. bishops.

University of Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns organized ND students, faculty, administrators, police, clergy, staff and alumni as participants lit candles and prayed by name for 24 citizens and police who lost their lives to violence. The marchers prayed for peace and racial justice at Geddes Hall, as well as at statues of the Sacred Heart and Father Sorin.

National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities brings out the faithful



Jerry Kessens

A prayer vigil for the National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities was held Friday, Sept. 9, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.



Provided by Deacon Mel Tardy

said God’s will is explained in the words of the prophets: “I want mercy, not sacrifice.”

“God is pleased by every act of mercy because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see,” he said. “Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help and we visit the Son of God.”

Like Mother Teresa, he said, Christians are called not simply to perform acts of charity, but to live charity as a vocation and “to grow each day in love.”

“Wherever someone is reaching out, asking for a helping hand in order to get up, this is where our presence — and the presence of the church which sustains and offers hope — must be,” the pope said.

As she made her way through the tight security and past several closed streets to St. Peter’s Square, Maria Demuru said, “I couldn’t miss this. Even if there’s no place left for me to sit.”

The small Italian woman said, “Mother Teresa is a sign of the times. In her smallness, she revealed the calling we all have. She said we are all saints by our baptism and we must recover our original holiness. She lived

in humility and simplicity like the poor of the earth and was never ashamed of that.”

President Barack Obama sent a delegation led by Lisa Monaco, his assistant for homeland security and counterterrorism. The U.S. delegation also included Ken Hackett, ambassador to the Holy See; Carolyn Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services; and Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA.

The first reading at the Mass was read by Jim Towey, who served as Mother Teresa’s legal counsel in the United States and Canada from 1985 to 1997, and as director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, 2002-06.

After the Mass, 250 Missionaries of Charity Sisters and 50 Missionaries of Charity brothers served pizza to about 1,500 poor people who had come to the Mass from shelters, dormitories and soup kitchens the order runs throughout Italy.

Pope Francis, through the office of the papal almoner, funded the lunch, which was prepared by a team of 20 pizza makers, who brought three ovens with them from Naples and cooked behind the Vatican audience hall.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, September 18: 11 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Monday, September 19: 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, September 20: 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn Express, Warsaw

Tuesday, September 20: 5:30 p.m. — Mass with Blessing of new Chapel, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, September 21: 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Thursday, September 22: 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic Schools Mission Day, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne

Thursday, September 22: 6 p.m. — “A Place At Our Table” Event for Vincent Village, Parkview Field concourse, Fort Wayne

Friday, September 23: 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic Schools Mission Day, Marian High School, Mishawaka

Saturday, September 24: 4 p.m. — White Mass and Dinner with Catholic Medical Guild, North Auditorium, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne



Priest assignments

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

Reverend Thomas Shoemaker, from Pastor of Saint Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend, to Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, effective September 27, 2016.

Reverend Terrence Coonan, Jr., from Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, to Pastor of Saint Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend, effective September 27, 2016. Father Coonan continues as Chaplain of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, and as Associate Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Reverend Glenn Kohrman to Pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, effective September 27, 2016. Father Kohrman continues as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend.

Reverend Levi Nkwocha to Administrator of Saint Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver, effective September 10, 2016.

Reverend Derrick Sneyd from Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn, to retirement, effective September 7, 2016.

Reverend Timothy A. Wrozek from Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, to Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn, effective October 3, 2016.

Reverend Evaristo Olivera from Parochial Vicar to Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, effective October 3, 2016.

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out in cheers and thunderous applause before he finished speaking.

The moment was especially sweet for more than 300 Albanians who live in Switzerland, but came to Rome for the canonization. “We are very proud,” said Violet Barisha, a member of the Albanian Catholic Mission in St. Gallen.

Daughter of Divine Charity Sister Valdete, a Kosovar and one of the Albanian group’s chaplains, said, “We are so happy and honored. We are a small people, but have had so many martyrs.”

Born in 1910 to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, Mother Teresa went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Mother Teresa, Sister Valdete said, is a shining example of how “Albanian women are strong and our people are hard-working.”

In his homily, Pope Francis

Special collection announced for victims of flooding in Louisiana

Terrible flooding in Louisiana, the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy, has affected as many as 60,000 homes, with nearly 20,000 people having been rescued from the flood waters.

Along with other dioceses throughout the country, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will take up an emergency collection on the weekend of Sept. 17-18 to assist the victims of the Louisiana floods. This collection will be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

Thank you for your generosity and prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Louisiana.

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

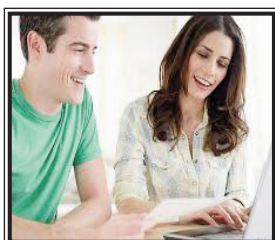
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arranged for the care of a family in our parish after a huge tragedy. It was just another example of his compassion, and speaks volumes as to what he was like as a human being and as a priest."

Father Largent was born Jeffery Alan Largent on June 23, 1957, in South Bend, the first of four children of Arthur A. and Florence J. (McGreevey) Largent. He is survived by his mother, still of South Bend; brother Steve Largent, South Bend; sister Nancy (Chuck) Largent-Campbell, Powell, Ohio; and David (Carol) Largent, Kennesaw, Ga. Seven nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his father.

He attended primary school at St. Anthony de Padua and graduated from John Adams High School in 1975. As young children, his sister remembered how all the siblings would play pretend Mass.

"He would set up a cedar chest with a cloth draped over it like an altar," she fondly recalled. "Jeff would be the priest and would make us come up for communion using candy wafers for hosts. I knew that he was going to be a priest."

After completing college course studies at IUSB, he entered St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also studied at North American College in Rome, Italy, and was an altar server for then-Pope John Paul II. He was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 4, 1984, at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, by then-Bishop William McManus. During his priesthood, Father Largent also served the diocese as a principal and teacher of theology.

In his 32 years as a priest,

Father Largent served several parishes throughout the diocese: St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; St. Mary, Decatur; St. Andrew/St. Hyacinth, Fort Wayne; St. Patrick, Fort Wayne; St. Rose, Monroeville; St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart; St. Monica, Mishawaka; St. Therese, Little Flower, South Bend; and for over 12 nonconsecutive years, St. Mary of the Lake, Culver. He also served as chaplain of the Indiana State Police and Culver Military Academy.

Long-time friend Colleen Comiskey and her husband, Kurt, first met Father Largent when he first came to Culver 24 years ago. She recalled how her wedding was the first one he presided over at the parish. From that point on, Father Largent became close friends with her family, making a large impact on her children.

"He was always very disciplined. If you were ever to meet my children, you would notice that they have certain qualities because of what he taught them: respect, kindness and always to follow the Commandments," she stated. "He brought out the best in them." She also recalled how Father Largent would involve the youth at the parish during the Children's Mass at Christmas and Easter, bringing them up around the altar and sitting to talk to them for the homily.

Father Largent enjoyed cooking and entertaining for friends, parishioners at his parishes and the state police. He was an avid dog lover and adopted three Airedales, who are now deceased. He had just recently adopted a Welsh Terrier.

But greater than his passion for his hobbies was Father Largent's passion for bringing the sacraments to his flock. More than one story was told on Sept. 11 about how he often arrived late to the hospital room to visit one of his parishioners, because he would stop and tend to the

spiritual needs of others along the way.

"He had only a few words for his homilies; maybe they were five minutes long, but they were so well-thought out that his message was something that you would think about for the rest of the week," Comiskey mentioned. She also recalled how, even in his last days, Father Largent wanted so badly to say Mass. The weekend before he went into this hospital he was able to be present up on the altar for the last Mass at his parish. Despite his weakened state, Father Largent was able to perform his last baptism, at the hospital, only four days before he died.

His dry sense of humor and ability to befriend any stranger that came across his path allowed Father Largent to leave a legacy of compassion and caring for others. He was often able to bring people to Mass who were not Catholic, and to persuade different Christian denominations to work together for the needy in the local community.

Deery commented: "There have to be so many people out there who were touched by his life. When you say, 'what would Jesus do?' Well, Father Largent went out and did it."

"He was a great priest and a great friend," added Comiskey. "He was loyal to his family, his faith and quietly showed generosity and kindness wherever he went."

Visitation and a prayer service for Father Largent took place on Sunday, Sept. 11 at St. Mary of the Lake parish. Visitation continued and a rosary took place on Monday, Sept. 12. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on Sept. 13 at Culver Military Academy Chapel. Father Largent was buried in Culver Washington Cemetery.

New ministry announced:**Miriam's Blessing**

On Thursday, Sept. 14, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Diocese announced the formation of a brand new ministry called Miriam's Blessing. This ministry, which is a partnership between the Office of Family Life and the Office of Evangelization, is a ministry for parents who receive a poor prenatal diagnosis.

Many times in a case of a poor prenatal diagnosis, there can be a huge pressure to abort. Miriam's Blessing pairs these parents with volunteer couples who chose to carry their baby to full term, for individualized support and answers to questions along the way. Volunteer couples provide encouragement to the expecting parents as they begin to think about a birth plan and care for the child at risk.

The compassionate ministry of Miriam's Blessing seeks to accompany parents and let them know that they are not alone. Regardless of a poor prenatal diagnosis, each baby brings something special to their family — they are a blessing and a gift.

For more information on Miriam's Blessing, please visit www.diocesefwsb.org/family.



Living the Year of Mercy

Clothe the Naked

Women's Care Centers support expectant mothers, give hope for the future

BY DEB WAGNER

The Women's Care Center was established in 1984 to support women with unexpected pregnancies who wanted to explore their options and become better mothers. The hope is that women will choose to give life to their babies, and that mission has remained the same all of these years.

Women's Care Centers are in eight states. Eleven of the 25 are right here in this diocese. There are three in both Fort Wayne and South Bend, and others in smaller cities such as Auburn, Plymouth, Mishawaka and Elkhart, to name a few.

The services provided at each of the locations is the same. Women's Care Centers are probably best known for their free pregnancy testing and limited ultrasound services. The purpose of the limited ultrasound, which is often performed by nurses and other trained volunteers, is to show the mother that a baby lives within her. Once the mother hears the beating heart of the baby, she almost always opts to continue with the pregnancy.

