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## Diocese prepares for Fatima centennial

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

On Saturday, Oct 1, nearly 400 members and supporters of the World Apostolate of Fatima attended an annual breakfast meeting at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne. The World Apostolate of Fatima is a public, international association of the faithful under The Pontifical Council for the Laity. Its mission is to learn, live and spread the Fatima message in full communion with the Church.

The day began with Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with concelebrant and homilist Father Glenn Kohrman. Father Ben Mulenkamp and Father Adam Schmitt also concelebrated Mass. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which is being transported throughout the country on its Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace, accompanied by its custodian, Patrick Sabat, was prominently displayed during the Mass. At its conclusion, the statue was carried in a Marian procession to the meeting site by a group of Franciscan friars, accompanied by three costumed



Joe Romie

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Saturday morning, Oct. 1, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, downtown Fort Wayne, on the occasion of the annual Mass and breakfast of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend division.

## Tolerance is good for society, the soul, pope says at mosque

BY CINDY WOODEN

BAKU, Azerbaijan (CNS) — As the spiritual leader of a tiny religious minority in Azerbaijan, Pope Francis told the leaders of the country's other religious communities that they share a responsibility to help people grow in faith, but also in tolerance for the faith of others.

"The blood of far too many people cries out to God from the earth, our common home," the pope said Oct. 2 during a meeting with religious leaders hosted by Sheik Allahshukur Pashazade, the region's chief imam, in Baku's Heydar Aliyev Mosque.

At a time when the world seems to be dwelling in a "night of conflict," Pope Francis expressed his prayer that religions would prepare the way for "a dawn of peace, seeds of rebirth amid the devastation

of death, echoes of dialogue resounding unceasingly, paths to encounter and reconciliation reaching even those places where official mediation efforts seem not to have borne fruit."

Pashazade told the pope that as "head of Vatican state and of the world's Catholics, your activity is of great interest to us." The sheik praised the pope's defense of immigrants and particularly "your protest of connecting the name of Islam to terrorism, while harshly condemning the real causes of terrorism and your incisive speeches against xenophobia."

In addition to leaders of the country's majority Shiite Muslim community, representatives of the Jewish community, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Lutheran Church attended the gathering.

In the country of more than 9.4 million people,

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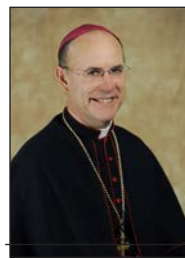
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# The Christian Ideal: A Love That Never Gives Up



## IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the text of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at the Wedding Anniversary Masses in Fort Wayne and South Bend on September 25 and October 2, 2016:*

Our anniversary couples each began a unique journey of love as husband and wife when they exchanged vows 25 or 50 or 60 years ago. I want to say to all our anniversary couples: thank you — your marriage is a precious gift for the Church. Your fidelity to the teachings of the Gospel and your witness to the beauty of marriage as indissoluble and perpetually faithful is a great good for the life of the Church.

The safeguarding of the Lord's gift in the sacrament of matrimony is a great concern of Pope Francis and the bishops and, indeed, of the whole Church. Today we celebrate the faithful witness to Christ's love of our anniversary couples through their marriages and families. Of course, we have to admit that none of us is a perfect witness to Christ's love and to the Gospel. We are all imperfect witnesses who must continually strive, with the help of God's grace, to grow in love and fidelity, in faith and holiness.

Saint Paul's great hymn to love in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13, can be a great help to all of us to grow in Christian love. It has special relevance for married couples. It's no wonder that this reading is the most popular reading that couples choose for their weddings. I would like to reflect with you on the characteristics of true love that Saint Paul enumerates, using some insights from Pope Francis in chapter four of his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love).

"Love is patient." Patience is the first quality listed by Saint Paul. Many of us can relate to why he puts this first since we are so easily tempted to be impatient. We have to try sometimes to control and restrain our impulses to react when we get annoyed with one another. I imagine our anniversary couples have had that experience in their married life. No? Love is patient. It is not prone to anger. As Saint Paul says, "it is not quick-tempered." It's not always easy to be patient and is especially hard if we put ourselves at the center of everything and expect things to turn out our way, or if we think that our relationships and other people ought to be perfect, including one's spouse. None of us is perfect, so we must be patient, as we hope Our Lord will be patient with us.

"Love is kind." I always remember Mother Teresa saying that kindness is the first step to holiness, to becoming a saint. Love is kind — it is at the service of others. It is shown in good deeds. It's not enough just to be patient with your spouse. That is kind of a passive thing — being patient. That patience must be accompanied by activity — being of assistance to the other, being kind, doing good for the other, giving and serving. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said: "Love is shown more by deeds than by words."

"Love is not jealous." Envy is one of the seven capital sins. Love has no room for



Emily Schmid

More than 35 couples stand for a blessing at the Wedding Jubilee Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

this, for being jealous or envious of another person's good fortune, especially the good fortune of one's spouse. True love rejoices in the good fortune, the achievements, and especially the happiness of the other.

"Love is not pompous." In other words, it is not boastful. When someone is always speaking about himself or herself, always wanting to be the center of attention, that is egoism. As Saint Paul says, "love is not inflated." In other words, we don't become "puffed up" before others. That's really the sin of pride, whereas true love is marked by humility. How often we can be tempted to think we are better than others, even than one's spouse, because we're more knowledgeable about something or earn more money, for example. But true love is not pompous. In family life, Pope Francis says, "the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful destroys love." We need to have humility toward one another. How often we read in the Scriptures about how God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble!

"Love is not rude." It is not impolite. It is not harsh and abrasive. Sometimes I think we need more sensitivity training in our culture today. There is a lot of harshness today, lack of civility, lack of courtesy. Have you ever experienced, when out on the road, rudeness from other drivers? When there is rudeness or harshness or lack of courtesy in marriages and families, it creates hard feelings and can cause a lot of pain and suffering. True love abhors hurting others, especially one's spouse or one's children. When we're rude or unkind, we need to make amends. We need to say we are sorry. We need to say things that build others up and not tear them down. Pope Francis says: "Those who love are capable of speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement. . . . In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another."

"Love does not seek its own interests." In other words, it is generous. Generosity is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It involves giving of ourselves. Life must not be just about me. The Gospel teaches us to love others. It demands it. Spouses should be generous, not just with other people, but with each other.

"Love is not quick-tempered." Saint Paul had already said love is patient. Here, the Greek word has more to do with having a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation or resentment: interior hostility. Our anniversary couples can probably help all of us to understand how important it is not to let anger take

root in our hearts. Yes, we can all get annoyed and angry. But we can't let it simmer. We have to make peace, otherwise, love can die. Pope Francis talks a lot about little gestures to restore harmony within marriage and the family. He says, sometimes just a little caress is enough and no words are necessary. He says to couples: "do not let the day end without making peace in your family."

"Love does not brood over injury." In other words, it forgives! The bond of love between spouses is really hurt when there is lack of forgiveness, when there is brooding over injuries. We all have faults. We shouldn't always be looking at the faults of others, especially one's spouse. Or looking for every mistake or shortcoming. We can become unduly harsh. We need to be open to pardon and reconciliation. So many families are hurting and divided because of the lack of openness to forgiveness. When we accept God's love and forgiveness, something we do not deserve, we learn that we can forgive others. Family life will only flourish when there is forgiveness, when resentment ends, since true love does not brood over injury.

Our anniversary couples have undoubtedly experienced struggles in living this call to true love, but they have persevered and they have grown. They have matured in love. Otherwise, they would not be here today. They bear witness to us of the truth that Saint Paul proclaims so eloquently at the end of today's reading: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." We pray today for our anniversary couples, that God will continue to bless them with His grace and love, that they will continue to grow in love and that their love will never fail.

Fewer young people are entering into marriage today because, with the high divorce rate, they are afraid that their marriage might fail. Our anniversary couples took the courageous risk to marry and they show us that it is a risk worth taking. I'm sure they've faced trials. But they have cooperated with the grace of God that they received in the sacrament of marriage. They teach us that true love never gives up. In marriages and families today, "we need to cultivate that strength of love which can help us fight every evil threatening it. . . . The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up" (AL 119).

May the Lord bless our anniversary couples! May they continue to bear witness to Christ's love for the Church by their love for each other!

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children depicting Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco — to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima — and the cadre of the Apostolate faithful.

Apostolate President Mariam Schmitz said that the organization has “grown by leaps and bounds” recently, primarily as a result of Bishop Rhoades’ consecrating the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese to Mary in 2014.

“That was a catapult to growth.... People are eager to learn more about the Fatima message,” she added. The group’s primary outreach this year is to the youth of the diocese, with junior high school retreats enriched by Franciscan Father David Mary Engo’s “joyful way of teaching about Fatima.”

Attendee Ed Dahm professed a special love for the Blessed Mother, and noted that devotion to her is “more prevalent today.” Member Shelly Tippmann, said, “I’ve always prayed to her. I trust that (Fatima) message. David Carollo, executive director of the New Jersey-based organization who was also in attendance, said of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, “This is a very fine division of our Apostolate.” Next year, the centennial of the 1917 apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, will see special diocesan events take place in commemoration of that occurrence, the highlight of which will be a pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal in July, hosted by Bishop Rhoades himself.

Keynote speaker for the World Apostolate of Fatima meeting was Bishop Rhoades, who said that he anticipates this will be an opportunity for much spiritual growth in our diocese.

“You may recall the third part of the secret of Fatima that Pope John Paul revealed in the Jubilee Year 2000. Sister Lucia described a bishop dressed in white whom, she said, she and the other children believed was the Holy Father,” he said to those present. “This bishop was followed by other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and men and women of different ranks and social positions. They were walking up a mountain through a city that lay in ruins, and atop the mountain stood the cross. This all symbolized the human history and so much destruction, yet moving toward salvation, moving toward the cross, the goal and guide of history. Amid all the horrors around them, the bishop dressed in white and the others made their way through the ruins of the city, among the corpses of the dead. This is the path of the Church as it journeys through a time of violence, destruction and persecution.



Joe Romie

**The Franciscan Brothers Minor, accompanied by Patrick Sabat, official custodian of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, carry her in procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to the Grand Wayne Center following Mass on Oct. 1.**

“This especially reminds us of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the destructive world wars and the persecution of the Church. Sadly, these things continue in the 21st century. Pope Benedict XVI, when he was still a cardinal ... wrote a profound commentary on the third secret. He describes this vision in the third secret as the Via Crucis (the way of the cross) of an entire century. He wrote: ‘In the Via Crucis of an entire century, the figure of the pope has a special rôle. In his arduous ascent of the mountain we can undoubtedly see a convergence of different popes. Beginning from Pius X up to the present pope (John Paul II), they all shared the sufferings of the century and strove to go forward through all the anguish along the path that leads to the cross. In the vision, the pope too is killed with the martyrs. When, after the attempted assassination on May 13, 1981, the Holy Father had the text of the third part of the ‘secret’ brought to him, was it not inevitable that he should see in it his own fate? He had been very close to death, and he himself explained his survival in the following words, ‘It was a mother’s hand that guided the bullet’s path.... That ‘a mother’s hand’ had deflected the fateful bullet only shows once more that there is no immutable destiny, that faith and prayer are forces that can influence history and that in the end, prayer is more powerful than bullets and faith more powerful than armies.

“For decades, people wondered what the content of the third part of the secret might be. ... Actually (it) belongs to the whole of the Fatima message: the importance of prayer as the

path to salvation as well as the summons to penance and conversion. Approved private revelations, like Fatima, can, in the words of Cardinal Ratzinger, ‘help us to understand the signs of the times and to respond to them rightly in faith.’”

The bishop clarified that what the children experienced in the apparitions was an interior vision. Cardinal Ratzinger called this “interior perception.” Cardinal Ratzinger continues, “Interior vision does not mean fantasy, which would be no more than an expression of the subjective imagination. It means rather that the soul is touched by something real, even if beyond the senses.”

Bishop Rhoades continued, “In the course of the centennial year, we will have the opportunity to consider more closely the six apparitions and the messages. I would like, therefore, to look at the whole, the central messages. ... The Fatima message involves a truth and a call that the Church has always taught, the truth and the call of the Gospel itself. In its basic nucleus, it is a call to conversion and repentance. ... Convert and repent! Everything about Fatima is linked to this call of the Gospel.” Further, he said, “The Fatima message is a message of love. Mary’s immaculate heart is full of love for her children.”

“When we think of the world today, we can feel almost overcome by the evil around us, wars, terrorism, violence, abortion, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, abandoned refugees, the crisis of marriage and the family, the persecu-

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## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 9, 2016 — End of Retreat for Deacons of the Diocese of Harrisburg and their wives, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA

Monday, October 10, 2016: 10 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Purcell Pavilion, University of Notre Dame

Tuesday, October 11 to Thursday, October 13 — Continuing Formation Days for Priests, Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park  
Thursday, October 13: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Joseph Church, South Bend

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there are only about 570 Catholics, and most of them are foreigners. Still, the pope said, the Catholic Church has found a place in the nation, which proves that “it is not opposition, but cooperation that helps to build better and more peaceful societies.”