Other services provided by Women's Care Centers include birth preparation classes, which encompass not only the birth preparation, but labor and delivery, care for the newborn and breastfeeding as well. Clients might be directed to programs like Super Shot Inc., or referred to social service agencies such as Women, Infants and Children, Education Creates Hope and Opportunities, Healthier Moms and Babies, Healthy Families programs, education and training opportunities, job fairs, medical car or insurance coverage. The moms can ask for help from a Women's Care Center at any time during the child's life.

Anne Koehl has been the



Provided by the Women's Care Center

Dee Dee Dahm is a charter member of the Christ Child Society and a long-time board member and volunteer of the Women's Care Center. She also helps manage the organization's new Crib Club in Fort Wayne, where she is pictured.

director of the first Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne since 2003. She said that pregnant women are really encouraged to make a commitment to the services and programs provided.

Each Women's Care Center has a Crib Club. Crib Clubs give incentive to mothers to earn coupons for clothing, diapers, baby-related toiletries, sleepers, and blankets by doing positive things for her child. The three locations in Fort Wayne have partnered with the Christ Child Festival to stock the Crib Club rooms from onesies to size 4. Koehl remarked, "The Fort Wayne Women's Care Center is most grateful to the members of the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne for partnering with us to provide for our moms and babies through our three Crib Clubs."

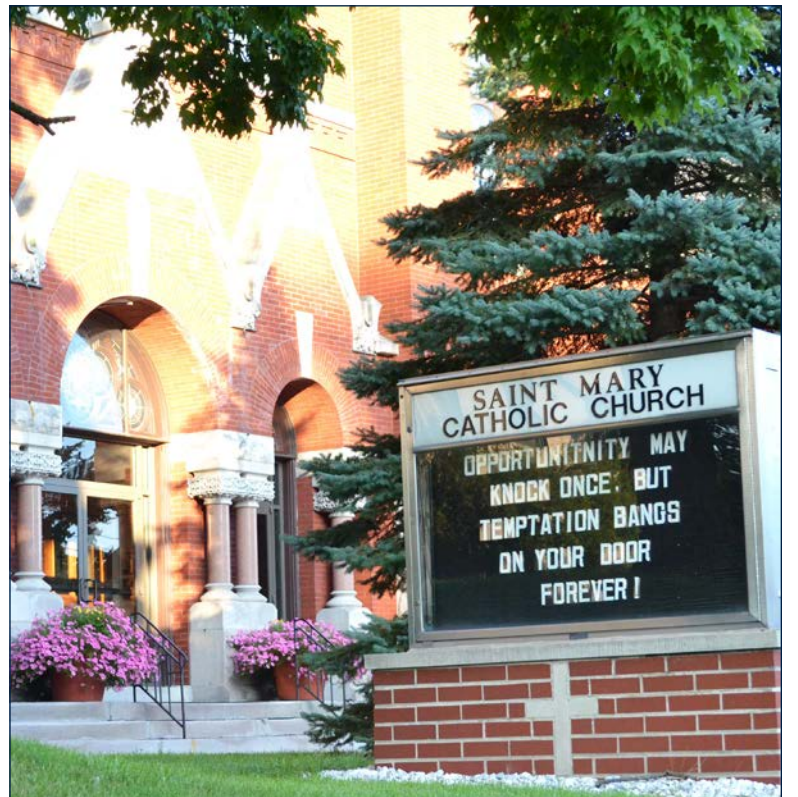
Since Jan. 1, Women's Care Centers have distributed 89,737 diapers, from newborn to pull-ups, and 8,000 outfits to mostly

20- to 24-year old women who are underserved and often looking for insurance, according to Koehl. She also reports that they have 841 babies on the way and have served 1,800 women through 8,000 visits in the last eight months.

The perfect success story for a Women's Care Center is where a pregnant woman who is anxious and scared, maybe even conflicted and is contemplating having an abortion, is redirected to various social service agencies, finds a solution for her situation, has a baby nine months later and returns for post-delivery assistance.

Women's Care Centers accept donations of diapers, baby outfits, maternity clothes, gently used or new children's books, and money for those who wish to be a part of the solution for a young mother in need. Showers in people's homes and diaper drives have also been organized.

Open Door ministry feeds the hungry



Rachel Batdorff

Each Saturday night and Sunday morning, volunteers prepare food in the St. Mary Catholic School kitchen in Huntington.

BY RACHEL BATDORFF

Simple meals delivered on Sundays — that's the basic idea behind an outreach project at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington. The meal preparation and delivery program, known as Open Door, delivers free meals once a week to anyone in the county who may benefit from the service.

"We serve meals to people in Huntington — no questions asked," Mike Bracht, an Open Door volunteer, said. "Those in need call a number, leave their address in a message and we deliver."

Approximately 450 individuals benefit from the service each week, including those recovering from illness, and the elderly, financially stressed, bereaved, unemployed and handicapped. Most people hear of the service via word of mouth.

"After individuals call in with their address, I add them to a route," Bracht said. "The routes are put in geographical order and the list goes out to the volunteer drivers Wednesday or Thursday each week."

Those volunteers come from a wide array of backgrounds, including Huntington University students and those desiring to complete community service hours. Bracht, who has been involved with the ministry for several years and comes from a computer background, develops routes each week. The Open Door ministry is completely funded by donations.

The ministry was started by the St. Mary and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic churches in the city. Each Saturday night and early Sunday morning, volunteers prepare food in the St. Mary's school's kitchen. Every Sunday, from 9:30 a.m.-noon, 19 drivers deliver it to those in need.

The meals are simple, consisting of a soup or sandwich, side dish, and dessert.

"Some individuals have received meals for 10 years," Bracht said; "others, just for a couple months."

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Priests for Life launch nine-week Election Novena

NEW YORK — Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, announced a nine-week novena that focuses on the 2016 elections.

"For nine weeks before Election Day" Father Pavone said, "Priests for Life calls upon believers to participate in an Election Novena. In this prayer campaign, we pray that we will choose wisely and that God's people may not vote simply according to party loyalty or self interest, but rather, according to principle and the Word of God."

The novena prayer can be found at www.ElectionPrayer.com. The prayer is both nonpartisan and nondenominational.

Archbishop Kurtz encourages NCCW members to show, welcome mercy

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — St. Teresa of Kolkata's life of mercy serves as an example of responding to people in need anywhere at any time, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops told the closing Mass of the annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., recalled an encounter with the Albanian-born saint in 1976 when he heard a speech by the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. At the end of it, a man sitting in the front row of her audience told St. Teresa that he wanted to return to Kolkata to work with her. "I'll never forget what she said in reply, Archbishop Kurtz said. "Sir, the person that Christ wants you to serve is already at your doorstep.' I think she was talking, first of all about the way we treat our family. Right? Sometimes, it's easy to forget that Christ has put at our doorstep certain people in our life to serve. That is the gift that St. Teresa of Kolkata talked about," the archbishop said. The convention met Sept. 7-10 and focused on the theme "Catholic Women: Instruments of Mercy."

God specializes in second chances, NCCW convention hears

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — At an early age, Judy Hehr suffered sexual abuse. As a senior in high school, she lost her mother, without warning, to a heart attack. She spiraled into drug and alcohol addiction, battled an eating disorder, "broke every commandment" and contemplated suicide. But on Sept. 9, the Wisconsin mother of four and radio host electrified an audience of hundreds with her personal witness to God's abounding mercy during a presentation at the 96th annual convention of the National

Parishioners pray for peace in Detroit



CNS photo/Dan Meloy, The Michigan Catholic

Parishioners from several Detroit parishes gather Aug. 25 to pray for peace, an effort organized by the Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Black Catholic Ministries.

Council of Catholic Women. She said she wanted listeners to know that God specializes in second chances. "God has given me a new heart, and he has turned my mess into a message," said Hehr, who now travels the country as a motivational speaker. Born Catholic, Hehr said her family never missed Mass on Sundays or holy days when she was growing up. But she felt there was something missing. "I had religion. ... I had rules. ... I had tons of regulations. But I did not have a relationship with Jesus," she said during an impassioned talk. She admitted it was "difficult to see God" as she endured abuse by those she should have been able to trust. "As I continued to grow, I was starving to be known and to know, starving to love and be loved."

Pope praises bishops' guidelines on helping divorced, remarried couples

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis thanked a group of bishops in Argentina for providing their priests with concrete guidelines for implementing the section of his apostolic exhortation on the family about circumstances in which divorced and civilly remarried couples might eventually be allowed to receive Communion. The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*,

published an article Sept. 12 confirming that Pope Francis wrote to the bishops of the Buenos Aires pastoral region thanking them for their document on criteria for applying what the pope wrote in Chapter VIII of "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"). The chapter, titled "Accompanying, discerning and integrating weakness," is focused on the pastoral care of couples who are living together without being married or who have divorced and remarried without getting an annulment. In offering their priests guidance for applying the teaching in the pope's document to the situation of couples in their care, the bishops insisted it is not proper to speak of "permission to receive the sacraments" when it is, in fact, an invitation to "a process of discernment accompanied by a priest."

Countries bordering Nigeria help those displaced by Boko Haram

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — When aid worker El-hedji Gombe Abba was growing up, very little happened on the road that runs through Niger's Diffa region into the city, but nowadays people fleeing Boko Haram violence form a seemingly endless line along it. "This is a new and terrible way of life," Abba told Catholic News Service in a Sept. 8 telephone interview from Diffa, the regional capital of a territory of

600,000 people situated close to Niger's border with Nigeria. Abba, who is in his mid-30s, works for a nongovernmental organization called Demi-E, which partners with Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international aid and development agency, in helping local and displaced people in the region. Michael Stulman, CRS regional information officer for West and Central Africa, told CNS in a Sept. 7 telephone interview from Diffa that the agency has prioritized helping those affected by Boko Haram violence. More than 20,000 people have been killed in attacks by Nigeria-based Boko Haram, and some 2.6 million people have been forced to flee their homes. The conflict that began seven years ago in Nigeria has spilled into Niger, Chad and Cameroon, all of which have joined Nigeria in fighting the Muslim militant group. Abba said people making their way to Diffa set up temporary shelters at the side of the road, "where it is safer than many other places."

Minnesota woman lit candle daily for 27 years for missing boy

ALBANY, Minn. (CNS) — Agnes Imdieke awakened the morning of Sept. 3 in her apartment on the outskirts of Albany and got ready for the day. As she did every day, she lit a candle and said a prayer for the safe return of Jacob Wetterling. It's a ritual

she set aside time for each morning for the past 27 years since the 11-year-old boy was abducted from a rural area near his hometown of St. Joseph Oct. 22, 1989. Later that day, Agnes learned that Jacob's remains had been found in a remote area near Paynesville. Danny Heinrich confessed to his kidnapping and murder during a hearing Sept. 6 in a Minneapolis courtroom, having earlier led authorities to the boy's body. Now, Imdieke's prayers have a different focus: bittersweet gratitude that Jacob was finally found and returned to his family, and for healing for everyone touched by his death, especially his mother, Patty Wetterling. Her commitment to pray for Jacob gained strength thanks to her late mother, Fredericka. On Oct. 21, 1990, Agnes and her sister, Benedictine Sister Alice Imdieke, were talking with their mother, whose health was failing at the time. They asked her if there was anything she would wish or hoped for. She told them she hoped that Jacob would be found and returned to his family. Fredericka died the next day — on the first anniversary of Jacob's abduction.

Writer-director sees himself in two characters in new film

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Early in the morning after the Hollywood premiere of his new film, "The Vessel," Cuban-American Catholic writer-director Julio Quintana said its two main characters are based on himself. First, there's Father Douglas, played by Martin Sheen. The priest represents Quintana's time at the University of Texas, where he switched his major from engineering to religious studies to better do theological battle with the Protestant students living in his dormitory. "I set upon the naive attempt of proving my faith through history," he said. "I'm studying Islam, Judaism and Christianity. I'm studying ancient Greek and reading all these historical documents. His takeaway from all that study: "You can't really prove any of these religions wrong, but you can't prove any of them right, either." Quintana said he grew depressed by the fact that "I couldn't prove my faith academically, and I really wasn't sure what to make of that. It really took a while to come to grips with the fact that why won't God let me prove what I know?" Thus, he added, "Father Douglas is me in a lot of ways, my young student self, trying to categorize and prove and make everything academic." Then there's Leo — portrayed by Quintana's brother, Lucas — who builds the boat that is the movie's title, but could also be seen as a vessel of sorts himself. "Leo is more me now, which is a young guy who doesn't know but feels. The movie is my boat. I didn't know why I was making it when I started it. I felt I had to do it for my own spiritual journey, and how it's a source of healing," Julio told Catholic News Service.

Center for Spirituality announces fall lecture series

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College has announced the fall Endowed Lecture Series, titled "Faith, Hope, and Dialogue in Public Life." Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center — "Faithful Citizenship and the Message of Pope Francis: Directions and Dangers for American Catholics," by John Carr, director, Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, Georgetown University

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center — "Can We Talk?: Catholics, Politics, and the Search for Common Ground," by Julie Hanlon Rubio, PhD, professor of Christian ethics, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University

Every year, CFS invites world-renowned scholars to Saint Mary's College to share their wisdom on contemporary religious issues and to address broader issues of how faith and reason interact. The Saint Mary's College Annual Endowed Lecture Series Fund sponsors the lectures. For more information on CFS and the lectures, call 574-284-4636.

Immaculate Conception presents Divine Mercy series

AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., will offer adult religious education sessions during the fall semester, with the theme "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told." This topic is especially appropriate as the Church continues to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Each session will be from 9-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Dates began Sept. 11 and will continue through Dec. 11, with various topics that develop variations relating to the theme of Divine Mercy. Visit iccauburn.com for more information.

USF Jesters director invited to speak in Pittsburgh

FORT WAYNE — Allison Ballard, director of the University of Saint Francis Jesters program, recently spoke as part of the Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability Conference in Pittsburgh, Penn.

The Jesters program was selected for a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts that will fund an initiative to allow people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to work alongside professional arts instructors as part of the Jesters program. This commitment to creating a solid infrastructure within the program

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Not rocket science — balloon science



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As part of a class project, on Aug. 23 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton first graders in Fort Wayne were each given a pink balloon with a note attached. At a given moment, they released the balloons into the sky and a drone tracked the movement of the released balloons. The activity was designed to investigate how far they would travel; people who found the balloons were asked to contact teachers and let them know where the balloon landed. The students tracked the directional and distance data on a map and will compile a book about the balloons' journeys.

is one reason why Ballard was invited to the LEAD conference. According to NEA spokesperson Lauren Tuzzolino, Jesters is a "model arts program that focuses on people with disabilities." She has been highlighting the program to state arts agencies "so others could be more informed and inspired by the great work that is possible."

Sponsored by the University of Saint Francis since its founding in 1978, Jesters is a performing group composed of individuals with mild to severe developmental or physical disabilities ranging in age from 6 to adult.

Life Lunches series encourages conversation on life issues

NOTRE DAME — A series of three Life Lunches will be held during the fall semester to bring together students, faculty and staff to discuss human dignity topics led by theology, political science and law professors. Hosted by the Institute for Church Life, the lunchtime seminars provide an opportunity to discuss life issues

in an informal setting.

The Life Lunch remaining dates during the fall semester are Oct. 10 — Political Science Professor Phillip Munoz, "Slavery and Abortion: The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and Human Dignity" and Nov. 15 — Law School Professor Paolo Carozza, "International Development, Maternal Mortality and Abortion."

Lunch begins at noon in 300 Geddes Hall. Lunch is provided and limited to 20 people. Registration is required.

For more information visit www.icl.nd.edu/events.

New leadership at Our Sunday Visitor

HUNTINGTON — Our Sunday Visitor has expanded its leadership team to serve the changing needs of Catholics and Catholic organizations.

Greg Willits was named editorial director as of June 22. As editorial director, Willits oversees the quality, design and reach of OSV's published content.

He was most recently the executive director for the

Archdiocese of Denver's Office of Evangelization and Family Life Ministries. Prior to that, he hosted a daily, three-hour radio talk show on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel, called the "Catholics Next Door," with his wife, Jennifer.

Willits was one of the earliest adopters and most dedicated proponents of new media for Catholic evangelization in the U.S., through his involvement with Star Quest Production Network and the Catholic New Media Conference. He is also a founder of the Rosary Army apostolate and the author of two published books: "The New Evangelization and You: Be Not Afraid," and "The Catholics Next Door: Adventures in Imperfect Living."

Scot Landry joined OSV as chief mission officer on May 9, taking on responsibility for representing, executing and upholding the mission, identity and values of Our Sunday Visitor with ultimate responsibility for all publishing and editorial initiatives.

Landry has served in leadership for Catholic organizations for the past 10 years. His

background includes operating the Good Catholic Leadership Group, a Catholic consulting and leadership coaching firm; serving as president and executive director of Catholic Voices USA; and before that, serving as cabinet secretary for institutional advancement and then cabinet secretary for Catholic media in the Archdiocese of Boston. He is the author of "Transforming Parish Communications: Growing the Church through New Media."

Joe Wikert started his role as president of publishing on Jan. 4. He focuses on transforming the format and distribution of published content to serve the needs of Catholics. He is an active blogger on Digital Content strategies, offering ideas and recommendations for the creation and distribution of rich content.

Before joining OSV, Wikert was the director of strategy and business development at Olive Software, the leading digital reading platform for the most widely read newspapers and periodicals in the U.S. Prior to Olive Software, he was general manager, publisher and chairman of the Tools of Change conference at O'Reilly Media Inc. He managed each of the editorial groups at O'Reilly, as well as the Microsoft Press team and the retail sales organization. Before joining O'Reilly, he was vice president and executive publisher at John Wiley & Sons Inc., in their professional and trade division. During his tenure at Wiley he oversaw the acquisition of the WROX and Sybex publishing groups.

Kyle Hamilton was named chief executive officer of Our Sunday Visitor in August, 2015. He has been with Our Sunday Visitor for 30 years, starting as an industrial engineer for Noll Printing Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of OSV. For the past 13 years, while serving as president and general manager of the Offertory Solutions division, he led the acquisition of six companies that significantly increased OSV's market reach with parish offering envelopes and fund raising services for parishes and dioceses. In addition, these investments diversified OSV with technology services for parishes and dioceses in the areas of online giving and website and mobile app content management platforms.

The OSV Senior Executive Leadership Team also includes:

Linda Teeters, vice-president of finance and treasurer, 12 years at OSV; Terry Poplava, executive director of marketing and sales, nine years at OSV; Tim Shoup, executive director of manufacturing, 13 years at OSV; Frank Thomas, executive director of information technology, three years at OSV; Tina Burnau, director of customer satisfaction, 19 years at OSV; and Cheryl Moore, director of human resources, four years at OSV.

Klopfers era comes to a close

BY FREDERICK EVERETT

With the suspension of Dr. Ulrich Klopfers medical license in the early hours of the morning of Aug. 26, three decades of killing tens of thousands of unborn children at clinics in Fort Wayne and South Bend came to a resounding end. After more than 15 hours of deliberation, the state medical licensing board found Klopfers guilty of five charges made by the Indiana Attorney General's office. Among these were the failure to report abortions performed on children under the age of 14; failure to give informed consent at least 18 hours prior to an abortion procedure; and failure to meet professional competency standards.

In particular, according to Niki Kelly of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, many of the board members were particularly struck by Klopfers nonchalant attitude regarding the case of a 10-year-old girl who had been raped by her uncle. The doctor failed to notify the police even after learning that the parents were going to keep the matter secret. One board member stated that what bothered her most was Klopfers striking lack of medical judgment and competence.

In truth, none of this would ever have come to light were it not for the prayers and efforts of numerous pro-life individuals and organizations working within the diocese. For example, many cases in which surgical or chemical abortions were being performed without the state-required counseling, informed consent and waiting periods would not have come to light were it not for sidewalk counselors or counselors at the Women's Care Center who actually interacted with the women seeking or procuring the abortions.