In every religion, he said, there are people who oppose tolerance toward and any sign of collaboration with people of other faiths.

“The fraternity and sharing that we seek to increase will not be appreciated by those who want to highlight divisions, reignite tensions and profit from opposition and differences,” Pope Francis said. But “fraternity and sharing are invoked and longed for by those who desire the common good, and are above all pleasing to God, the compassionate and all merciful, who wishes His sons and daughters in the one human family to be ever more united among themselves and always in dialogue with one another.”

A religion worthy of its name, he said, opens individuals to God and to one another. It makes people more human, seeing themselves as part of a greater whole created by God.

“Religions have an enormous task: to accompany men and women looking for the meaning of life, helping them to understand that the limited capacities of the human being and the goods of this world must never become absolutes,” the pope said.

Several times in his speech, Pope Francis drew lessons

Christians and Muslims share from the poetry of the Sufi philosopher Nizami Ganjavi. The Muslim poet wrote, “The fruits of this world are not eternal; do not adore that which perishes!”

Explaining the passage, the pope told the leaders, “Religions are called to help us understand that the center of each person is outside of himself, that we are oriented toward the Most High and toward the other, who is our neighbor.”

Humanity needs religion, he insisted. “Religion is the compass that orients us to the good and steers us away from evil, which is always crouching at the door of a person’s heart.”

Religious leaders, the pope said, are called to be guides, helping their people see how offensive it is to God and how harmful it is to others when people seek only their own well-being, advantage and profit.

Individuals and whole societies suffer when some act as if God does not exist, so everything is permissible, he said, but also when others, “rigid and fundamentalist,” believe they are justified in using violence to impose “extreme and radical attitudes which are furthest from the living God.”

Religions must never “lend support to, or approve of, conflicts and disagreements,” he said. “God cannot be used for personal interests and selfish ends; He cannot be used to justify any form of fundamentalism, imperialism or colonialism.”

Meeting in a place of prayer, Pope Francis said, “a heartfelt cry rises up once again: No more violence in the name of God! May His most holy name be adored, not profaned or bartered as a commodity through forms of hatred and human opposition.”



CNS/Paul Haring

**Pope Francis walks with Sheik Allahshukur Pashazade, the region’s chief imam, during a meeting with representatives of other religious communities at the Heydar Aliyev mosque in Baku, Azerbaijan, Oct. 2.**

# This priest, martyred in a concentration camp, is now a Blessed

BY DAVID AGREN

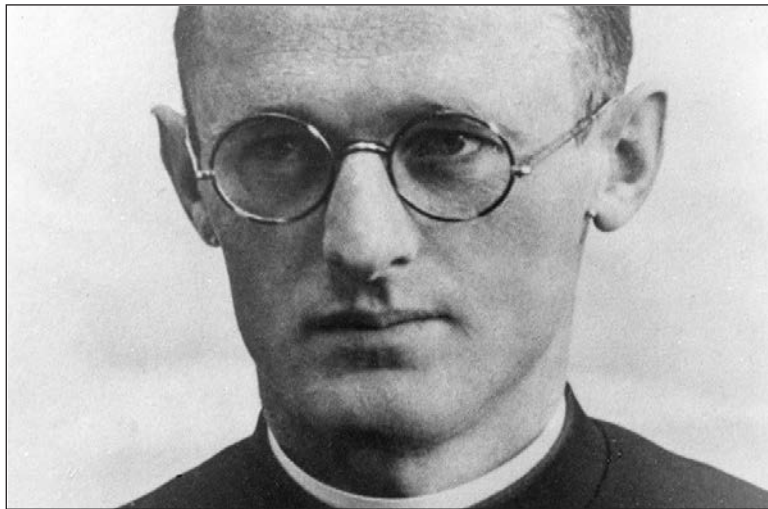
Würzburg, Germany (CNA/EWTN News) — Father Engelmar Unzeitig, a priest of the Mariannahill Mission society who was interred in the Nazi's Dachau concentration camp and has been recognized as a martyr, was beatified during a Mass on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Bishop Friedhelm Hofmann of Würzburg said during his homily for the Mass at the city's cathedral that Father Unzeitig, known as the "Angel of Dachau", brought the light of God's goodness to the place where his presence "is least expected."

Father Unzeitig lived under a "dehumanizing dictatorship," Bishop Hofmann noted, saying, "we can learn from him not to subject ourselves to a dictatorship, even a dictatorship of opinions."

The following day, before leading pilgrims to Rome in the Angelus, Pope Francis made note of the beatification, saying that "Killed in hatred of the faith," Father Unzeitig "opposed hatred with love, and answered ferocity answered with meekness. May his example help us to be witnesses of charity and hope even in the midst of tribulations."

Father Unzeitig was born in what is now the Czech Republic in 1911. He joined the seminary at the age of 18 and became a priest for the Mariannahill Mission Society, whose motto is:



CNA photo

**Blessed Engelmar Unzeitig was beatified Sept. 24.**

"If no one else will go: I will go!"

He was arrested by the Nazis in 1941, when he was only 30 years old and had been a priest but two years, serving in Germany and Austria.

His crime was having preached against the Third Reich from his pulpit, particularly against its treatment of the Jewish people. He encouraged his congregation to be faithful to God and to resist the lies of the Nazi regime.

As punishment, Father Unzeitig was sent to what has been called the "largest monastery in the world": Dachau concentration camp, which became renowned for the number of ministers and priests within its walls.

The camp housed some 2,700

clergy, roughly 95 percent of whom were Catholic priests from Poland, making it one of the largest residences for priests in the history of the Church — hence the name.

While imprisoned at the camp, Father studied Russian in order to be able to help the influx of prisoners from Eastern Europe, and had a reputation at the camp as a holy man.

For several years, Father Unzeitig was able to remain in relatively stable health despite the poor treatment he received. However, when a wave of the often-fatal typhoid fever swept through the camp in 1945, he and 19 other priests volunteered to do what no one else wanted to — care for the sick and dying in

the typhoid barracks, an almost-certain death sentence in and of itself. He and his companions spent their days bathing and caring for the sick, praying with them, and offering last rites.

Despite his bleak circumstances, Father Unzeitig found his hope and joy in his faith, as evidenced in letters to his sister from the camp:

"Whatever we do, whatever we want, is surely simply the grace that carries us and guides us. God's almighty grace helps us overcome obstacles ... love doubles our strength, makes us inventive, makes us feel content and inwardly free. If people would only realize what God has in store for those who love him!" he wrote.

In another letter he wrote:

"Even behind the hardest sacrifices and worst suffering stands God with his Fatherly love, who is satisfied with the good will of His children and gives them and others happiness."

Eventually, on March 2, 1945, Father Unzeitig succumbed to typhoid fever himself. Dachau was liberated by American soldiers just a few weeks later, on April 29.

In recognition of his heroic virtue, Father Engelmar Unzeitig was declared venerable by Benedict XVI in 2009, and Pope Francis acknowledged him as a martyr in January, which opened the path for his beatification.

Some 1,800 people participat-

ed in the beatification Mass at the Würzburg cathedral. Several representatives of the Czech government were present, as well as members of the Mariannahill missionaries and the bishop of an Austrian diocese where Father Unzeitig had served.

His feast is to be celebrated March 2, the anniversary of his death.

**Editor's note:** Bishop Rhoades expressed his joy in learning of the beatification of Father Engelmar Unzeitig. He stated: "I first learned about Father Engelmar when I was Bishop of Harrisburg. The diocese conducted an investigation of a reported miraculous healing of one of the faithful that was attributed to the intercession of Father Engelmar. The thorough report was sent to the medical board in Rome responsible for studying alleged miracles in the causes of beatification and canonization. I understand that the medical board approved it after I was transferred to Fort Wayne-South Bend. In any event, the proof of a miracle was not needed since Father Engelmar qualified for a decree of martyrdom, which Pope Francis approved. This holy priest courageously defended the Jewish people in his sermons and was arrested and sent to Dachau where he ministered to his fellow prisoners with heroic charity. As we rejoice in his beatification, it is good to pray now for his canonization."

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tion of Christians, threats to our religious liberty, atheism, militant secularism, relativism — the list goes on." Bishop Rhoades continued, "This message of Fatima, the message of the Gospel, is addressed to us today. Our Mother reaches out to us who live in a culture where there is a collapse of morality, resulting in so much suffering, which brings so many dangers, including right here in our own country. ... She revealed to the children that her Immaculate Heart will triumph. We don't know exactly how that will happen, but it must begin with each one of us, in our own hearts, our own conversion from sin, our own repentance, our own prayer and sacrifices, just as Mary asked for these things from the shepherd children in their own lives."

"So that's Fatima; that's the Gospel: penance, conversion and growth in faith, hope and love. ... That's the way to salvation," said Bishop Rhoades. Our Lady pointed out the connection to prayer when she requested that the children pray the rosary daily, a plea she repeated

in all six of her apparitions at Fatima.

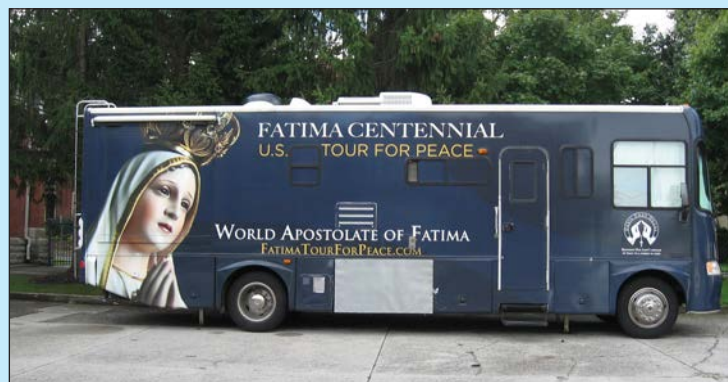
Bishop Rhoades elaborated on the three angel apparitions which occurred a full year before that of Our Lady of Fatima. "The word angel means messenger," he said. "In the Scriptures, we read about the angels who were messengers sent by God to prepare His people. At Fatima, an angel calling himself the Angel of Peace visited the three children to prepare them for what was to come." Sister Lucia later described in her memoirs a young man, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal and of great beauty, who appeared to them in the spring of 1916. This angel of peace taught the children the Pardon Prayer, which they were to pray for the salvation of souls. The angel appeared to them a second time in the summer of 1916. He told them to pray and to offer sacrifices constantly to the Most High. After that, the children became especially devoted to prayer. The third apparition of the angel occurred in early September or October of 1916, when he held a chalice with the Eucharistic host above it, knelt beside the children and taught them the Fatima Angel's Prayer. After giving the consecrated host to Lucia and the chalice to Jacinto and Francisco, the

angel left them, for his mission was complete. He had prepared them to meet Our Lady.

Bishop Rhoades summed up his remarks by saying, "These three appearances of the angel are a good reflection for us as we approach the centenary celebration. They remind us of the importance of prayer, of reparation, and of reverence for the Eucharist, both Holy Communion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. ... I invite you to think about these three apparitions and to pray the two prayers the angel taught the children between now and May 13. In our diocesan pilgrimage to Fatima next July, we will visit the two sites of these three angel apparitions."

In closing, the bishop said, "We will have many opportunities in the year ahead to reflect on the events and message of Fatima. These are opportunities for ongoing conversion and repentance, for growth in our prayer life and for growth in the virtues of faith, hope and love. Our Lady, our spiritual mother, guides us and helps us ... we must never give up hope in the promise that in the end Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph. ... The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise."

## Fatima statue crosses the country



Mark Weber

**Scheduled to visit at least two dioceses in all of the 50 United States is this deluxe motorhome carrying the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. It was parked at St. Patrick parish in Fort Wayne while the statue was in St. Patrick Church for day-long veneration. This was the final stop in Indiana before the tour continued to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.**

The world-famous statue of Our Lady of Fatima that has traveled by plane, train and borne by footmen now moves in a first-class motorhome graphically announcing that the 100-year-old message of Fatima is crossing America and that the statue will be venerated in 100 dioceses in the United States. The statue was sculpted in 1947 by José Thedim, according to the description of Sister Lucia, who desired that the pilgrim image represent Our Lady's position when she revealed herself as the

Immaculate Heart to the three Shepherd children at Fatima in 1917.

The tour began at Blue Army Shrine of Fatima in New Jersey on Easter Monday of this year and will end in Texas in December 2017.

In Fort Wayne, the statue was on display at a Fatima breakfast at the Grand Wayne Center on Saturday, Oct. 1 and then moved to St. Patrick Church for all-day veneration on Sunday. Other stops in Indiana included Indianapolis, Mishawaka and Brookville.



# Living the Year of Mercy

## Visit the Imprisoned

### 'Meeting my brothers in Christ': prison ministry in St. Joseph County

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

Meet Keith. Age: 35. Average build. Average height. Average weight. What is not average about Keith? His place of residence. For nearly half of his 35 years, Keith has resided in prison.

Now meet Father Jim Bracke, a Congregation of Holy Cross priest. Ordination: 36 years ago. Occupation: Chaplain at the University of Notre Dame. One of his ministries: bringing Christ and the sacraments to the incarcerated.

When Father Jim and Keith met, Keith was "a tough nut to crack," as Father Jim described. A self-pronounced narcissist, Keith was not exactly focused on really anyone other than himself, and he repeatedly declared himself an atheist. Nonetheless, Father Jim visited Keith on a regular basis.

On one visit, Keith asked how Father Jim was doing. Usually self-absorbed, this was unusual for Keith. Father Jim shared that he was dealing with some family members and their health issues. Keith responded, "Well, let's offer a prayer for them."

"He prayed one of the most touching prayers that I had heard in ministry anywhere," Father Jim said. "Keith had said he was an atheist, and yet he seemed to pray to our loving God, in Jesus and with the Spirit. I will never forget that blessed encounter at Westville."

Keith is just one of the many individuals Father Jim has touched and been touched by. Father Jim's prison ministry began nearly seven years ago, over a dinner with Father Tom McNally, CSC. "I felt after the visit with Father Tom that there was a need, and in prayer I felt the Gospel of Matthew 25, challenging me to go beyond myself and comfort zones. I then went



FATHER JIM BRACKE, CSC

with Father Tom to the county jail for Mass" and the rest is history.

Father Jim offers the sacrament of the Mass at the St. Joseph County Jail on a monthly basis.

On Tuesday mornings, he visits the men he has come to know through offering Mass. He also visits other area prisons, such as Westville Correctional Facility.

Father Jim also works with those re-entering society, including at Dismas House — a place that, since 1986, has been home to over 1,000 men and women re-entering from incarceration.

"Those in re-entry face in some ways more challenges than those in prison," he said. They often have a hard time finding a place to live, work and do the things one needs to live in society. Society seems to continue to mark a big 'X' on their lives, even though they have paid for their crimes."

At Mass Father Jim prays with a team of volunteers, including Deacon Greg Gehred, the St. Joseph County Prison Ministry director; Jeffrey Blue; two University of Notre Dame masters of divinity students and parish volunteers.

"The volunteers help on the Saturday morning Bible study programs, meet one-on-one with the men prior to Mass, bring printed religious materials to the men — including Bibles, connect to the families of the men and help plan the Mass with readers and music," he said.

Prison ministry is not without its challenges. Father Jim wishes more men could come to Mass rather than the usual 20. He also regrets that he is unable to celebrate Mass for women.

When he visits the men, he is separated by a glass window or forced to speak through a phone, rather than visiting them in their pods. His time to visit is limited to an hour or so.

Prison ministry, he said, is about meeting his brothers in Christ, seeing "in the faces of the assembly the same ones I saw at Little Flower, St. Bavo or Christ the King; brothers who are sons of God and brothers in Christ."

He continued: "As I come to know them, I hear stories like ones I hear in parishes: that they come from families; have hopes and dreams for wives, sons and daughters; are concerned about their parents and are wanting to work and support their loved ones. I hear and see men who love God and want to serve God and their neighbors. Many come from broken homes or got into the wrong crowd, leading to bad choices. They are willing to complete the jail terms and do not deny they made errors. I am humbled by their desire to change their lives in Christ."

In the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, article two states: "As disciples of Jesus, we stand side by side with all people. Like them, we are burdened by the same struggles and beset by the same weaknesses; like them, we are made new by the same Lord's love; like them, we hope for a world where justice and love prevail." This mission is brought to life in the prison ministry of Father Jim.

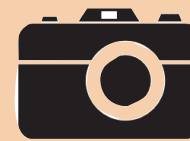
"I am better as a human and priest, in meeting my brothers in Christ. They call me to grow in my faith and trust in God. I would hope that others might give this ministry a try and discover that God's amazing graces are real."

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"For I am merciful, says the Lord..."

— Jer 3:12



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Guantanamo Naval Station, Cuba, is seen in this 2006 file photo. The last three months of the Year of Mercy include jubilee celebrations for the imprisoned and for homeless people.

### Jubilee for prisoners, canonizations among pope's upcoming events

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The last three months of the Year of Mercy include jubilee celebrations for the imprisoned and for homeless people.

Releasing a schedule of liturgical celebrations over which Pope Francis will preside, the Vatican included Holy Year Masses for prisoners Nov. 6 and for the homeless Nov. 13.

The schedule, released at the Vatican Sept. 6, also mentions his planned trip to Sweden Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The pope also will preside over Mass with canonizations in St. Peter's Square Oct. 16, World Mission Sunday. The pope will

declare six men and one woman saints, including the Argentine "gaucho priest," Blessed Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero, and Blessed Jose Sanchez del Rio, a 14-year-old Mexican boy martyred for refusing to renounce his faith during the Cristero War of the 1920s.

Also on the calendar:

- Oct. 8: Jubilee Prayer Vigil in St. Peter's Square with delegations from Marian shrines around the world.
- Oct. 9: Jubilee Mass in St. Peter's Square in honor of Mary.
- Nov. 4: Memorial Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for bishops and cardinals who have died in the past year.
- Nov. 20: Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the closing of the Holy Year of Mercy.

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# Most Precious Blood School welcomes Bishop Rhoades

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

**M**ost Precious Blood School welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to the Catholic elementary school last Friday, Sept. 30. Bishop was celebrant, and pastor Father Joseph Gaughan, concelebrant, for the Mass that opened a day filled with special activities.

"I can't think of a better way to begin this day..." the Bishop said, as he greeted eager students and the staff, parents, grandparents and other parishioners who filled the church.

Since he was visiting on the feast day of St. Jerome, the bishop spoke during his homily about that saint's attributes, pointing out that St. Jerome was one of the great fathers of the church who became a hermit in order to spend his life in prayer. He reminded his listeners that they should emulate St. Jerome by reading the Bible, studying Scripture and listening to God's word.

After Mass, Principal Stan Liponoga announced the results of a special fundraiser conducted by the students in anticipation of the bishop's visit.

"We began collecting funds to donate to Catholic Relief Services Ark of Hope. Our students did an outstanding job," he said. "The eighth grade was the class who collected the most funds, \$219.66. If you notice, I did not use the word 'winners;' rather, the class that raised the most funds. Each classroom was a winner, as they participated in a beautiful global service project. ... As a school, we raised a grand total of \$1,030.18."

Liponoga said to the bishop: "We are honored to donate in your name, to the Catholic Relief Services Ark of Hope program, 126 tree saplings, 12 rabbits, four pigs, 20 hens, four roosters and three lambs or baby goats." "What a great surprise that was," exclaimed Bishop Rhoades, and thanked the students for their sacrifices to help the poor.

The bishop spent the morning visiting classrooms at Precious Blood School, asking students about their religious studies and fielding questions from them in return. He reminded second graders about the importance of their preparation for two sacraments, first Holy Eucharist and first reconciliation, and spoke to them about their upcoming confessions.

The younger students were learning about the Holy Trinity and our Lord's healing miracles, while first-graders were discussing Jesus. Bishop reminded them to talk to Him when they pray. Third and fourth-graders were studying the lives of the saints and discerning how to help the broader Church community. Students in grade five were studying Sacred Scripture while sharing daily Bible readings. Seventh-graders were also studying the Trinity, with an emphasis on the single divinity and two natures of the Son of God. Bishop Rhoades was pleased to find that both sixth- and eighth-graders had researched his coat of arms and were prepared to display their knowledge for him.

After classroom visits were completed, the students were excited to share with Bishop Rhoades that the prize awarded to the eighth-grade class for their fundraising efforts was "Bowling with the Bishop," an activity that took place in the school's own lower-level bowling alley.

The six-lane alley, established in 1932, has been a mainstay of recreational activity for students and the church community for nearly 85 years. Northside Recreation Center was originally formed by Father John Wilson, with the help of German parishioners interested in "kegling" — and is the oldest such facility in Fort Wayne. Longtime manager Rich Sarrazin is a proponent of the sport for people of all ages.

"You can bowl for the rest of your life," he said. Bishop Rhoades proved it by bowling a strike, much to the delight of the students.

As the day ended, everyone gathered in the gymnasium to sing the Precious Blood Blessing for Bishop Rhoades, to which he replied, "May the spirit of God be with you all your days."

The school's mission is summed up in the following statement: "First and foremost, Most Precious Blood School is a family of faith brought together by a common love of Jesus Christ. Students learn to live their lives by the example set by Jesus...." Father Gaughan underscored the statement by saying: "It is important to be spiritually united around our bishop"

Principal Liponoga added that the school is immensely proud to share its Catholic identity with him. "Our school would not be possible without your support and magnanimous leadership of our diocese. Thank you for all you do and for visiting Most Precious Blood School," he said to Bishop Rhoades.



Photos by Mollie Shutt

**Students of Most Precious Blood School, Fort Wayne, hear from Bishop Rhoades about the meaning behind the design of his coat of arms.**



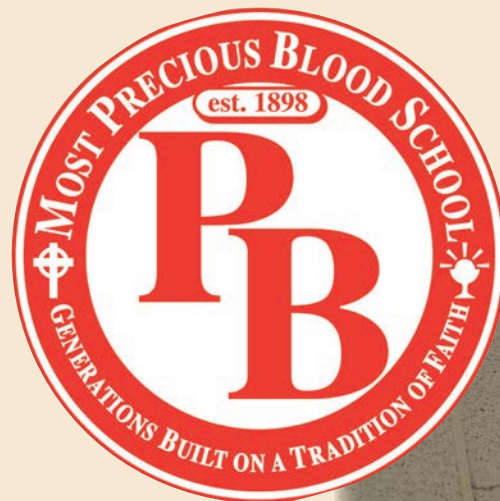
**Bishop Rhoades tells the students about his favorite charity, Catholic Relief Services, during Mass at the parish Friday, Sept. 30.**



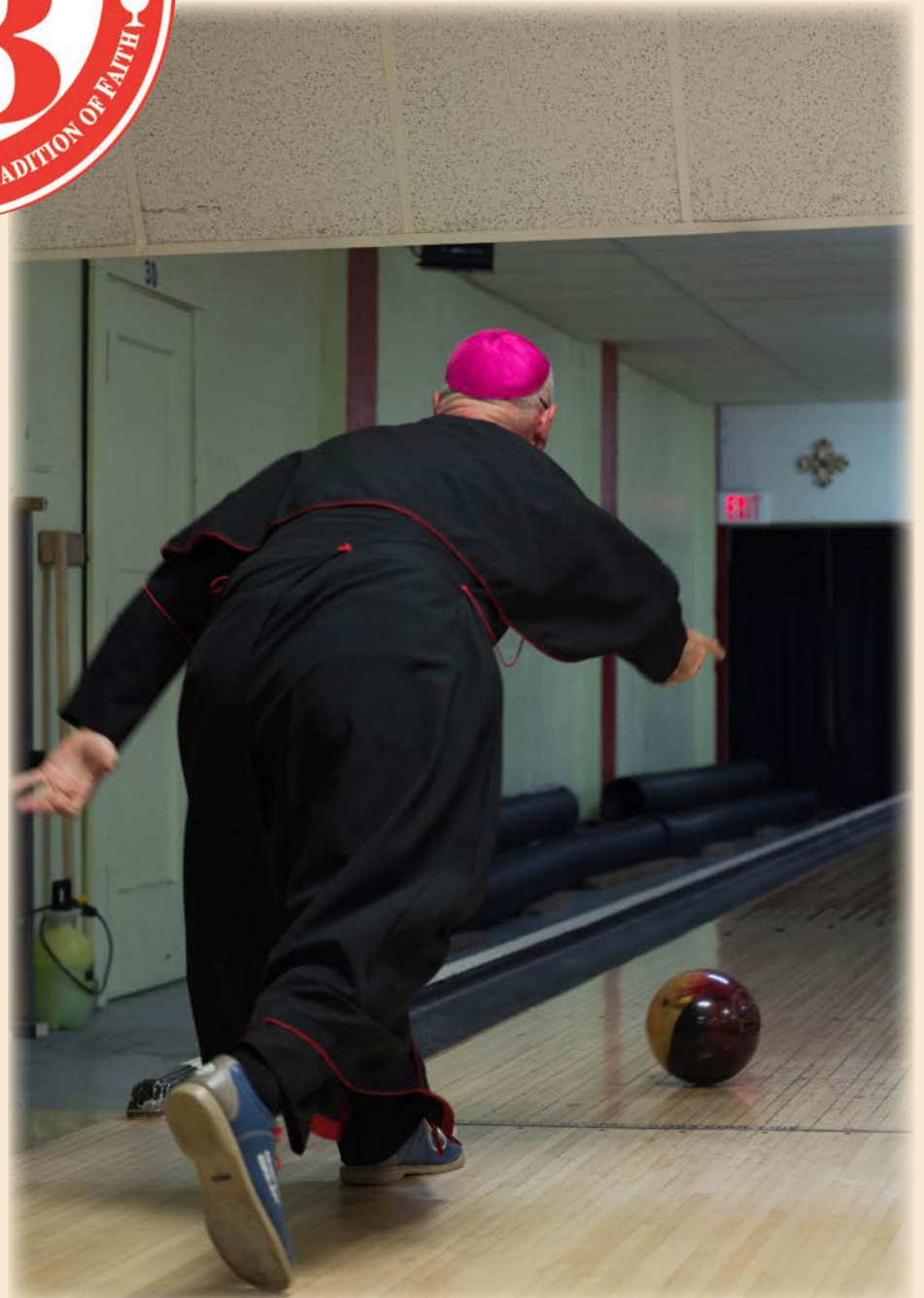
Bishop Rhoades receives an oversize card from the students of Most Precious Blood.