For years, both Allen County Right to Life and St. Joseph County Right to Life would notify the Indiana State Department of Health and the Attorney General's office with allegations of impropriety and illegality with seemingly little result. Then, in 2013, Indiana Right to Life founded the Enforcement and Regulatory Oversight Committee, headed by Cathie Humbarger of ACRTL, which unified the efforts of the right-to-life organizations where Klopfers performed abortions. Together, they filed over 1,800 complaints.

Even then, movement by state agencies was slow but showing increasing promise. With new leadership in state government, Jeanette Burdell of SJCRTL began to see a difference.

"Here is where God's timing is evident. In 2013, someone listened. Thanks to the foundation laid by Indiana Right to Life in helping elect good pro-life candidates like Gov. Pence and Attorney General Zoeller, govern-



Photos by Stephanie A. Patka

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades expressed his gratitude for the work of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy during a Sept. 4 prayer service. "I thank God for the closing of the abortion clinic in South Bend. We can never underestimate the power of prayer, especially the Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I am very grateful to all of you who have spent, and continue to spend, time in prayer in the Divine Mercy Chapel for the cause of life." At the conclusion of his homily, Bishop Rhoades surprised the apostolate by entrusting it to the care and intercession of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Bishop stated: "The work you do is a work of charity and mercy. I pray that St. Teresa will inspire you to serve Jesus in the poor and vulnerable, including the most vulnerable in our society, the innocent unborn."



Over 200 volunteers, supporters and families attended a Sept. 4 celebration and prayer service with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the Apostolate of Divine Mercy. Attendees were encouraged to get involved in helping to save lives, assist families and create a culture of life. Opportunities for prayer at The Life Center include Mass every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m. during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Adoration is every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-7 p.m.

ment officials started enforcing the laws. The evidence and complaints were only as valuable as the authorities who would act on them. Because of the politicization of abortion, it is nearly impossible to close abortion facilities, and even harder for an abortionist to lose his medical license. As an answer to prayers by the many fervent prayer warriors, all these activities and parties aligned at the same time. The process that began in

motion in 2013 took persistence and patience as the legal process played out."

In 2014, Shawn Sullivan of The Life Center in South Bend also became involved in the legal process against Klopfers:

"Prior to Black Friday of 2014, TLC and their advocates were not part of any legal proceedings related to Dr. Klopfers. Instead, TLC's activities focused on reaching out to mothers as they entered the abortion clinic and

Apostolate of Divine Mercy celebrates four years of combating culture of death

For millions gathered in Rome, the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a day of celebration for the life-changing, yet simple acts of mercy from one Missionary of Charities nun. For more than 200 people in South Bend, that same day, Sept. 4, was also a day of celebration for the fourth year of service by the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in service of life, marriage and family. The apostolate seeks to replace the culture of death with a civilization of love, by making visible the Divine Mercy of Jesus through public witness, worship, service and education; and to promote marriage and family through prayer and evangelization initiatives.

Director Shawn Sullivan welcomed the crowd to the prayer service and celebration by stating that it was quite providential that the birthday of the apostolate and the canonization of now-St. Teresa of Calcutta fell on the same day, because she was the model that the apostolate sought to emulate.

"Mother Teresa had a fervent focus on silence and prayer. That's where we started," he said. Volunteers for the apostolate spend time in Eucharistic Adoration at the chapel located at The Life Center, which houses the apostolate's activities and ministries.

Sullivan continued: "If you sit with Jesus, desiring to be transformed, you are going to be transformed. That's what renders you ready to serve like Him, and that's where The Life Center and the apostolate have visible fruits. We were willing to go to the streets and witness that Divine Mercy to the mothers and other entering the abortion clinic. We didn't judge anyone: As Mother Teresa said, 'If you are busy judging someone, you don't have time to love them.'"

The Apostolate of Divine Mercy is seeking volunteers for over a dozen ministries and prayer opportunities. More information can be found at www.DivineMercyForLife.net or by calling 574-286-7860.

offering them legal, financial, or medical assistance, adoption, and even protection and immediate housing if they were being forced to have their abortion. TLC considered itself the emergency room of the crisis pregnancy business.

"The five-to-10 second spiel of the TLC advocates to mothers entering the Women's Pavilion was the last opportunity to convert a mother from her decision to go forward with her abortion appointment and choose life for her child instead. That all changed, however, on Black Friday, 2014, when a mother, being offered assistance told the TLC advocates that she would like to consider their offer of help but that she had already taken the abortion pill. We all looked at each other stunned. 'Isn't this your first visit, though?' we asked the mother. She said yes, but that Dr. Klopfers had already given her the medical abortion pill."

Upon hearing word that the state medical licensing board had finally suspended Klopfers medical license, Sullivan summed it up by exhaling and saying, "It is finished." Humbarger and Burdell, both of whom were actually at the hearing into the wee hours of the morning, felt a certain satisfaction, but also had a mix of emotions. Writing immediately after the event at 3 a.m., Humbarger shared these thoughts:

"While there is some satisfaction in seeing the career of an abortionist come to an end, it is a very sad tale.

"Abortionist Klopfers told the board members in his testimony today that he and his family

escaped from East Germany when he was a child and they spent some time in a refugee camp. They immigrated to the U.S. and after finishing high school and college he entered medical school and ultimately became an OB-GYN. Almost immediately he began his career as an abortionist and has performed abortions for over 40 years. Best estimates put the total number of abortions he has performed at well over 50,000....

"This is a sad tale of an immigrant with a bright future ending up in the latter years of his life in this way. While I am glad his nefarious deeds have stopped, I cannot rejoice. There is not victory here for the thousands of preborn boys and girls who never had a birthday, or their mothers who are now the mothers of dead babies. There is no victory for a broken old man who has wasted a wonderful career and there is no victory for those of us who have invested our hearts and souls over years bringing him to justice.

"May God receive all the glory for whatever glory there is in this heartbreaking story. Please join me in committing to pray for the eternal salvation of Ulrich Klopfers. 'It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God' (Hebrews 10:13)."

Burdell shared her emotions as well: "I was extremely relieved that this chapter, as it appears in all likelihood, has been closed. I am so incredibly grateful to God that He has answered the prayers of our pro-life communities. And I am encouraged that justice still exists, even though it sometimes takes painstaking labor and patience in bringing it about."

Diocese honors medical vocation through Mass and conference

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Fort Wayne Catholic Medical Guild will host its first Catholic Medical Conference, MedCon2016, at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. The day's events will focus on how to incorporate the Catholic faith with the medical vocation as well as the ethical challenges that Catholic medical professionals face today.

In addition to keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Hilgers, other speakers include Dr. Ashley Fernandes, associate director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at The Ohio State University and an associate professor of pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; as well as Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP, M.D., the first nun to graduate from Vanderbilt University and a physician at Saint Thomas Medical Partners — The Holy Family Healthcare in Nashville, Tenn.

Sister Dreger believes that this conference will be a dynamic and informative event.

"Many times Catholic healthcare conferences tend to focus on the obvious Catholic concerns. Typically that would be abortion and euthanasia, and related issues," she said. "But this conference is different as it starts with the basic principles underlying Catholic healthcare. This will give the participants a great opportunity to think about the persons involved in healthcare, namely the patient and the physician and their relationship."

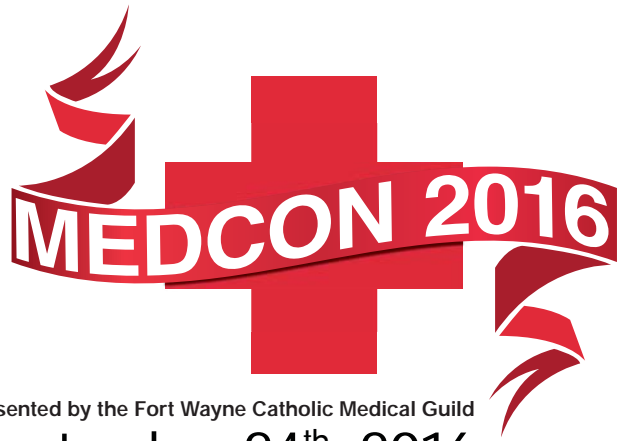
The day will conclude with the celebration of a White Mass by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Named after the white coats traditionally worn by medical professionals and recognized as a Catholic Medical Association custom in the U.S. since the 1930s, a White Mass is a Mass intended for those working in the medical profession. Traditionally, White Masses have been celebrated around the Feast of St. Luke, patron of health care professionals, on Oct. 18. Though 2016 is the inaugural year for the MedCon conference, the White Mass has become somewhat of a tradition for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Since 2013, the Fort Wayne Catholic Medical Association has hosted a White Mass to pray for those working in the medical profession and for matters related to medicine.

Dr. David Kaminkas, who has practiced medicine in Fort Wayne for nearly 35 years, helped to organize the MedCon event. Like Sister Dreger, he believes that it is important to educate physicians, medical students, nurses, etc., on the various issues affecting health care today and how to practice medicine that aligns with Catholic tradition and ethics.

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concerned about the future of medicine in this country," said Dr. Kaminkas. "Between governmental regulations and insurance companies controlling our every step, I pray that we can continue to provide the care that people deserve. We should never be told we cannot practice our Christian values as we bring God and our faith to the people we serve."



DR. DAVID KAMINKAS

Sister Dreger echoed Kaminkas' comment on the serving aspect of the medical profession.

"Medicine becomes an act of love for another person. It would be a different world in health care today if every healthcare professional could see our patients the way God sees them."

Like Sister Dreger, Fernandes strives to integrate his faith and his work.



SR. MARY DIANA DREGER, OP

"... one's Catholic faith cannot be separated to be 'balanced' against medical practice," he said. "The two should always be integrated, just as we do with other vocations. How does one balance their Catholic faith and their marriage? The two are inextricably linked, or ought to be. Similarly, with medicine."

Kaminkas believes that this event will remind Catholic healthcare professionals that they are not alone in their fight to align their practice with their

Catholic faith.

"The conference and White Mass will hopefully inspire health care workers to practice their Catholic faith and let them know they are not alone. We want to start a spiritual fire in the hearts of doctors, nurses, and all health care workers."

Kaminkas went on to explain that the conference will also help those considering medical school to realize that the secular medical world will challenge one's faith, but there are medical professionals who see their vocation as a way to serve God. He then went on to say that the conference will also encourage those considering a medical career to be resilient in their efforts to adhere to their faith.