The bishop answers questions students have for him about their faith.



Students enjoy Bishop's answers to the question-and-answer session.



Bishop Rhoades bowls in the hopes of getting a second strike.



One class at Most Precious Blood school presented Bishop Rhoades with a bowling pin signed by students, as a way for him to remember the morning.

## USF group helps homeless through pottery

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Empty Bowls group is partnering with a local homeless shelter to raise money to assist homeless families in the Fort Wayne area.

Empty Bowls is a grassroots effort by USF students, faculty, staff and friends to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end homelessness in the community. On Friday, Oct. 14, the group is gathering to throw, trim and glaze over 300 ceramic bowls that will be donated to Just Neighbors: Interfaith Homeless Network, Fort Wayne's only emergency shelter serving homeless families, for their "Just Dinner" event. The dinner will be held Nov. 12 at the USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants in the event will receive one of the ceramic pieces made by Empty Bowls.

All funds raised at "Just Dinner" will benefit Just Neighbors. This is the fourth year that USF and Just Neighbors have partnered through an Empty Bowls project.

## Evangelium Vitae Medal awarded

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will award the 2017 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal to the Jerome Lejeune Foundation.

University of Notre Dame President Rev. John I. Jenkins, CSC, said: "We are proud to award

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Bishop speaks to Allen County Right to Life



Joe Romie

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses a large group of pro-life supporters on the evening of Sept. 28 at Statewood Baptist Church, across the street from the former abortion clinic on Inwood Drive in Fort Wayne. The evening gathering, organized by Allen County Right To Life, was to remember the more than 20,000 babies who died at the hands of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer in Allen County, and to give thanks for the indefinite suspension of Klopfer's license to practice in Indiana. The group also prayed that Allen County would remain free of abortions.

this medal to the Jerome Lejeune Foundation to honor them for their inspiring commitment to serve the most vulnerable — and often least valued — among us and, through their compassionate work around the world, to build a culture of life and love."

Jerome Lejeune, born in 1926 in Montrouge, France, established the first specialized clinic for Down syndrome patients at Necker Children's Hospital near Paris. In 1958, while studying chromosomes linked to Down syndrome, he discovered an unexpected third chromosome on the 21st pair, a genetic abnormality he named trisomy 21. This discovery was the first to link an intellectual disability to a genetic cause. Lejeune also conducted pioneering research into trisomy 18 and trisomies on the eighth and ninth chromosomal pairs.

The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal is a lifetime achievement award given to heroes of the pro-life movement, honoring individuals whose efforts have served to steadfastly affirm and defend the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages.

Announced annually on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October, the Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae award consists of a specially commissioned medal and \$10,000 prize, to be presented at a banquet that will be held at Notre Dame on April 29.

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture believes that the truth that the Church affirms about the human person is the foundation for freedom, justice, human dignity and the common good. The center brings the University's voice into the public discussion of the most vital issues of our day.

## Dr. Eric Grekowitz leads new school at Our Lady of Good Hope

BY JEANNIE EWING

FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope School, Fort Wayne, is no ordinary primary educational institution, and Dr. Eric Grekowitz is no ordinary principal. Having a background in postsecondary education and teaching as a university professor for 17 years, Dr. Grekowitz felt "strongly called to Catholic education," which led him to a previous position as a Catholic elementary school principal.

As a lay Dominican, Dr. Grekowitz felt drawn to converting his previous school to a classical model, "back to our educational roots as Catholics," he said. "The school had been slowly dying, but with the conversion to classical [education], its vitality returned." Dominicans are typically led to preach and teach, both of which fit in perfectly with Dr. Grekowitz's



DR. ERIC GREKOWICZ

professional and spiritual life.

He describes landing the job at Our Lady of Good Hope as entirely providential. "I was perusing various postings and

ran across the advertisement for Our Lady," he explained. "When I read it, I couldn't believe it. I had a clear sense that it was written specifically for me. When I showed the ad to my wife, she also couldn't believe how closely it matched my expertise, beliefs and personality."

As a new parochial school in the diocese, Our Lady of Good Hope follows a Catholic classical liberal arts model. "The purpose is to teach from Christo-centric educational practice and materials, with the specific intention of exposing our children to the best literature and thought of the past and present," Dr. Grekowitz elaborated. His hope for his students is "that they will become great saints. That is our primary mission," he continued. "We cannot see and measure the heart, so that is where my prayer and hope is focused."

## Sandwiches made for homeless



Provided by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Fort Wayne, preschoolers helped make bologna and cheese sandwiches for the homeless in Sharen Gall's preschool classes. Gall, pictured, talked to her students about people who have no homes and said this is one way to help them.

Gall takes part in the group Catholics on a Mission, made up of Catholic laity and the Franciscan Brothers Minor, which hands out food and other necessities to the homeless every other Tuesday at a location near the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception downtown.



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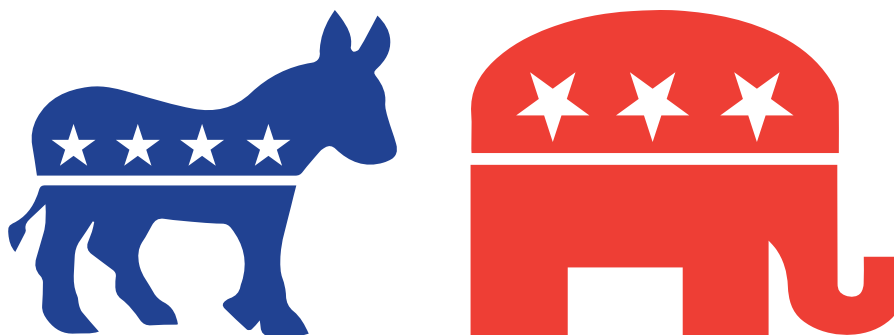
## ELECTION

“Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas ... *But being ‘right’ in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life.* Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’ — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. *All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation.*

These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right — the right to life.”

— FROM LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE, NO. 22 WITH ORIGINAL EMPHASIS (PASTORAL STATEMENT OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS, 1998).

## 2016 ELECTION GUIDE



# Know the positions of the presidential candidates

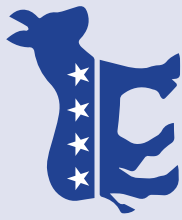
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“The right to life implies and is linked to other human rights — to the basic goods that every human person needs to live and thrive. All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life. The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors — basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work — is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to respond to these needs. ... Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.”

— FROM FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP, NOS. 25, 26, U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, 2015.

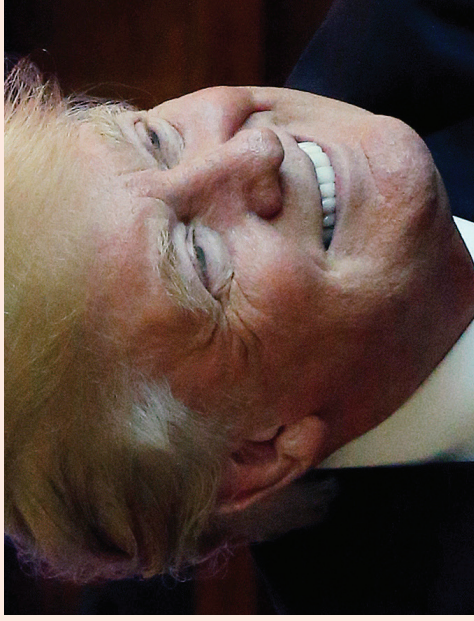


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# DONALD TRUMP

## ABORTION

"I believe we need to protect access to safe and legal abortion, not just in principle but in practice," Clinton said at a rally in January.

Clinton supports the repeal of the Hyde Amendment and the Democratic Party Platform states, "We will continue to oppose — and seek to overturn — federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment." The Hyde Amendment restricts the use of federal funds to pay for abortions.

While Trump previously described himself as "pro-choice," in August 2015 Trump said he has "very much evolved" on the issue of abortion and "I am pro-life." He said he supports exceptions in the case of rape, incest and when the life of the mother is at risk.

No statement by Trump on the Hyde Amendment could be found, but the Republican Party Platform calls for "codification" of the Hyde Amendment, "We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage."

## DEATH PENALTY

During a February 2016 debate, Clinton said regarding the death penalty, "I do for very limited, particularly heinous crimes, believe it is an appropriate punishment, but I deeply disagree with the way that too many states still are implementing it."

In 2011, Trump said he is "very much in favor of the death penalty."

## DOCTOR PRESCRIBED SUICIDE

During a February Town Hall Meeting, Clinton said doctor prescribed suicide "is a crucial issue that people deserve to understand from their own ethical, religious, faith-based perspective... I want as president to try to catalyze that debate." The Democratic Party Platform makes no mention of doctor prescribed suicide.

No statement by Trump on this issue could be found, but the Republican Party Platform states, "We oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide."

## EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In 2007, Clinton said, "I'll tell you why I won't support vouchers. Number one, I don't think they're constitutional. But number two, I don't see how you would implement them without having a lot of people get vouchers for schools that would be teaching things antithetical to American values."

In his book "The America We Deserve" (2000), Trump wrote, "we've got to bring on the competition — open the schoolhouse doors and let parents choose the best school for their children. Education reformers call this school choice, charter schools, vouchers, even opportunity scholarships. I call it competition — the American way."

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Clinton's campaign website states that her energy "plan is designed to deliver on the pledge President Obama made at the Paris climate conference" where over 190 countries agreed to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and meet existing financial commitments to an international climate fund.

During a May 2016 policy address on energy, Trump said that in his first 100 days in office, "We're going to cancel the Paris Climate Agreement and stop all payments of U.S. tax dollars to U.N. global warming programs."

## FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Clinton described the First Amendment Defense Act as "taxpayer-funded discrimination

In a December 2015 letter Trump wrote, "If Congress considers the First Amendment De-

by those who cite religion as a reason to deny services to LGBT people nationwide.” The First Amendment Defense Act would protect against adverse federal actions directed toward individuals and organizations whose religious beliefs and moral convictions indicate that marriage is between one man and one woman.

## HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR THE UNINSURED

According to her website, Clinton will “defend the Affordable Care Act and build on it to slow the growth of out-of-pocket costs.” Her plan would also provide health insurance for the lowest-income Americans by incentivizing states to expand Medicaid, and make enrollment through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act easier.

According to his website, Trump “will ask Congress to immediately deliver a full repeal of Obamacare.” He also said, “As we allow the free market to provide insurance coverage opportunities to companies and individuals, we must also make sure that no one slips through the cracks simply because they cannot afford insurance. We must review basic options for Medicaid and work with states to ensure that those who want healthcare coverage can have it.”

## IMMIGRATION

According to her website, Clinton will “introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office.” She will “defend President Obama’s executive actions” to provide deportation relief for DREAMers and parents of citizens and lawful residents; “end family detention and close private immigrant detention centers” and “promote naturalization.”

According to his website, Trump will build a wall across the southern border, paid for by Mexico. To defend the immigration laws, Trump proposes to triple the number of ICE officers (currently 5,000); create a nationwide e-verify to “protect jobs for unemployed Americans”; return “criminal aliens” to their home countries; detain “illegal aliens” at the border until they are returned to their home countries; defund “sanctuary cities”; enhance penalties for overstaying a visa; cooperate with local gang task forces and end birthright citizenship.

## INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

According to her website, Clinton will defeat ISIS by “intensifying the coalition air campaign against ISIS fighters, leaders, and infrastructure; stepping up support for local Arab and Kurdish forces on the ground and coalition efforts to protect civilians; and pursuing a diplomatic strategy aimed at resolving Syria’s civil war and Iraq’s sectarian conflict between Sunnis and Shias — both of which have contributed to the rise of ISIS.”

Trump said he would bring about the defeat of ISIS by destroying the source of its funding, oil and banks that funnel money to the organization, “take the oil...the oil that ISIS is pumping, where they’re getting tremendous amounts of revenue. I’ve said, hit the banking channels. You know, they have very sophisticated banking channels... they’re taking in tremendous amounts of money from banking channels.”

## MARRIAGE

In response to the Supreme Court’s decision to strike down state laws defining marriage as between one man and one woman, Clinton tweeted, “Proud to celebrate a historic victory for marriage equality.”

In 2015, Trump said, “I’m (for) traditional marriage.”

## POVERTY

In 2013 while members of Congress were debating the details of the Farm Bill, Clinton tweeted, “What happens to kids in families cut from unemployment insurance & food stamps? They’re #2SmallToFail, & deserve an equal chance to succeed.”

In a June 2015 interview, Trump said, “We have to create incentives that they actually do much better by working. Right now, they have a disincentive. They have an incentive not to work.” When asked if he would insist people work for food stamps and other welfare assistance, Trump said, “Well, you could — you could start looking at things like that...The problem we have right now, we have a society that sits back and says we’re not going to do anything. And eventually the 50 percent cannot carry, and it’s unfair to them, but cannot carry the other 50 percent.”

## REFUGEES DISPLACED BY TERRORISM

Clinton said the U.S. should do more to help Syrian refugees, “We’re facing the worst refugee crisis since the end of World War II... I think the United States has to do more, and I’d like to see us move from what is a good start with 10,000 to 65,000 [refugees permitted in the U.S.]”

Trump said regarding refugees, “It is a very, very disturbing thing that’s going on in Europe. And we’re going to have it over here, too. And they just can’t do what they’re doing... We’re not going to keep them here. They’re going back.”

*These comments, policies and statements are snapshots from each candidate’s public career, campaigns and websites as of August 2016. For embedded links to these resources, visit [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org), [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org) or [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org). The candidates also represent the platforms of their political parties, which can be viewed at [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org) and [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com). Information appears here for informational purposes only and does not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. Neither PCC, the FCCB or the VCC support or oppose any candidate for public office.*

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## ELECTION 2016

# How Kaine, Pence reflect problems of Church

*Vice presidential candidates exemplify two of the commonplace issues facing Catholicism today*

By Russell Shaw

Partisan politics aside, this year's Republican and Democratic vice presidential candidates, Mike Pence and Tim Kaine, between them reflect two of the biggest problems now facing the Catholic Church in the United States.

With the GOP's Pence, governor of Indiana and a former U.S. congressman, the problem is attrition — loss of members to other religious groups or to religious non-affiliation. Pence was raised a Catholic but has switched to evangelicalism.

With the Democrats' Kaine, a former governor of Virginia who is a U.S. senator, the issue is the separation of faith from life practiced by Catholic politicians who say they're personally opposed to abortion and other things condemned by the Church while supporting those same things in the public policy arena.

To note these concerns as they apply to Pence and Kaine isn't passing judgment on the character of either man. Nor is there any reason to think either wishes ill to the Catholic Church. But things both have said and done are in conflict with the Church, albeit in different ways.

## A break from the Church

Pence, 57, was one of six children in a devout Irish-American family, and he and his three brothers were altar servers in their local parish. While the process by which he moved away from Catholicism is not known in detail, it appears to have begun during his student years at Hanover College in Indiana.

Even so, Pence worked after graduation as a Catholic youth minister and, it's said, thought about becoming a priest. But along the line he started describing himself as an "evangelical Catholic." An acquaintance of those years told the New York Times he was increasingly eager to have "a very personal relationship with Christ."

A Catholic might reply that it's hard to imagine a relationship with Christ more personal than the one that comes with

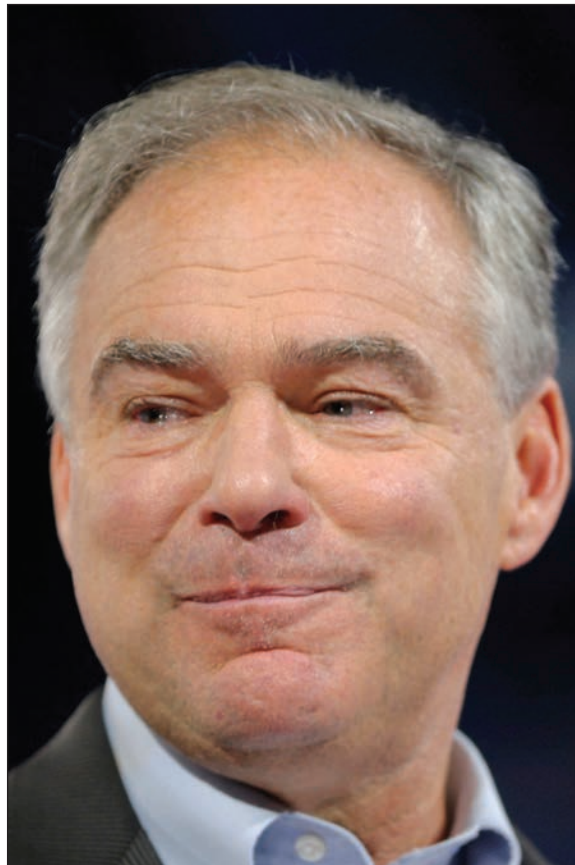
receiving Communion. The Church teaches that Christ is really present — body and blood, soul and divinity, an old formula says — in the consecrated Eucharistic species. Admittedly, though, the Eucharist is celebrated in the context of a stylized liturgical rite, the Mass, which often is performed in a more or less matter-of-fact manner.

Whenever it happened, Pence's break with Catholicism apparently was definitive by the mid-1990s. By then he and his wife were regular attendees at an evangelical church. Today, they are said frequently to worship at an Indianapolis "mega-church" where there are three giant video screens, colored lights and Christian bands. The Times described the Pences there the Sunday after the GOP convention "standing and clapping in time with the music."

Pence is scarcely the first Catholic to leave the Church. According to a major study of religion in America published by the Pew Research Center in 2014, fully 41 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic no longer identify themselves as such, while only 2 percent raised in some other tradition have become Catholics. By no means all the Catholics who've left the Church have taken up evangelicalism, but some have.

Pence's nomination for vice president was greeted enthusiastically by pro-lifers who consider him to be a solid friend. In Congress, he worked to cut off federal funds to Planned Parenthood. Last March as governor he signed a bill banning abortions for fetal disability. A federal judge has barred enforcement of the law.

But this year Pence also received criticism from social conservatives for backing away from support for a bill allowing commercial firms to refuse on conscience grounds to provide services to same-sex couples. The governor changed his posi-



U.S. Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia (left) is seen in Miami July 23. U.S. Republican vice presidential candidate Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana is seen Nov. 21, 2013, in Phoenix. CNS photo by Brian Snyder via Reuters and CNS photo by Rick D'Elia via EPA

tion after several large companies threatened to boycott the state.

Last year Pence was one of two dozen governors reacting to terrorist attacks who opposed the admission of Syrian refugees to their states. Catholic Charities of Indianapolis was then preparing to bring a Syrian family to Indiana, and after a meeting between Pence and Arch-

bishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis brought no agreement, the archdiocese went ahead. Although Pence's office said he disagreed, plans to cut off public assistance to the family were dropped.

## Personally opposed, but ...

Kaine's story is different, but like Pence's it also is one in which religion plays a big role.

Born in Minnesota, Kaine, 58, was raised in Kansas City, Mo. where he attended the Jesuits' Rockhurst High School. Between college and Harvard law school, he was a volunteer at a Jesuit vocational school in Honduras. When, years later, he and his wife moved to Richmond, he became active in a

predominantly African-American Catholic parish. Kaine was elected mayor of Richmond in 1998, lieutenant governor of Virginia in 2001, and governor in 2005. He was elected to the Senate in 2012.

He has said repeatedly that he is personally uneasy about abortion but opposed to efforts to prevent or restrict it. He is a co-sponsor of a bill called the Women's Health Protection Act, which pro-lifers say would nullify nearly all state and federal limits on the procedure and prohibit enactment of meaningful state laws in the future.

For years Kaine supported the Hyde Amendment, which bars federal tax funding for abortions. But although he told CNN after becoming the Democrats' vice-presidential nominee that he still supports it "personally," the campaign of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said her running-mate is "committed to carrying out Secretary Clinton's agenda" including the elimination of Hyde.

Kaine also describes himself as a supporter of legalized same-sex marriage, adoptions by same-sex couples, and the ordination of women as Catholic priests. As with abortion, so

with the death penalty, he has said he is personally opposed, but in his years as governor 11 people were executed in Virginia.

Accepting the Democrats' nomination for vice president, Kaine called faith his "north star in orienting my life." But others see pro-choice Catholic politicians like him and current Vice President Joe Biden as examples of the walling-off of faith from secular life that the Second Vatican Council called "one of the gravest errors of our time."

In a Facebook comment after Kaine's nomination, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence, Rhode Island, noted the candidate's assertion that faith is central in his life. "But apparently, and unfortunately, his faith isn't central to his public, political life," the bishop said.

There is also a catechetical aspect in all this. It is that other Catholics with no special connection to politics are influenced by the politicians' message that rationalizing behavior in conflict with moral norms upheld by the Church is as much an option for them as it appears to be for the politicians.

*Russell Shaw is an OSV contributing editor.*

# Elkhart County parishes join forces for young adult ministry

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

**A** new discipleship group has been formed that aims to build community among young adult Catholics in Elkhart County.

Lauren Cox was instrumental in getting the group, which goes by the name of Elkhart Area Catholic Young Adults, started. She attends St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, and is new to the faith, having been confirmed at the Easter Vigil in 2015.

After her conversion, Cox became involved in a South Bend-area young adult ministry organized by Sean Allen, director of young adult ministry in the South Bend area for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Allen expressed an interest in initiating a similar group in her area, she said, and assembled a leadership team to help lay the groundwork.

"My own action plan is to help develop the young adult group (here) by planning events, meeting young adults and walking alongside them in their journey to intentional discipleship," Cox then wrote a letter to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades four months ago, detailing her intention to give the idea of a county-wide ministry for her age group serious attention and asking for his blessing on the initiative. That letter was prompted by the fact that she was also one of 300 women selected to attend the Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum, Given, June 7-12 in Washington, D.C. The experience convicted her to participate in the Church's New Evangelization initiative.

Since then, a leadership group composed of representatives from each Elkhart County parish has been meeting and studying the Bible weekly: In addition to Cox, they are Jhannah de



Photos provided by Lauren Cox

**Lauren Cox is one of the founders of the group, whose leadership team hopes other young adults from across the county will join in on their faith formation and community-building events.**

Castro, Heather DeLucenay, Nick Lochmandy, Daisy Rios, Aileen Hurd and Sam Romero.

"This hasn't been just me; it's been a whole group effort," Cox stressed. "It's still a work in progress as we continue to meet young adults in the area."

During the summer the group planned several fun activities to build community, including a get-together at a local winery. Bible study also happens weekly, at St. Vincent's.

Another of the group's leadership team, DeLucenay, attends St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Elkhart. She was very active in campus ministry and had a strong faith-based community when she was in college, she said. After graduation, she moved back home and was looking for a peer-based faith-sharing

group.

"My Catholic faith is the center of my life, and I was looking for a community where I could grow in my faith with people around my age. I asked my priest if there was a young adult group. At that time, there was no young adult group in the Elkhart area of the diocese. He (the priest) asked if I could start one. That's when I got in contact with Sean Allen.

"The Young Adult Group has been wonderful. I have met and become close friends with the members. I especially like our Wednesday night Lectio Divina. It allows me to go deeper into the Sunday readings and see different points of view. But mostly I like the support we give each other," said DeLucenay.

She added: "We are all trying to live out our faith in our daily lives, which is sometimes easier said than done."

To get involved with the group, contact Cox at lauren.cox20@comcast.net, or

DeLucenay at hdfloergirl@hotmail.com; or visit the Facebook page Facebook/Elkhart Area Catholic Young Adults.

*Jodi Marlin contributed to this story.*



**Elkhart Area Catholic Young Adults, a new discipleship group, gathered at Fruit Hills Winery and Orchard in Bristol during the summer.**

# National nonprofit highlights importance of education through athletics

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

**T**he College Football Playoff Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by College Football Playoff and dedicated to promoting the importance of education, extended its Extra Yard for Teachers initiative to a local South Bend Catholic grade school, St. Adalbert, via a formal banner-hanging ceremony Sept. 22.

Through the EYFT initiative, the foundation provides philanthropy to support and recognize teachers and to promote a college-bound culture in schools. It collaborates with the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education, which seeks to strengthen and transform Catholic elementary and secondary schools throughout the country by preparing a new genera-



tion of teachers and leaders. St. Adalbert has collaborated with ACE for years.

As part of the banner-hanging ceremony, the school hosted



Photo provided by St. Adalbert

**St. Adalbert Catholic School, South Bend, received a University of Notre Dame banner to hang in its facility, as a result of an ongoing relationship with The College Football Playoff Foundation and the university's Alliance for Education. Pictured are Kate Sobrero Markgraf, Olympic gold medalist and current ESPN analyst, and the Notre Dame leprechaun, with students following the ceremony.**

Paqui Kelly, wife of Notre Dame head football coach Brian Kelly, and Kate Sobrero Markgraf, former Notre Dame soccer player, Olympic gold medalist and current ESPN analyst. Both spoke about making education a priority and the important role that teachers play in students' lives.

"The banner ceremony was to celebrate the ND and ACE relationship with Extra Yard for Teachers," Jenny O'Donnell, ACE graduate and assistant principal of St. Adalbert, said.