"We are not only targeting physicians and healthcare workers, but believe there will be great interest for all Catholics to attend," he said.

The conference begins at 8 a.m. in the university's North Auditorium with registration and breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Mass begins at 4 p.m. and will also be held in the auditorium. Those who cannot attend the conference are still welcome to attend Mass. Attendance fees vary. For more information and to preregister, visit www.medconfortwayne.com or www.fortwaynecma.com or call 260-222-6978.

MedCon keynote speaker to discuss reproductive and women's health breakthroughs

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Dr. Thomas Hilgers is a pioneer in reproductive and women's health, and the founder and director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction. Based in Omaha, Neb., the institute works to promote pro-life fertility practices. As the MedCon 2016 keynote speaker, Hilgers will discuss his experience as a Catholic physician and his breakthrough fertility procedure, Natural Procreative Technology.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Hilgers as our keynote speaker," said Dr. David Kaminkas, a Fort Wayne cardiologist who helped spearhead MedCon.

Over the course of his career, Hilgers has developed nearly 200 professional writings and is a clinical professor at Creighton University School of Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Since 1994 he has served on the Pontifical Academy for Life. He also served on the Pontifical Council for the Family and is a member of the Society of Reproductive Surgeons.

Inspired by St. John Paul II's encyclical "Humanae Vitae," which details the dignity of life from conception to natural death, Hilgers began working on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System while in medical school. CrMS, which aligns with the Church's teaching on Natural Family Planning, serves as the basis for NaPro Technology. NaPro is a medical- and surgical-based system that relies on the human body's natural cycle to cure infertility and is scientifically proven to have a high success rate.

"St. John Paul II was very



Provided by Dr. Thomas Hilgers

Dr. Thomas Hilgers, developer of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, will address medical professionals at 11:15 a.m., Sept. 24, in the University of Saint Francis North Auditorium, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne.

much aware and supportive of Dr. Hilgers' work and the two men spent time together at the Vatican," Kaminkas said.

Hilgers knows firsthand the challenges of navigating the secular medical world. He was dismissed from a renowned training program due to his Catholic-based approach to fertility.

Referred to as a "medical visionary," Hilgers' innovation is an asset to fertility and reproduction research. He is also a testament to using the Catholic faith as a compass in the medical industry. A growing number of medical professionals practicing in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend use Hilgers' approach, including Dr. Christopher Stroud, Dr. Angela Martin, Dr. Patrick Holly, Dr. David Parker and Dr. Kathleen Heimann.

College & Careers

Retreat invites college students to grow in faith

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

Organizers of a nationally known retreat at the University of Saint Francis Sept. 30-Oct. 2 are inviting college-aged youth to grow closer to Christ.

Summit Awakening 4: Homeward Bound is a student-led, Christian-based retreat ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and USF, which promises personal testimonies, group reflection and immersion in the mystical body of Christ. The inspiration for the theme, Homeward Bound, stems from the story of the Prodigal Son as told by Jesus in the New Testament. The retreat will examine the experience of returning home, forgiveness and mercy all which flow from the heart of Christ.

In addition to these lessons, a sense of community is central to the event. Awakening retreats are held in locations all over the U.S. Awakening is an experience for those who are spiritually searching, and are not sure of God's role in their lives but want to know more, as well as for those who are just looking to dig a little deeper. In general, the retreat affords participants with the time and space to step away from hectic campus life and take time to look inwardly and think about their own spiritual journey. Students who have already attended the retreat are invited to serve as leaders who help facilitate discussions.

Students from Purdue University, Indiana University, and The Ohio State University helped hold the first Awakening in the Fort Wayne area in 2014.

Now Summit Awakening is held annually, staffed by students from a variety of institutions including USF, IPFW, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech, Trine University and Manchester University.

Co-coordinator Elizabeth Hess, a senior at IPFW studying elementary and social education, is among them. She's helping to plan the retreat with Phillip Litchfield, a junior at IPFW. Hess felt compelled to become more involved after attending a retreat in April 2015, which she described as "life changing."

"I felt God speak to me and got connected



Photos provided by Summit Awakening

Eliese Kurtzweg, Elizabeth Hess, Erin Enochs and Theresa Hilger pose at the 2015 Summit Awakening retreat.

with some awesome Catholics," she said.

The retreat proved to be good timing. In her words, "It was just what I needed at that time."

Hess said she hopes other retreatants will share a similar experience. "We hope that it can be a place to find community and share and grow in faith," she said. "It's coming to know and love God better."

That means helping each other work through problems. College can be a confusing time for many people, but a sense of solidarity can be comforting. Hess said the organizers hope this retreat will unite local Catholic co-eds across multiple campuses.

"You're really hearing from people especially who share the same struggles you have and know that you're in this together," she said.

The three-day retreat starts 6 p.m. Friday and concludes Sunday at 2 p.m. All activities will take place at Business Center of University of Saint Francis Downtown

Campus, 826 Ewing St. The \$30 registration fee includes food and other perks. The retreat is open to any college-aged student in the diocese. For more information, visit summitawakening.com.



Austin Whisler hugs Eseosa Igbinijesu at the 2015 Summit Awakening retreat.



"Lord, teach me and show me my vocation in life."

— Bishop John M. D'Arcy

Local couple teaches seminar at Pontifical North American College

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

MISHAWAKA — South Bend area psychologists Dr. Jeffrey and Susan Feathergill are fresh off of a seminar at the Pontifical North American College in Rome on pre-marital counseling.

The seminar took place from Sept. 12-15. The couple graciously has accepted the opportunity to share knowledge that they have gained from years of practicing their faith, as well as from their careers as clinical psychologists.

“We are inspired by the recent synods and Encyclicals such as ‘Deus Caritas Est,’ by Pope Benedict, and ‘Amoris Laetitia’ by Pope Francis,” said the Feathergills in a letter to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades — whose alma mater is PNAC. “As we do in our clinical practice, we will integrate psychological approaches to helping others with Catholic teachings and an understanding of Catholic anthropology.”

The Feathergills both received their doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 1994. Currently they run Feathergill and Associates LLC, which is a psychotherapy practice in Mishawaka for individuals, families and couples. They are parishioners at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger.

In addition to their clinical practice, they are both adjunct professors at the University of Notre Dame, where in the past they worked together on a course, Introduction to Pastoral



Provided by the Feathergills

Two psychologists in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Dr. Jeffrey Feathergill and Dr. Susan Feathergill, traveled to Rome recently to share wisdom regarding pre-marital counseling with men preparing for the diaconate.

Care. The new rector at PNAC, Rev. Peter Harman, invited the Feathergills to teach the seminar after hearing about their work as professors at the University of Notre Dame from Rev. Gerald McGlone, who is the current director of psychology at PNAC.

The seminar includes a variety of topics for its special group of students.

“We are very honored, and have prepared what we hope will be a helpful course for the class of men who will soon be ordained as temporary dea-

cons,” they said. “The course includes training in the FOCCUS Questionnaire, basic counseling skills and Natural Family Planning, among other topics.”

The Feathergills were excited to make their first visit to Rome and to the Vatican. The PNAC provided a majority of their accommodation and transportation while there, but they aren’t taking the opportunity for granted. They know how influential the minds they are currently molding will be.

“We feel so blessed to be a part of such a vibrant diocese,”

they said, “and to participate in the care and education of men

who will soon become shepherds as deacons and priests.”

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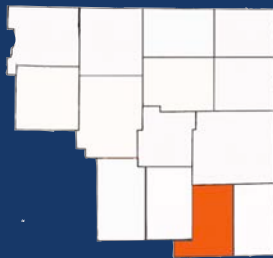
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Wells County

St. Joseph's fosters vibrant faith community in Wells County

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

BLUFFTON

— St. Joseph Church has been the only Catholic church in Wells County since its founding more than 140 years ago. “We’re a minority,” said church secretary Michelle Paxton, naming several other denominations which outnumber Catholics in the Bluffton area. Still, the parish is a vibrant community of worshippers who gather for Sunday Mass, daily prayers and recitation of the rosary. St. Joseph’s, with its 230 registered families, draws many parishioners to its organizations and boasts a faith-filled outreach to the surrounding community as well.

The pastor, Msgr. Pius N.



MSGR. PIUS ILECHUKWU



Photos by Joe Romie

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Bluffton, feel a close connection to their parish and support a variety of parish ministries.

Ilechukwu, is a native of Nigeria who has been in residence since 2013 and is enthusiastic about the area. “I like this place,” he

said. “This is a lovable parish, with good people ... very generous, very kind.” His observations are borne out by the spirit of cooperation and involvement among parishioners of all ages.

Paxton echoes his sentiment. “What’s really nice about a small parish is that everyone helps ... It’s amazing, the love we have in this parish.” She is also director of religious education and heads up a five-member team of instructors for kindergarteners through 12-graders. “I’m very proud of our program,” she adds.

Music minister Sister Rose Ehrlich divides her time between St. Joseph’s and St. Paul of the Cross in Columbia City. She is in Bluffton each Wednesday and Friday and every other Sunday, when her choir sings at Sunday Mass, but said she receives able assistance from Diane Witwer and Diane Holland on the off weekends. “I could not do this without help,” she noted. “I’m very blessed.”

St. Joseph’s boasts many active committees, like the Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, a Social Committee and New Evangelization Committee, to name a few.

Parishioner George Witwer said the New Evangelization Committee is in formation to discuss the parish’s unique mission, then to build unity of purpose in making that mission a reality. The goal is to transform St. Joseph’s into an “evangelizing parish.” The parish has hosted speakers on the subject and is currently working with the diocesan Office of

Evangelization to take the next step. Msgr. Pius said he expects them to become disciples, helping St. Joseph’s to be a more welcoming parish.

The Council of Catholic Women, under the leadership of President Mary Ann Bickley, stands ready to help “wherever there’s a need,” she said. An upcoming craft fair slated for Nov. 12 has been a successful fundraiser in past years and popular with the community as well. A holiday giving tree draws parishioners to help needy families at Christmas time. Proceeds from a baby bottle project each spring go to Helping Hands, a local women’s clinic. The organization recently provided new hymnals for the church, purchased a portrait of Jesus for the church in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and provided plane fare for the pastor to return home for his

brothers’ funerals. Other ministries of council members include hosting funeral dinners and visiting the sick.

A 20-year parishioner of St. Joseph’s, Bickley said the parish is “very much like family ... I feel very comfortable here,” she adds.

Jessica Seago is chairman of the Social Committee, which heads up fun activities for parishioners. An annual parish picnic featuring fried chicken and homemade side dishes and desserts is a popular favorite, as well as the coffee and donuts offered after the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass when parishioners gather for a bit of fellowship before heading home. An Epiphany brunch in January rounds out the social schedule.

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Years ago, the parish constructed an outdoor path for parishioners and visitors to enjoy while meditating on the mysteries of the rosary.



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Columbus organization of about 55 members spans generations, said President Mike Lautzenheiser. There is no shortage of men willing to tackle its many projects. The group often prayed the rosary at the abortion clinic in Fort Wayne when it was in operation, and they travel to Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. They collect toys for needy children at Christmas and provide weekend meals in a backpack for children from low-income

families. They are well-represented at the first Saturday evening Mass each month, at which they lead the rosary, then act as greeters, altar servers, lectors and lay distributors. Lautzenheiser pointed out that, in a parish as small as St. Joseph's, everyone wears several hats in order to get things done. If another group says, "I need some help," the Knights willingly step in, he added.

St. Joseph Church was founded in 1875 after years of priests arriving by horseback on occasional Sundays to celebrate Mass in the home of early pioneer Timothy Enright. Initially, five families were instrumental in constructing that first church building on the corner of Cherry and Williams Streets, a 30 by 50-foot structure, at a cost of \$1,300. It was dedicated by Bishop Joseph Dwenger that same year.

Many decades later, with a burgeoning parish population, a larger church was constructed

on the current site at 1300 N. Main St., on land donated by E.J. Schaefer, founder of Franklin Electric Company in Bluffton. It was dedicated by Bishop Leo Pursley in 1966. Later, space was increased with the addition of nine classrooms, two conference rooms and a gymnasium through the generosity of the Schaefer estate, augmented by parish funds.

Recently, as the parish celebrated its anniversary, Msgr. Pius said: "Now is the time of great hope for a bright future ... Your kindness, generosity, dedication to things of God, volunteer spirit, unity, your love and more, all these give me great joy ... I wish you God's special and choicest blessings."

Though St. Joseph's stands alone as the only Catholic church in Wells County, it has long been a beacon of light that stands in silent testimony to the deeply rooted faith of its parishioners.

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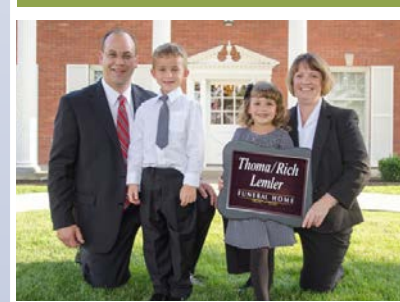
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Talking to kids about porn and human sexuality

Agrowing concern today involves the role of pornography as the next generation's instructor in human sexuality. For many young people, pornography has become the only guide to sexuality they have ever known. For Catholic parents, this raises the critical challenge of how best to approach these matters with their children, given that kids as young as 8 or 9 may already be acquiring information and viewpoints about human sexual behaviors from Internet pornography. I would like to present six practical suggestions for parents, culled from parental testimonies and insights, from other experts in the field and from ex-users of pornography.

First, steer away from "The Talk" towards a more integrated approach. Having "The Talk" relies on the misguided notion that parents have educational content or factual knowledge that they are duty-bound to try to deposit into their children's brains. This approach is not only awkward and paternalistic, but can convey a sense that sexual education is a one-time, get-it-over-with ordeal. Kids require ongoing guidance and support from their parents — an expressed willingness to enter into these important discussions that stress the beauty of sexuality in marriage and what it is really for, rather than just telling them what not to do or scaring them away from sexually transmitted diseases.

Second, be attentive to opportune moments to share wisdom and stories. Because we live in a highly pornified culture, opportunities for parents to share and discuss important value assessments regarding human sexuality with their children arise often. Driving by a billboard with a risqué picture or seeing something on TV might, for example, serve as an opportunity to note how it's against the love of women to use them as sex objects. Passing through a part of town where prostitutes are plying their trade might spark a discussion about how many women involved in prostitution are victims of human trafficking and the vast majority wish they could break free of it, etc.

Third, avoid Internet access in the bedroom. Sometimes parents will say, "The kids have access at school and everywhere else, so I let them have unrestricted access at home — they've got to learn how to handle it anyway." But the home setting needs to differ from the outside world, serving as an oasis and a protected environment for children. If someone offered to install a pipe into your child's bedroom that could be turned on to pump in raw sewage, you would not agree to it. Yet many parents fail to restrict what is entering their children's bedrooms through the Internet and TV.

Fourth, be wary of Internet access on cell phones. Due diligence with cell phones for children might mean looking for



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handsets that function strictly as phones without Internet access, or maybe the kids should be given a phone only at those times when they are dropped off at events like piano practice, soccer, etc. As children grow older and show signs of maturing, restrictions and limitations can be scaled back.

Fifth, monitor Internet usage. Check browser history and make use of monitoring software, even though a particular child may be an angel. Keep the family computer in a shared space like the living room with the screen visible so family members can be aware of each other's online activities. Laptops and tablets can pose an inadvertent temptation in this respect as teens sit cuddled up on the couch with screens not visible to others. In family life, we are called to serve as our brother's keeper. Set limits on screen time for children, and maintain password/access control over devices. Have the neighbor's kids deposit their electronic devices on the kitchen table during visits to dimin-

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The value — and necessity — of petitionary prayer

In the 10th chapter of St Mark's Gospel, Jesus encounters a blind man called Bartimaeus who sat begging at the roadside. Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" — an odd question given the fact that, being the Eternal Son of God, Jesus knew quite well both what Bartimaeus wanted and needed. There is clearly something significant in Jesus' question.

We are apt to think of petitionary prayer — telling God what we want or think we need — as perhaps the lowest form of prayer. In fact, we probably think that such prayer is a far cry from the ecstasy of a St Teresa of Avila or the mystical union achieved in contemplation by a St John of the Cross. However, it is imperative to realize that petitionary prayer is in fact the most basic — and, as the most basic, an utterly necessary — form of prayer.

First and foremost, petitionary prayer expresses most clearly the real state of things. That is, it is in petitionary prayer that our status as creatures is most evident. Implicit in every act of petition from God is the fact that we are creatures, He is the Creator. Our existence and well-being depend entirely on the Lord. And when we approach the Lord in petitionary prayer (whether we are thinking of it this way or not), we are expressing that relationship of depen-



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dence which of necessity presupposes an act of utter humility on our part: when we ask, there is an implicit admission that we cannot achieve things on our own. Recall that the Original Sin has often been depicted in the Tradition as the desire to be god unto ourselves, to be "freed" from the constraints of creaturehood and by some machination of our own devising to obtain what we ascertain to be good. St Irenaeus (+ c. 220 AD), apparently following a strand of ancient Jewish interpretation, understood Adam and Eve in the garden as children who would, when old enough (that is, in God's time), be able to eat even of the fruit of the tree of good and evil. Their unwillingness to wait, their desire to cast aside their condition as creatures and, further, creatures who are in the process of becoming, stilted their genuine growth. How often in our life of prayer have we found ourselves frustrated because God wasn't doing things on our time?

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Some things are more important than money



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:1-13

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Amos. This prophet, regarded as one of the Minor Prophets, was from Tekoa, a rural area of Judea, about 10 miles from Jerusalem. Amos was a shepherd.

Obviously, he knew well the religious traditions of his ancestors. He also had a sense of events occurring beyond his own environment, even events happening in other lands.

His pastoral occupation, and his keen knowledge not only of religious tradition but also of life

far beyond his own situation, gives his book of only nine chapters a special quality.

Money dominates the message of this reading. Indeed, the passage even mentions ancient units of currency, such as the shekel. Most importantly, it is highly critical of any quest to gather great sums of money, all ethics aside. It insists that a higher standard always exists, and it bluntly states that a reward greater than monetary gain is to be preferred — and it is available.

For its second reading the Church presents the First Letter to Timothy. Early Christian history presents Timothy as a deeply committed pioneer convert to Christianity.

Actually, Timothy was so close to the Apostle Paul that Paul referred to him as "beloved son", although, of course, nothing suggests that Timothy literally was the apostle's biological child. To the contrary, Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a devout Jewish mother. As his mother was Jewish, Timothy was Jewish under the laws of

Judaism.

Tradition is that Timothy was the first bishop of the Christian community in Ephesus. In this weekend's reading, Timothy is asked especially to pray for rulers and persons in authority. They especially are vulnerable to the temptation of yielding to greed and ambition.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a parable. An irresponsible manager fears the results if his employer discovers his mishandling of his responsibility. So the manager calls his employer's debtors and orders them to tamper with the notes, so to speak. If the loan was for 100, the manager says to change the amount to 50.

This arrangement would have been as unacceptable then as it would be now. The employer would have had every right to repudiate the manager's manipulation of the amounts owed.

Had the manager insisted on the original figures, however, he would have lost the regard of the community by appearing to be out of control of his own business — and heartless for extract-

ing what was owed from people with bad luck.

Mercy was more important than recovering the money owed as debts.

Reflection

It is easy to become lost and confused in the world of ancient Jewish economics, quite unlike modern finances. Then again, some similarities pertain. So it is better not to elevate the employer in the parable recounted by Luke's Gospel to too high a level of prestige. Certainly, the irresponsible manager cannot be excused of fraud.

The bottom line is that some things in life are more important than money. It is the theme of the reading from Amos. The central figure in the Gospel is the employer. The manager is either misguided or dishonest or both.

The manager reduces the debts, even if prompted by his own mishandling of the situation. This is the message: the employer's mercy.