At the end of the ceremony, the Notre Dame leprechaun mascot assisted three student athletes from the school in hanging up a Notre Dame banner in honor of the event.

Andrew Currier, principal of St. Adalbert, felt that the event had the desired effect of positively influencing his students.

"The chance to listen to women of strength, success, charity and fortitude was especially wonderful," he commented. "Our students were incredibly engaged, from Pre-K through eighth."

John Staud, executive director of ACE, acknowledged the foundation's efforts to foster an environment of learning through strategic partnerships.

"The College Football Playoff Foundation has issued a matching grant to the Alliance for Catholic Education for up to \$100,000 to support our teachers and students in under-resourced Catholic schools," he said. "The foundation also seeks to encourage a college-going culture; hence the purpose of the event at St. Adalbert."

## Renovations update Elkhart parish

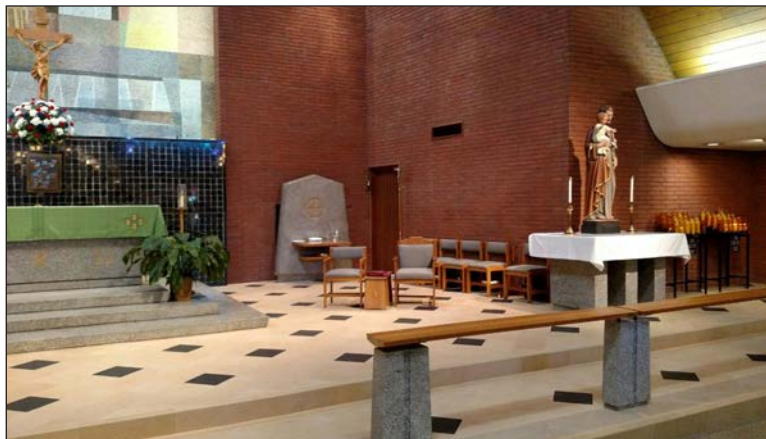
BY DREW MENTOCK

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart recently underwent some much-needed renovations to the inside of its church.

Those renovations included new tile to replace the carpet in the sanctuary and new carpet throughout the body of the church. The parish also now displays an old sanctuary rail that had been in storage since the early 1970s. "Now people can come forward to the rail and ask for the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph," said Rev. Jason Freiburger.

The main feature of the renovations is the lightly colored sanctuary tile floor. The color accents the marble altar perfectly, making the altar the center of attention for anyone who looks upon the inside of the church.

"The space is much lighter and brighter," said Rev. Freiburger, who has been the pastor at St. Thomas for just



Photos provided by St. Thomas the Apostle

**The side altars at St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Elkhart, were removed in order to make room for taller statues of St. Joseph, pictured, and St. Mary.**

over three years. "This helps draw the mind to the heavenly reality that is being given to God's people when they receive Communion."

In addition to the renovations, the side altars were moved, giving them the required headspace to feature new, 5-foot tall statues of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary. They are significantly taller the previous statues.

The entire process took about a year and a half. This included deciding what initial changes to make to the church, raising funds, getting permission from the diocese, meeting with church architect William Heyer and, of course, the actual renovations.

Construction began on Aug. 5 and took just under a month to complete. For the most part, the parish was able to avoid disrupting regularly scheduled Masses. However, there were a few instances where the church had to adjust to the construction.

While the carpet in the body of the church was being replaced, daily Mass was held in Elliott Hall — the parish's basement. In addition, for one weekend, the parish decided to place a wooden altar in front of the sanctuary. This was done in order to avoid the possibility of someone slipping on any potentially loose tile. The parish will consider looking at the possibility of future renovations, but for now its members are more than satisfied with the beautiful alterations that have been made.



**The choice of lighter tile in the sanctuary was made to accent the marble in the parish's altar. The new carpet in the nave and reinstated altar rails are also visible.**

## Diocese plans 'Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Healing After Abortion'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

A common lie told to women considering an abortion is how "this will be a quick fix and take care of everything". This can seem like a tempting choice in the midst of a crisis pregnancy. Yet the reality of the physical, emotional, spiritual, psychological and social effects of just one abortion is true. Like a ripple, they impact not only the baby's life, but that of the father and mother, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, neighbors and the whole community and the American and global society at large. Since the legalization of abortion in America in 1973, these ripples have silently affected this diocese and nation.

In the mission of Jesus, the Catholic Church understands the healing that is necessary after abortion. A prayer service, called "Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession" was first held in the Archdiocese of New York and has been conducted at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. as part of the January Prayer Vigil for Life. It was designed to begin to aid that recovery process. It consisted of talks, testimonies, intercessory prayer, adoration, Mass and opportunity for confession. Developed by Theresa Bonopartis and the Sisters of Life, the event's purpose was to bring together the many different people who are affected by abortion and the impact this abortion decision has in the community. The idea is for the community to gather and pray in the tender mercy and love of Jesus, the

Divine Healer, during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Allison Sturm, of the Office of Evangelization and Special Projects for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has been planning the event.

"While this event remembers all of those who have been wounded, I also want it to inspire people to use what they learn to help someone who is hurting from a past abortion or facing an unplanned pregnancy," she said. "My hope is to help form intentional disciples who spread the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life, as well as the message of God's love and mercy, by emphasizing the importance of sharing the truth and tragedy of abortion — while always speaking of those involved with this decision in charity.

"Anyone is welcome to attend all or part of this event," she continued. "This is the first event of its kind in our diocese."

Sturm also organizes Project Rachel, a post-abortion reconciliation program that offers hope and healing for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. God is loving and forgiving, and in His name the Church reaches out with compassion and concern. Project Rachel ministers and counsels individuals of all religions.

St. Therese Little Flower Parish, South Bend, will host the local, inaugural Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Healing After Abortion on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1-4 p.m. The schedule is as follows: 1-2 p.m., testimonies and intercessory prayers; 2-3 p.m., Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation; 3-4 p.m., Mass.

## Area Masses celebrate marriages of 25, 50 and 60 years



Joe Romie

John and Laura LaMaster celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Thirty-eight couples attended the wedding anniversary Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, on Sept. 26. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, after his homily about love and marriage, gave the couples a special blessing.



Emily Schmid

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, also held Masses celebrating couples observing their 25th, 50th or 60th year of marriage. The couples' witness of true, lasting love was brought before God in a blessing that followed the homily. Bishop asked God to bless the anniversary couples so that they may continue to "bear witness to Christ's love for the Church by their love for each other."

# Observations on our baptismal vocation

**B**aptism involves a whole new way of looking at things, a whole new way of feeling about things, a whole new way of doing things. This precisely means unlearning other ways of thinking, feeling and doing. The Christian gospel is perceived as paradoxical — almost unrealistic at times — because it proposes a way of life not governed by the virtues so highly prized by our technocratic society: success, efficiency, immediate gratification and control. The Christian gospel is not about success — look briefly at a crucifix for verification. It is highly inefficient, frequently delays gratification and encourages us to relinquish our obsession with control to the One whom we cannot see.

Unlearning ingrained habits of thinking, feeling and doing and replacing them with new ways — this is what Christian spiritual writers call conversion. If this is central to our faith “journey” (to use a time-worn, if not altogether empty, phrase), my purpose is to point out three pitfalls of modern Christian living, three traps into which people of good faith often stumble, three ingrained ways of thinking about things that, in my brief and limited experi-

ence, can have very debilitating results.

The first unconverted way of thinking is the tendency to think that we earn our salvation. I think that this finds its roots in our American consumerism and workaholicism, as though our salvation is a commodity we can, with the right effort and hard work, acquire and possess by right; it is as though we can somehow impress or wow God by our behavior. Unfortunately, this is really not a new idea, and it’s also a bad one: it’s called Pelagianism, and it was condemned at the councils of

Carthage and Orange in the fifth (411) and sixth (529) centuries.

Salvation is not something we can earn, achieve or acquire. Salvation is a grace, and grace means gift. Our task is simply to receive it as gift. I am not suggesting, however, we simply sit back,

saying, “I accept Jesus as my Savior,” and think our work is done.

Obviously, this gift of salvation, offered by God in Christ, requires an active response of faith, a response that demands our assimilation to Him who gave Himself for us. How we live, how we behave, and the

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MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

choices we make are crucial indicators of our response in faith. But it is imperative to remember when thinking about our salvation, that the initiative is on God’s side. That’s another way of saying He has to do most of the work: in fact, in Christ, He has already done so. Our task is to respond to and (more importantly) rely upon His grace, His help as we muddle toward His Kingdom for which we pray and in which, by our baptism, we have implicated.

You see, when we put the emphasis on our abilities, our strengths, our energy, we are bound to fall into one of two dead ends. If we are successful in growing spiritually and in “being good,” we tend to think of it as our personal accomplishment and end up like the Pharisees, self-righteous and judgmental. Alternately, if we put all the pressure on ourselves, forgetting that it is only with His help that we can grow, we are bound for failure; and failure leads to one of the most challenging aspects, in fact the real bane, of the spiritual life: discouragement. Discouragement itself creates a vicious cycle of

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# Busy, busy, busy

**Y**esterday, I was driving around in the car for three hours. First, at 3 p.m. I picked up a high school daughter from school. We dropped her little sister off at ballet, then quickly pulled into our own driveway so she could grab some food and her own dance clothes for class. A text from the other high schooler as I sat in the car let me know that her drama rehearsal at school was over, so I quickly headed in that direction and picked her up, home just in time for the first high schooler to jump in the car with her ballet bag, schoolbooks and snack. We headed to pick up her friend (thank goodness carpool would save me from another trip to the dance studio at 9 p.m.), then back to ballet. The youngest girl was finished with her class so she jumped in while her sister jumped out. By now it was 5:40 and I realized since my husband was out of town on business (he usually helps out on grocery runs) I’d not had a chance to fill the fridge. I needed to stop at the store. By the time I got home from there, it was approaching 7 p.m. I offered a fast meal to my kids. I knew I had more laundry to do, and there was some laundry that needed to be put away, but I was wiped out. Does this sound familiar?

There is no virtue in simply being busy! Let me say it again: there is no virtue in simply rushing around engaged in an activity. Sometimes we need to pull back and reconsider what activities are healthy for our families. However, sometimes we will find



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that the busyness we experience is not overdone, but rather merely a byproduct of a family life which is open to children. In that case, we are to accept our lot and find ways to cope.

One of the best ways to make good use of time in the car is to use it for conversation. Think about it, when you have a child in the car, he/she can’t get away from you. It’s the perfect opportunity to catch up on what’s new in his or her life, see what’s on his/her mind, or impart wisdom or wit if you so choose. It’s also not a bad time to download a TED Talk or other motivational lecture if the time allows. You can sing songs with little kids, giving them a rich vocabulary of nursery rhymes and silly camp songs from your youth.

Give your kids something to think about if you have to drive dully through town. Some parents put in Spanish or French audio CDs for their kids to listen to as they travel. It’s also a good time to introduce your children to classical or soft religious music (chant?), which can be calming, or even an educational tape on the state capitals or discussion on a religious topic.

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# When God heals us, how do we thank him?



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:11-19

**T**he first reading for this weekend is from the Second Book of Kings. Originally these two books were one volume, but as the centuries passed, and as editors dealt with the Scriptures, the one volume was divided into two. This is the situation that pertains today in the editions of the Bible.

As the name implies, these two books concentrate upon the kings of Israel. It must always be remembered, however, that the purpose of all the books of the Old Testament was to teach a religious lesson. Such was the

purpose even of the historical books, of which Kings were two.

The central figure in this reading is Naaman, a pagan and, coincidentally, a leper. He is an unlikely representative of righteousness. Naaman recognizes his own helplessness, left to the dire consequences of his illness.

God healed him. Understandably grateful, he offers a gift to Elisha. Elisha refuses to accept it, because God cannot be bribed. His mercy is for all. Things of the earth, often so precious to us, in fact mean nothing. But it was hard for Naaman, entrapped by human logic, to grasp what Elisha’s refusal meant.

As was the case last week, the Second Epistle to Timothy is the source of the second reading.

Timothy was Paul’s convert and disciple. Paul felt the special obligation of reinforcing Timothy’s Christianity and Timothy’s role as a bishop. In this reading, Paul reminded Timothy that his vocation was to serve God by preaching the Gospel of Christ. Meeting the demands of his own vocation

came at no small price for Paul. He writes that he is in chains. Eventually, Paul would pay the ultimate price by giving his life as a martyr.

St. Luke’s Gospel once again furnishes the third reading. It is a fairly familiar story. Passing along the border between Galilee and Samaria, roughly the boundary in today’s terms between Israel and the West Bank, Jesus met 10 lepers. They implored him to cure them. Mercifully, Jesus did. They hurried away, shouting in delight. Only one man, a Samaritan, returned to thank the Lord.

Today, scientifically it is not known which disease was the “leprosy” mentioned in the Gospels. Regardless, it is clear that persons afflicted with this malady suffered greatly. As the illness was assumed to be highly contagious, they were spurned, subject to a strict, and even heartless, quarantine, and forced to live as outcasts. In a society without any social services, they were very vulnerable, and utterly alone in every respect.