Not without a lesson, however, is the story of the manager

and of the debtors' willingness to join in the fraud. The line between genuine security and peace of mind on the one hand, and grasping for more and more on the other, is easy to cross. It is so easy for humans to rationalize; to cut corners; to succumb to fear.

Remember what is important. Pursue what is important.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8 {s 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

He's not 'turning his back to the people'

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, caused a rumpus earlier this summer by proposing to a meeting of liturgists in London that the Catholic Church return to the practice of priest and people praying in the same direction during the Liturgy of the Eucharist: a change in liturgical "orientation" that the cardinal described as the entire congregation looking together toward the Lord who is to come. Cardinal Sarah further proposed that bishops and priests consider implementing this change on the First Sunday of Advent this year, during the liturgical season in which expectations of the Lord's return in glory are prominent.

As readers of "Evangelical Catholicism," my book on deep reform in the 21st-century Church, will remember, I proposed just such a change in the orientation of celebrant and congregation during the Liturgy of the Eucharist: priest and people would face each other during the Liturgy of the Word; celebrant and congregation would then pray together, facing the same direction, throughout the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This seemed a good "reform of the liturgical reform" to me, on three counts.

First, it would underscore that the liturgy is not about us. The common orientation of priest and people during the Liturgy of the Eucharist symbolizes — or perhaps better, lives out — the Church's conviction that the Mass is an act of worship offered to the thrice-holy God, in which we the baptized are privileged to participate. Yes, the liturgy builds the Christian community and its solidarity. But that is

one of its effects, not its primary purpose. Priest and people praying together toward the Lord can thus be a helpful antidote to the temptation to think of Mass as a ritual of communal self-affirmation — a temptation all too common in the contemporary Culture of Me.

Second, if properly prepared by thoughtful pastors and liturgists, the reorientation of the Liturgy of the Eucharist would help Catholics deepen our appreciation of the Kingdom dimension of the Mass. The Mass is a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb in the new Jerusalem, described by that apostolic seer, St. John, in Revelation 21. By turning together toward the Lord-who-comes — now, under the forms of bread and wine, and later, as the Risen Lord who will hand everything over to the Father so that "God may be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15.28) — the praying Church could be regularly reminded that Christians are the people who know how the world's story is going to turn out. That assurance of God's victory over sin, suffering and death should both comfort us and energize us for mission.

Third, returning to the practice of a common orientation during the Liturgy of the Eucharist would help mitigate the continuing problem of the priest-celebrant who imposes his own personality on the liturgy — a problem that has been exacerbated in recent decades by the celebration of the Mass versus populum, or "toward the people."

To these three reasons I might now add that a fourth: that a reorientation of priest and people during of the Liturgy of the Eucharist would bring Latin-rite Catholic practice into



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GEORGE WEIGEL

harmony with the practice of the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Orthodox Churches. A fifth reason is that this re-orientation would place the reformed liturgy of Vatican II in continuity with an ancient liturgical tradition of the Church.

Any such reform of the reform must be very carefully prepared by preaching and catechesis, which will not be a matter of weeks but of months, perhaps even years. But that is itself another reason to take Cardinal Sarah's basic proposal seriously. Liturgical catechesis is imperative today if the People of God are going to understand the liturgy as an act of worship that equips us for mission.

That catechesis will have to deconstruct the nonsense that a change of orientation during the Liturgy of the Eucharist means "the priest is turning his back to the people." No, he isn't. Together, the priest-celebrant and those who have been baptized in order to offer God proper worship, are facing together toward the Lord who is to come — and who, in coming eucharistically and in glory, brings the human drama to its fulfillment.

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Gospel for September 18, 2016

Luke 16:1-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: enterprise in this world, and for the next. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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ish the temptation to slip away to a private part of the house and surf the net, perhaps with younger siblings in tow. Such practices may also serve to indirectly evangelize other families

in the neighborhood regarding the serious threats from Internet porn.

Sixth, set appropriate rules regarding relationships, and be involved in the kids' dating practices. Too often parents are tempted to take a "hands-off" approach to this area of their children's lives. When I was growing up, we knew (and eventually appreciated) my father's rule that we couldn't date until we were 18. Setting appropriate rules for kids serves as a sign of a parent's love and concern for them. Whenever parents determine that dating should begin, it offers further opportunities and occasions to discuss problems and scenarios that can help teens set moral boundaries.

Talking to kids and helping them to become good stewards of the gift of human sexuality bestowed by God is hard work. In a culture that forcefully communicates a pornified counter-gospel, though, it is certainly one of the most important and enduring gifts a parent can seek to provide for the happiness and well-being of their children.

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HEINTZ

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How often have we not only expected a certain answer to our prayer, but even more, expected such an answer on our terms and on our schedule? We are, not infrequently to our chagrin, sons of Adam and daughters of Eve, after all.

In answer to the objection that God's foreknowledge (that since all time is present to God, He knows what we need and what we will ask for) makes prayer unnecessary, Origen, writing around the year 233 AD, observed that God's foreknowledge does not take away or diminish our human freedom. God's sovereignty and providence are such that He can actually incorporate our free choices (even the sinful ones; our evil will cannot foil His will) into His overarching plan of salvation. Two things follow: (a) God does, in fact, know what will be;

and (b) this does not, however, mean that we are somehow "programmed" to choose any particular end. To use a somewhat crass analogy, we are capable of knowing, for example, that the Kansas City Royals are not going to win the World Series this year. We make such a claim on the basis of knowing them and their record; if we, whose knowledge is imperfect can, on the basis of what little we do know, come to such a conclusion, then God, whose knowledge is perfect, certainly can know; further, God, not being subject to time (time itself being a creation), all of human history (what to us is past, present, or future) is eternally present to God. But this does not mean that God's knowing somehow eliminates or removes our freedom. Going back to our example, we have little or no control over what the Royals will do this season (we do not manipulate their pitching or hitting); we simply know them well enough to know they won't be playing in October.

St. Augustine (+ 430 AD), writing a lengthy reply to a

noblewoman named Proba who had inquired about prayer, suggests that the articulation of our needs, while by no means necessary to God or to His response to such prayer (He, in fact, knows our needs before we voice them), actually prepares us to receive what He will grant us. So rather than being unsophisticated or unnecessary, our prayer, our requests to God, both reflect our humble status as creatures before their beneficent Creator and prepare us to accept and receive His will in utter trust and confidence. This notion is picked up and developed later by St. Thomas Aquinas (+ 1274). He suggests that prayer is not directed to change God's will, but rather we express our desires to God in order to co-operate with Him in bringing about certain effects which He has ordained for our good (e.g., if I want it to rain on my garden and my neighbor wants sunshine to play golf, can we imagine God is so fickle or capricious that one of us have a better chance to "woo" God to our desires?). Thomas' point has been summarized

simply in a modern aphorism: prayer does not change God; prayer changes people and people change things. Thomas steers a middle ground between viewing prayer as then simply unnecessary (because God's will is eternal) or as our attempts to curry favor and somehow manipulate God's will.

Jesus' inquiry of Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" is, in a real sense, what He asks of us each day. And we do ourselves no service to suppose that our prayer must be somehow more sophisticated than mere petition. Of course, petition is not (nor should it be) our only form of prayer. But far be it from us to assume we are somehow above it.

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Sports

USF ANNOUNCES HIRING OF TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY COACH University of Saint Francis Athletic Director Mike McCaffrey is pleased to announce the hiring of Kyle Allison as track and field/cross country head coach. "On behalf of USF Athletics and the university leadership, we are thrilled to welcome Kyle Allison and his wife Sarah to the USF Cougars family. Kyle has been a part of winning programs for the majority of his career and we look forward to bringing that culture and spirit to the dedicated young men and women that he will lead here at USF."

CYO seventh- and eighth-grade football preview

BY RON BUSCH

September is upon us, and it's time to look into the competitive world of CYO football. From the schedules submitted last issue, it's not hard to imagine battles shaping up this year between the Fort Wayne schools, including a week three match-up between St. Vincent and defending champion St. Charles. *Today's Catholic* goes back into weekly circulation Sept. 25, and highlights from one game each week will be provided. This will not necessarily be a match-up of the two highest ranked teams, so as to provide some coverage for all the teams.

The first of four teams to focus on is the Central Catholic Fighting Irish. The Irish are made up of five schools: St. John, St. Jude, Most Precious Blood, Queen of Angels, and St. Louis Besancon. Central Catholic, although coming off a winless season last year is optimistic with 12 returning players from 2015.

Standout eighth-grade players and positions include: Louie Tippmann RB/LB, Dakota Tsuleff RB/CB, Dominic Tippmann RB/CB, Brandon Douge QB/DE, and Owen Levy OL. Important contributions from seventh-graders include: Brock Stopher RB/LB, Eli Gernhardt QB/S, Joe Reidy TE/DE, and Jack Tippmann DE/RB/OL.

Coaches include Head Coach Keith Douge with assistants Pat Filler, Steve Henry, Scott Krebs, Tim Daring, Jeff Jones, Randy Carey, Mark Ward, and Vince Tippmann.

Head Coach Douge said, "This is a team that has come together well considering all the logistics that have to happen to have this many schools come together. The players are embracing what it means to be a team member/player and contribute to the team in any manner where they fit. The willingness of the players to step up when called upon has been a true blessing for the coaching staff. They are a great group to coach."

Because of Central Catholic's small size the team needs to be creative in their game plan. Fundamentals of blocking and tackling are always stressed and are always in need of work and improvement, as with any team.

Coach Douge said of his philosophy: "We have a great opportunity to coach young Catholic men and learn how to



Joe Romie

Diocesan CYO football champs the St. Charles Cardinals hope to repeat last year's stellar season.

keep whatever we do centered on Christ. Not every league has the opportunity to do that and we are blessed to play in the CYO. Second point is to have fun. My experience is if the kids are not having fun they will lose interest and if we have lost a player who could develop later and not like football because of an experience he may have had, it is a failure on our part as coaches. Our biggest goal is to have all of our current players return for the next year and bring others with them. Having fun, learning the game and coaching fundamentals that put them in a position to compete are important."

"The team goal is to be competitive in every moment including games, practices, etc. We treat everything as a competition with the hopes that these young men will be able to face adversity when it comes their way and get through it. If the team is competing well, great things will happen."