Hebrew tradition required per-

sons cured of this illness to give thanks to God in some public ritual. Thus, Jesus expected the cured lepers in this incident to give thanks. Nine did not give thanks.

Jews avoided Samaritans. Jews regarded Samaritans with contempt. That these lepers accepted a Samaritan into their company underscored their outcast status. His joining them showed his status and desperation.

Yet this Samaritan was the only one of the ten to follow the Hebrew tradition and thank God.

### Reflection

The first and third readings speak of cures and of responses to cures. The illnesses were physical. God cured the illness and also healed the souls of the lepers mentioned in Luke, including the Samaritan, but only the contemptable Samaritan was grateful.

Always, God reaches out with healing and strength. He heals our souls. He gives us strength and insight that are otherwise

beyond us. The problem is that we, like the nine lepers who walked away, forget God. Like Naaman, we judge by human standards.

We all are outcasts if we are sinners, but we choose to set ourselves outside God’s by sinning. We always may come back to God, however. It may require fortitude, but God will provide strength and insight if we humbly ask for them.

### READINGS

- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4-2 Tm 28-13 Lk 17:11-19
- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Eph 1:10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:8-12

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Studies have shown that teens who talk to their parents about sex are less likely to have sex at an early age. Why not take advantage of car time to talk about this important topic, and take things one step further by discussing Church teaching and the Catholic faith? Talk about saints! My girls can recite the story of St. Margaret of Scotland and choice quotes from an old book I own because I've recounted her exciting story of civilizing Scotland so many times. Tell a parable. Talk about the Gospels. Recite a favorite poem or quote. My own children have a large pool of Mother Teresa quotes from which to pull because I would rattle them off now and then when I cornered them in the car. Time in the car you will never ever have back again. Use it!

Even though you are busy doing important things, raising a family, take time to recharge and relax regularly. You will be a better parent and spouse for doing

this. How to relax? Take a hot bath. Take a deep breath. Take a long walk. Exercise will clear your mind and fill your lungs. And while you are out there taking a walk, look, really look at the sky that the Master Artist has provided for your enjoyment. Look at the symmetry of the flowers, even small wild daisies or blossoms on weeds. See the order of the One who made them. Breathe deeply. Step lively. Realize the God who created the universe also believed the world would be better with one of you. Amazing, isn't it?

You may feel inclined to pray while on your walk outdoors. Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. We pray to adore God, to thank Him for His benefits, to ask His forgiveness, and to ask for all the graces we need, whether for soul or body. Pray for all these reasons!

Most people think about the request portion of prayer but neglect to say it for its other purposes. While walking, make a mental list of the good things in your life at that time. You can even softly speak out loud those things for which you are particularly grateful for that moment.

Thank you, God, that I had a good night's rest and woke feel-

ing refreshed. Thank you that this day is bright and sunny, and for the fresh smell of cut grass I detect as I walk. Thank you for my husband/wife, the understanding he/she showed me this morning over this or that, and so on and so forth...

Every little thing you see you can thank God for. When you look, really look, at the beautiful world around you, you will be amazed at the order and symmetry and beauty of the world. This will refresh you, and you will be more relaxed and better able to go back to your vocation and perform it well.

Busyness can take over our time, but it can also be controlled. Be efficient and make use of time in the car, for example, so your busyness will serve you, not the other way around. And even while you are busy, take time to carve out some peace and prayer. In doing so, you will find the secret to peace and joy. You will find God in the busy world.

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discrete rituals of the Church that bring us into contact with Jesus Christ. That meeting place with Jesus is always within community. And on a very practical level, we desperately need one another: for support, for example and for a shared sense of what is true and good. In fact, Christian hope envisions an eternal life with God that is intrinsically social – it will not be "me gazing at Jesus," but all of those who love God in communion with one another in Christ.

Heaven is innately social. Perhaps an apt metaphor for hell is precisely the opposite. If original sin is fundamentally self-love, in hell we get exactly what we've always wanted: ourselves (and only ourselves) for all eternity — a grim prospect.

The third pitfall is to want to be perfect, right now. Rooted in our desire for immediacy (we are, after all, the culture of the microwave, the Internet, and the drive-through), and our hatred of ambiguity, we want to be perfect right away. This is an occupation hazard especially for recent converts and persons returning from a retreat experience. They have seen the mountaintop, and they want to stay there. Unfortunately, life almost never works that way. And at the first symptoms of spiritual aridity, they begin to feel less religious, less spiritual. After an attempt to become "Mother Teresa" or "John Paul II" overnight, they become disillusioned and discouraged.

It is best, I will suggest, to look at our spiritual life more as a continuum than through "freeze-dried" moments of grace or sin. The spiritual life is about growth — slow growth — and

baby steps are more reliable than blind leaps. St. Thomas Aquinas observed that it is better to limp along the right road than to run headlong down the wrong road. He was wise. Realistic expectations about ourselves and others are essential as we seek to live in this world of ambiguity, complexity and imperfection. In fact, we need to redefine the spiritual life from being the search for immediate perfection to a "learning to be imperfect well." That is why the image of the Church as pilgrim is so opposite: we may not yet have arrived, but we are certainly on our way.

These are but three significant challenges that face us as we await the fullness God's Kingdom, begun in Christ, but as yet unfulfilled. As we learn to live here and now as members of His Kingdom, sharing its values rather than selling them out, we will, in fact, be engaging in evangelization. I am not talking about the in-your-face techniques of overly chatty people, which are more annoying than effective. By evangelization, I mean the calm, steady and stable behavior of a people who know they have found the Truth — and they love Him.

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Gospel for October 9, 2016

Luke 17:11-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a healing and the response to that healing. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
GALILEE	VILLAGE	TEN
LEPERS	STOOD	DISTANCE
VOICES	MASTER	PRIESTS
CLEANSED	HEALED	GOD
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NINE	UP AND GO	YOUR FAITH

## FAITHFUL THANKS

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# HEINTZ

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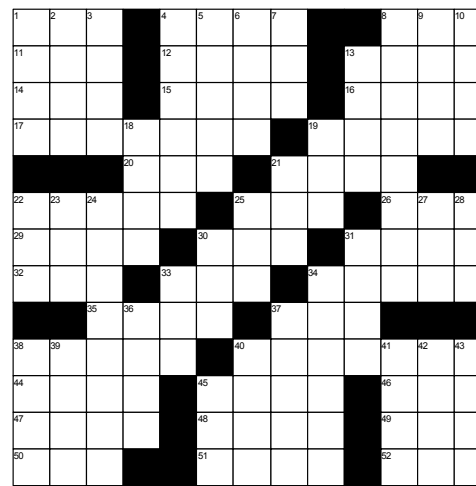
failed attempts and further dejection, which can lead to despair. We cannot, and must not try, to earn our salvation. Christ did that once for all. We must learn humbly to rely more and more upon God's help as we grow, slowly but surely, into the image of Christ, His Son.

The second pitfall is the tendency to think that religion is a private affair between "me and Jesus." This ingrained tendency of thought undoubtedly has remote origins in the rugged individualism that is part of American culture. While religious faith is and should be quite personal, it is never private. That is, our experience of Christian faith is mediated through a particular community of faith. This is why there is RCIA: It involves the whole parish community, not simply Father Smith instructing Jackson.

That is why our children's first penance is experienced as a communal celebration: there are, in a certain sense, no "private" sins. While perhaps unknown to anyone else in the community, my sins nonetheless have an impact on the community. If I am less a person because of my sins, the whole community suffers, because I am an integral part of that community. Understanding our Christian faith as a corporate or social phenomenon is crucial. Our experience of Jesus is, in fact, mediated through sacraments, which are public and

# The Cross Word

October 2, 9 and 16, 2016



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Based on these readings: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10 and 2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19 and Ex 17:8-13, 2Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8

### ACROSS

- 1 Pressure unit
- 4 Crooked
- 8 Jump
- 11 Type of nurse
- 12 Soft cheese
- 13 Pedestal part
- 14 Gone to lunch
- 15 Chasm
- 16 Black
- 17 Turn palm down
- 19 Those who have lost heart
- 20 Poem of praise
- 21 Children can play here
- 22 Yellow pigment
- 25 Standard or average
- 26 Kilometers per hour
- 29 Flourish
- 30 Moses did upon rock
- 31 Sage
- 32 It is
- 33 Run
- 34 Not a giver
- 35 Those people
- 37 # of lepers Jesus healed
- 38 Partly frozen rain
- 40 Bachelors
- 44 Moses sat on during war
- 45 Gambling game
- 46 Winter hazard
- 47 Retired persons' group

- 48 Declare positively
- 49 Amalek was
- 50 Droll humor is
- 51 Martyrs' colors
- 52 Discontinue

### DOWN

- 1 Set down firmly
- 2 Horse goad
- 3 Enter: Go
- 4 Wear away
- 5 Transcribe
- 6 Rife
- 7 However
- 8 O.T. minor prophet
- 9 Incense smell
- 10 Small horse
- 13 In Psalms, one longs for flowing streams
- 18 "Take as your" (guide)
- 19 Amalek waged on Israel
- 21 Touch affectionately
- 22 Kimono sash
- 23 Camp bed
- 24 Lodging
- 25 Not for Jewish food
- 27 Before (prefix)
- 28 He and Aaron held Moses' arms
- 30 Chinese sauce
- 31 Group of criminals
- 33 Fighter plane
- 34 Singing voices
- 36 I cry for
- 37 Weary
- 38 George Bernard
- 39 Breaks 8th commandment
- 40 Habakkuk's plea to God
- 41 Eternal
- 42 Economics abbr.
- 43 Mustard's start
- 45 Distant

Answer Key can be found on page 19



# Sports

**HOLY FATHER REMARKS ON TEAM SPORTS** Past remarks from Pope Francis have focused on how sports can bring about good in the lives of young people. He noted that sports are like school and work in helping youth develop themselves and avoid addictions to drugs and alcohol. He said that to belong to a sports team “means to reject all forms of selfishness and isolation — it is an opportunity to meet and be with others, to help each other, to compete in mutual esteem and grow in brotherhood.” The pontiff acknowledged the “beauty” of team sports which do not allow for individualism.

## Central Catholic Irish taste sweet victory

BY RON BUSCH

Central Catholic's football team edged out a determined CYO Knights team in a Sept. 25, 12:30 p.m. game at the University of Saint Francis. There were smiles all around on the Irish faces, as eighth grade team members celebrated their first victory with the Central Catholic football program. Victory was sweet, but it did not come easily against the determined Knights.

Central Catholic had the first possession and immediately put its running game into action. The Knights' defense forced the Irish to turn the ball over on downs, and gave the ball to their offense on their own 38. A pass attempt was intercepted by the Central Catholic's Nelson Knapke, and the Irish started with the ball on its own 43-yard line. Runs by Central Catholic's Louie Tippmann and a quarterback keeper brought the ball to the Knight's 28-yard line as the first quarter came to a close.

The Irish had a rough start to the second quarter, with an early 5-yard penalty that was followed by a fumble. The Knights recovered the ball at their own 30 but eventually faced a 4th and 12 situation. In a gutsy call, Anthony Ventruella dropped back to punt and faked the kick, scrambling and breaking tackles to eclipse the first down marker. The Central Catholic defense was forced back on its heels by several good running plays, but they held their ground in the



Joe Romie

Central Catholic's Louie Tippmann and his teammates are elated to score a rushing touchdown up the middle late in the third quarter, giving the Irish a lead they would not relinquish.

end. The Knights faced a 4th and 15 from the 50-yard line and this time they elected to punt. Eli Gernhardt executed a 20-plus yard punt return to his team's 45-yard line.

With the halftime clock ticking down, Louie Tippmann ran in a 23-yard touchdown, and the Irish took command with a 6-0 score. The extra points kick failed. With 42.6 seconds left on the clock, it appeared that Central Catholic would take the lead into the halftime break. But the Irish executed an excellent kickoff, so it seemed. The Knights fielded the ball to the

22, and then handed a reverse to Anthony Ventruella, who ran 80 yards to the end zone. Determined to leave the field with a lead, the Knights lined up for the 1-point conversion. Colin Vance took the ball on a running play to score. The halftime score was Knights 7, Central Catholic Irish 6.

The third quarter brought the only score of the second half. The Knights received the kickoff, and Anthony Ventruella brought it to the Central Catholic 47 yard line. Eventually the Irish forced the Knights into a 4th and 13. They were unable to convert,

and the Irish took control of the ball. They wasted no time, and marched down the field to the 9-yard line. The Irish gave the ball to Louie Tippmann, who punched it in for a Central Catholic 12-7 lead. The points after kick was missed, but the Irish owned the lead. The quarter came to an end as the Knights received the kickoff and ran three running plays in an attempt to get a needed first down.

The fourth quarter was made up of several close scoring attempts by both teams, but to no avail. The game was sealed with a Dominic Tippmann inter-

ception with only 53.8 seconds left on the clock. The Irish quarterback thrice took “victory formation,” bringing the final score to Central Catholic 12, Knights 7. This proved to be the most exciting and competitive game in CYO play this season.

Irish Coach Keith Douge credited his players for their win. He said he was impressed with the team's ability to finish plays and play to the end. With the win, Central Catholic improves to 1-2 and the Knights fall to 0-3.

The 2 p.m. game action featured two unbeaten teams: the St. Charles Cardinals and the St. Vincent Panthers. After a scoreless first quarter, St. Charles scored two touchdowns in the second. Holding a 12-0 lead at the half, the Cardinals and Panthers both turned up their defenses in the second half, until a 1 yard run at the start of the fourth quarter resulted in a St. Charles touchdown with 7:49 left on the game clock. The extra points kick was good, and the final score was 20-0.

Touchdowns were scored by Callen Stauffer, Sam Pesa and Devon Tippmann. Brendon Lytle and Sam Pesa each had interceptions for the Cardinals. Cardinals' Coach Sam Talerico was impressed with the defensive play of Devon Tippmann, Matt Jimenez and Amir Drew. St. Charles improves to 3-0 and St. Vincent holds a 2-1 record. Central Catholic hosts St. Vincent next, while St. Charles will visit the Knights. Both Sunday games will be played at the University of Saint Francis.

## CYO volleyball takes to the nets



Terry Coonan (left, with folder), athletic director for St. Vincent de Paul, leads the seventh- and eighth-grade CYO volleyball teams from Our Lady and St. Jude and spectators in a pre-match prayer on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, in the St. Vincent de Paul gym. The St. Jude team would prevail over the Knights of Our Lady 16-25, 25-5 and 15-10.



Photos by Joe Romie

Lilly Dolan from Our Lady jumps to attack the set by her teammate Leah Lashure in a CYO volleyball match against St. Jude.

# Crusaders vanquish undefeated Blazers 30-13

BY JOE KOZINSKI

Light mist hovered over Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School as the undefeated Blazers of Saint Matthew squared off against the once-beaten Crusaders of Holy Cross on Sunday, Oct. 2, in a matchup that would have huge implications for the Inter-City Catholic League regular season title picture — and would also factor in the playoff seeding.

Both squads boasted of a trifecta of skilled players. For Saint Matthew it was quarterback Bryce Martens and the two running backs, Joey Barkowski and Isau Gonzalez. On the other side of the line was Coach Krzyzewski's trio of big and quick slashing backs: Jack Futa, Gavin Stefanek and sprinter Asante Anglin.

The game started out as the Crusaders, starting at their own 48, had a simple plan: have Stefanek power run behind its offense line of Nolan Rose, Malcom Anderson, Charlie Broden, Dominick Verzele, Aaron Greve and William Henderson. Four plays later they were in the end zone again, making the score 12-0.

Starting at their own 40, the Blazers had to make some adjustments against the aggressive Crusader defense. They became unpredictable by spreading the ball around on the ground with their running backs and through the air to wide out Tyler Bortune for a 13-play scoring drive. Martens hid behind his offensive line from two yards out, making the score 12-6 just before the horn would sound for



Photos by Ray Derucki

**Crusader Gavin Stefanek gets tackled by a bunch of Blazers as Coach Ben Domonkos cheers on the play.**

intermission.

The start of the second half looked like Saint Matthew would take off where it left off, until Anderson had his say. He hit the Blazer ball carrier on the kickoff, jarring the pigskin from his clutches and swinging the momentum back in the Crusader direction.

After a Stefanek 25-yard bolt, Anglin finished the Crusader scoring drive off with a nifty scamper from eight yards out, pushing the lead to 12.

The Blazers' Marten turned the game around in just a few seconds as he took the ensuing kickoff in what the younger generation would call "to the house" 60 yards. After the point after conversion was made by Barkowski there were just five points between the two combatants.

The black-adorned Blazers

looked as if they may have found the answer, as Gonzalez again made his way into the Crusader backfield. However, Anglin and Stefanek were asked to do the heavy lifting, as they accounted for the next 64 yards and another score. Stefanek finished it off with a run of 19.

The Blazers made another attempt at a comeback, but their hopes were dashed as Anderson jumped a flare pass route and intercepted Martens, ending the drive.

The Crusaders tacked on insurance points, as Stefanek struck gold one last time — making the final tally 30-13.

"I think today was about adjustments. Ben Domonkos is a good coach, and we countered what they were taking away from us on defense and had to do that a couple of times during the game," remarked Crusader

coach Krzyzewski. "They hit us in the mouth twice and the kids responded positively; (I'm) very proud of the character I saw from our team today."

"Our boys bounced back from adversity today," explained Blazer coach Domonkos. "We teach that adversity doesn't build character, it exposes it; and how we handled it was a testament to our kids. We knew we would have a battle, and our kids have some positive takeaways from this game. It will help in preparation for Saint Anthony next Sunday."

In other games around the league, the Westside Cardinals and the Mishawaka Saints played to a zero-zero tie and the Panthers of Saint Anthony playing in an exhibition game and were highlighted by touchdowns from Ethan Beniefel and Tyrick Kamau, and Cole Chrzan accounted for two more one on the ground and one on an interception return.

Complete scores, schedules and standings can be found at the league's website [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org)



**Jack Futa of Holy Cross dashes into the endzone as Blazers Tyler Bortone and Mitchell Menting watch.**

## CYO cross-country runners set a winning pace

BY DAN KAUFMAN

After seven meets so far this season, the boys cross-country varsity record is 63-24 and the junior varsity 23-4. The girls varsity is 64-26 and junior varsity 12-4. Unfortunately, there was a partial cancellation at Prairie Heights and a total cancellation at Huntington Catholic due to some stormy weather.

On the weekend of Sept. 17-18 the teams competed at the New Haven Classic, where the boys finished fourth in the large school division, while the girls finished sixth. The boys were led by Atticus Wiseman, who finished 10th, and the girls by Aileen Delaney, who came in 6th. There were over 300 runners in each race.

The preceding weekend runners participated in a varsity-only meet, the 46th West Noble Invitational in Ligonier. In that very competitive meet the Cardegles boys finished eighth

among 28 teams, and the girls ninth among 29 teams. Aileen Delaney was the top Cardegle girl finisher, at sixth place, and Atticus Wiseman, at ninth place, was the top male finisher for the Cardegles.

In a meet hosted by the Lutheran Schools on Sept. 20, the boys came out on top in the seven team meet while the girls finished third, again led by Aileen Delaney who was the overall winner.

Earlier in the season the team competed at Prairie Heights in a storm-shortened meet and where the girls ran an incorrectly marked course. Both the girls and boys placed fourth. At the Norwell Invitational the girls placed seventh and the boys had a solid, fourth-place finish. At this meet the boys also ran with just five runners in the JV meet and finished an outstanding second lead by Oscar Lopez, fourth overall finish.

At Indian Springs, another large and competitive meet, the



Provided by the Cardegles

**The CYO cross-country teams have racked up both team wins and personal best records so far this season.**

girls were third of 23 teams in their best performance of the year, while the boys finished ninth.

So far the top runners have been, girls: Aileen Delaney, Karly Ewing, Natalee Vogan, Julia Broerman, Elise Huhn, Katie Wood and Alexa Patrick. Boys: Atticus Wiseman, Joe Schipper, Pablo Sutter, Brenden Nix, Daniel Cava, Noah Maskal, Oscar Lopez, Trevor Englehaupt and Noah Thurber. Atticus

Wiseman cracked the all-time top runner list with a 10:43 time this year at West Noble to rank 10th overall. Aileen is currently third on the girls all-time list, and Natalee Vogan, sixth.

The teams recently participated in the Carroll Middle School Invite on Oct. 1. The girls finished third as a team overall, the boys varsity was fourth and the girls JV team was also third overall. The boys JV race was

called mid-race due to lightning. The varsity girls were led by Aileen Delaney, second-place finisher, and Natalee Vogan, fifth overall. The boys were led by Atticus Wiseman, fifth overall, and Joe Schipper, 15th. Aileen's time of 11:44 is the third fastest Cardegle time ever, while Atticus's time of 10:35 was the seventh fastest time.

The Cardegle Invitational was also Oct. 6, at Shoaff Park.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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**St. Aloysius School celebrates 140 years of continuous Catholic education**

**YODER** — St. Aloysius School is celebrating 140 years of continuous Catholic education with an open house on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. St. Aloysius is located at 14623 Bluffton Road, south of I-469, Exit 6.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 13, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph County Right to Life.

**Day of Reflection**

**MISHAWAKA** — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Francis and Creation." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Oct. 7 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

**Three-day rummage sale coming**

**FORT WAYNE** — St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, will have a fall rummage sale on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6-8 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. Sack sale for \$3 is on Saturday only.

**Potato bar fundraiser planned**

**DECATUR** — The Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council No. 864 will have a potato bar fundraiser Monday, Oct. 10, at the Knights Pavilion, 1703 High St., from 5:30-7:30 p.m., free will offering. Baked

potatoes, sweet potatoes, meats, sauces and a variety of other toppings available.

**Knights plan spaghetti dinner**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 14, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4.

**LuersKnight Ladies Luncheon**

**FORT WAYNE** — Bishop Luers High School will host the LuersKnight Ladies Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 16, at noon with lunch at 1 p.m. at Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Rd. Mary Glowaski, director of the Secretariat for Evangelization for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will speak. All women of the community are invited. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 12, to 260-456-1261, ext. 3142 or [luersluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:luersluncheon@gmail.com).

**Marriage Encounter plans weekend**

**FORT WAYNE** — A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be Oct. 21-23, at the Quality Inn. More information can be found at [wwme-ni.org](http://wwme-ni.org) or [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or by calling Dave and Jen Krueckeberg 260-728-9949.

**Vocation society plans meeting**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society meeting will be Friday, Oct. 7, at St. Joseph Hospital beginning with Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel followed by lunch and guest speaker Father Andrew Budzinski, vocations director.

**High school plans placement test, information night**

**SOUTH BEND** — Saint Joseph High School will offer a placement test for prospective students Saturdays Nov. 5 and 19. All testing has a \$20 fee. A family information meeting will be on those days at 9 a.m. For more

information contact Sue Ushela, director of admissions, at [sushela@saintjoehigh.com](mailto:sushela@saintjoehigh.com). Light refreshments will be served.

**"South of South Bend" concerts to begin**

**SOUTH BEND** — St. Jude Parish will begin a concert series "South of South Bend." The fall season includes Michael Plagerman on Sunday Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. in the church, 19704 Johnson Rd. Call 574-291-0570 for information.

**Craft fair set to benefit Altar and Rosary Society**

**SOUTH BEND** — The Sacred Heart of Jesus Altar and Rosary Sodality will have a craft fair with bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the social hall, 63568 Old U.S. 31-S. Call 574-291-3775 for information.

**Rosary for Life to unite Notre Dame family in prayer for the vulnerable**

**NOTRE DAME** — A Rosary for Life prayer service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 9 p.m. in observance of Respect Life Month. Students, faculty, staff and the public are invited to pray the rosary together at Notre Dame's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Handmade rosaries made by women in China who have escaped forced abortion will be provided. For more information, visit [www.icl.nd.edu/events](http://www.icl.nd.edu/events).

**Safe Harbor retreat for widows planned**

**FORT WAYNE** — St. Vincent de Paul's widow's grief support group, Safe Harbor, will host a widows' retreat on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. until noon. Kay Cozad, certified grief educator, will present "Surviving the Wilderness of Grief." Mass at 8 a.m. in the church will be followed with continental breakfast in the Msgr. Kuzmich Life Center. Reservations required to Judy at 260-489-4875. Free will donations accepted. St. Vincent's is located at 1502 E. Wallen Rd.

## REST IN PEACE

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Herbert Hinsenkamp, 94, St. Jude

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Magdalen Roth, 96, St. Vincent de Paul

**Mishawaka**

Lucy Blanda-Kaplachinski, 98, St Bavo

**Notre Dame**

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Patricia A. Neuklis, 75, Christ the King

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Claire Anne (VanHorn) Arpasi, 42, St. Therese, Little Flower

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**Oktoberfest planned**

**PIERCETON** — St Francis Xavier, 408 W Catholic St., will host Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 8. A German/English Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., followed by old-fashioned German Food, an eight-piece Polka band, dancing and games. Bring a German side dish or dessert for the food contest. Tickets \$10 for adults or \$25 for families.

**Rosary walk announced**

**ROME CITY** — Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center will unveil the walking rosary path on Holy Family Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Parking available at Sylvan Cellars.

**Gospel of Divine Mercy Series planned**

**FORT WAYNE** — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will offer the Gospel of Divine Mercy Series on DVD, featuring two talks by Dr. Scott Hahn; and two talks by Dr. John Bergsma; and two talks by Dr. Michael Barber. One talk per week will be shown for six consecutive Sundays beginning Oct. 16, from 2:30-4 p.m., with discussion following in the Cathedral Center Hall. There is no cost and no registration is necessary. Contact Kate Forbing at 260-402-7740.



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