Trying to improve upon last year's 6-3 record are the St. Vincent Panthers. The Panthers return 10 players from a very successful 2015 campaign.

Heavily relied-upon eighth-grade players and positions include: Luke Woenker (running back, strong safety), Vinny

Fiacable (offensive and defensive lineman), Dillon Olson (tight end, defensive end), Carson Podschine (quarterback, linebacker) and

Brayden Berry (offensive and defensive lineman).

St. Vincent coaches include Zachary Witte, Chad Cagnet, Kevin Carretta, Bob Podschine and John Reith.

The Panthers have several team strengths this coming season including a strong offensive and defensive line, an experienced quarterback, and good conditioning despite low numbers. Because of low numbers, St. Vincent will not have a seventh-grade team this year. There will be 15 players for the combined seventh and eighth-grade team. Four of those players are seventh graders who Coach Witte said, "will need to make contributions despite their youth."

"Control the offensive and defensive line of scrimmage. Win the turnover battle each game. All eleven defenders must fly to the ball," Coach Witte said about his philosophy.

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ICCL Game of the Week: St. Matthew trumps Westside Catholic

BY JOE KOZINSKI

A moment of silence hovered over Father Bly Field Sunday, Sept. 11, as fans reflected on the anniversary of 9/11 prior to the kickoff of the 2016 Inter-City Catholic League, which would pit crosstown rivals, the Blazers of St. Matthew and the Westside Catholic Cardinals, against each other. The athletes were born after the infamous day in the country's history, but the wounds were still seen on their faces as they donned their helmets.

Both teams started this season's campaign with confidence and the lofty goal of a championship, but knew it would be won on the field and not through stat sheets and pre-game hype.

The Cardinals began the game with a promising field position and a solid plan to attack the Blazers. However, linebacker Bryce Martens would make his presence felt early by stopping Dean Ernspenger deep in the backfield and then making an open-field tackle on running mate Klayton Coleman on fourth down just before the yard markers.

The Blazers then put on a demonstration utilizing their "Big Three" — Isau Gonzalez, Joey Barkowski and Martens — who methodically marched down the field, moving the ball inside and outside for a five-play touchdown drive capped off by a quarterback sneak to paydirt. The extra point run was stuffed by the Cardinal defense, making the score 6-0 with 1:55 remaining in the first.

The Blazers got the ball right back and kept it from the Cardinals, as the pounced on a pooch kick at the 38-yard line.

More of the same ensued as the Blazers spread the ball around. Highlights included a three-yard gain by Caleb



Photo by Ray Derucki

St. Matthew linebacker Bryce Martens rolls out in the Blazer's Sunday, Sept. 11, victory over the Westside Catholic Cardinals.

Lusanga on a fourth and one, and then a 14-yard stampede by Gonzalez and his black-shirted offensive linemen as he eventually stumbled into the end zone.

Trickery was still in the Blazer playbook, as the team again hopped on its own kickoff and started at midfield.

The next series would be the Barkowski show. He accounted for the 50 yards, with a run of five and 45. He also added an extra point run as the Blazers scored 19 unanswered points in a span of just over three minutes.

The Cardinals, desperately seeking some rhythm, instead found Gonzalez on the receiving end of quarterback Breydon Zelinski's errant pass on the third play of the drive.

It wouldn't take the Blazers long to capitalize on the miscue, as Martens outsprinted the

Cardinals on a 52-yard jaunt into the end zone. Martens then used his arm to find Ben Balderas, making the margin 26-0.

The Cardinals looked like a new team after intermission, as their defense pushed the Blazers into a 4th and 15. However, Martens had other ideas. He bolted for a 55-yard touchdown, ending his day on a high note.

The Cardinals didn't hang their heads, but instead used the opportunity to go on an 11-play, 54-yard march composed of carries from Zielinski, Sammy Sierra and Coleman. They capped off with a two-yard touchdown from Johnson, to end the scoring of the contest at 33-7.

"The Blazers were fundamentally sound and put together a good game plan. We made some adjustments and our kids responded in the second half," quipped Cardinal Head Coach Giles Horban. "We expect big things from our team. We will talk and work on the positives as well as the negatives and be competitive in week two."

"We were concerned about the matchups, but our big three really played well — as did our team," said Blazer skipper Ben Domonkos. "We spoke to our kids and told them everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth. It's up to us to respond to that initial contact."

In other scores around the league, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints fought Osceola Grace to a tie as Quentin Nelist scored on a two-yard burst. The Panthers of St. Anthony, behind scores from Charlie Peterson and Walter Wesson, held off the Crusaders of Holy Cross and Gavin Stefanek, 12-8.

A complete list of schedules and highlights can be found at www.icclsports.org.

Prayers offered for opening game



Provided by USF Office of Campus Ministry

To inaugurate the football season at the University of Saint Francis, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prayed with the team and the crowd gathered for the school's first home game on Saturday, Sept. 10. Bishop Rhoades also offered a blessing on the USF marching band.

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In collaboration with state disaster case management representatives from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Michiana Long Term Flood Recovery Group

(MLTRG), our local Catholic Charities will be providing ongoing coordination and training for volunteer case managers who will provide support and services over the next eighteen months to those impacted by flood damage, including families displaced from their homes.

Appropriate characteristics for volunteer case managers include the stamina to work long hours, ability to thoroughly and accurately complete detail-oriented paperwork and capacity to listen and respond with empathy to individuals impacted by a traumatic situation. There are currently two levels of volunteers needed:

Level 1: immediately avail-

able. Volunteers are needed from Sept. 9-20 to assist with completing intake and assessment forms for possible assistance.

Level 2: extended availability. Volunteers are needed to train as Disaster Case Managers. Possible commitment of up to 18 months. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Catholic Charities South Bend office at 574-234-3111. Monetary gifts are greatly appreciated and will expand our capacity to serve those impacted by this natural disaster in our own Diocese. Donations can be made online at www.ccfwsb.org or mailed to 1817 Miami St., South Bend, IN 46613. Prayers are appreciated.

CYO

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An interesting team goal is that the current eighth-graders won the CYO championship as sixth-graders and want to repeat now as eighth-graders. The team motto is "100 percent on every rep and every play."

The St. Charles Cardinals, who were last year's 9-0 diocesan champions, return 16 players from last year's squad.

The Cardinals will rely on a number of outstanding eighth graders: Brenden Lytle (an outstanding quarterback with great arm and great speed), Devon Tippmann (started at middle linebacker last year, tremendous talent, born to be a middle linebacker), Amir Drew (running back and linebacker, new to St. Charles, great speed and balance), Michael Finley (tight end and linebacker, big target with great hands) and Joe Fabini (outstanding aggressive center and nose guard).

Standout seventh-grade players include: Henry O'Keefe (running back and defensive back). Coach Talarico is quick to point out O'Keefe's outstanding quickness and change of direction... the best in the coach's ten years with the program, Adam Lee (DB and RB, a tremendous leader and competitor) and Joe Eddy (likely starting center).

Head coach of the team is Sam Talarico, with Gary Cornwell (defensive coordinator), Jason Fabini (line coordinator), and Shane Lee (special teams coordinator). Assistants include CJ Steigmeyer, Ben Tippmann, Chris Nelson, Brian Finley and Joe O'Keefe.

Coach Talarico said of the team strengths: "This team has a tremendous work ethic and is very unselfish. Kids are stepping into new roles to help the team. We have had a string of outstanding quarterbacks at St. Charles but Brenden Lytle may be the best we have had from a pure talent perspective. Devon



Joe Romie

The Central Catholic Fighting Irish take on St. Vincent in week one play.

Tippmann will be a force to be reckoned with at middle linebacker. Improvements can be made on the little things: running crisp patterns, executing play fakes and knowing blocking assignments."

"Never lose sight that the number one objective of CYO football should be to have fun. We want the kids to enjoy the season and not dread practices. We also want every kid to feel like a valuable part of our team."

Goals for the team include continuing the current 20 game winning streak — the Cardinals have not lost since October 20, 2013 — and success at the diocesan championship having won 3 of the last 4.

Wrapping up the seventh and eighth grade CYO football league is the Knights. The Knights are made up of Catholic schools that feed into Bishop Luers. This includes St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, St. Therese, St. Aloysius, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne and St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel.

This year the CYO Knights would like to improve on last year's 2-5 record.

Coaches this season include

Head Coach Jim Carroll and assistants include coach Fred Miguel. The Knights feature 27 returning players from last year's teams.

As the team has been working hard in early practices, the coach prefers not to name any standout players right now. In early practices, they are learning individual capabilities and just which Knight will be a good fit for each position. This continues to be a learning process for the Knights at this time.

Team strengths include very good listening skills, everyone's willingness to show up and work hard. Coach Carroll commented that "They are a great group of young men."

Coach Carroll's philosophy is to "Keep it loose, keep it real, keep it fun. Learn something, pray and get better each day."

The team has a simple goal: "They are all just interested in being football players and enjoying the brotherhood that only a football team can create."

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Bishop Luers Men's Knight 'Smoker' party
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Book signing offered
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OSB, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cathedral Books and Gifts in the Archbishop Noll Center. Rise and Roll bakery will cater pastries and refreshment.

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An afternoon of prayerful remembrance and intercession planned
SOUTH BEND — Project Rachel Post-abortion Healing Ministry is offering a prayer service called "An Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession" on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 1-4 p.m. at St. Therese, Little Flower Parish. Talks, testimonials, intercessory prayer, Adoration, Mass, and opportunity for confession are planned. For information contact Allison at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org.

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the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life in 2013. Carr is also the Washington correspondent of *America* magazine.

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Friday, September 23, 2016

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Join us before the Saints take on the Corncordia Cadets at Zollner Stadium!

Food, Fun, & Live Music performed by BDHS students. Local food trucks will be at the tailgate from 5:00 pm through halftime- a perfect meal for your entire family!
Prices vary by vendor.

OLD SCHOOL HOMECOMING DANCE

Adults are invited to BDHS after the Homecoming football game for an "Old School Homecoming Dance" music, fun, and cash bar. No entry fee!
9:30 pm - 11:30 pm. Enter through door #8.
Must be at least 21 to attend.

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