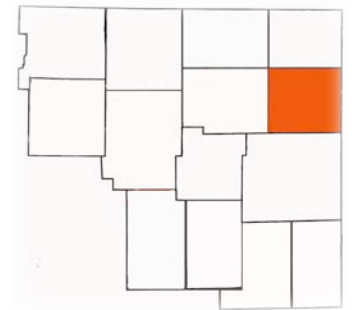


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Aid slowly makes its way to thousands of Haitians displaced by hurricane

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Emergency aid slowly began to reach some of the thousands of Haitians displaced by Hurricane Matthew in the country's picturesque southwest, as reports of casualties slowly trickled in from communities cut off by the storm.

The number of deaths reached 842 on Oct. 7, two days after the storm's 145-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rains slammed into the country, according to a tally by Reuters based on conversations with local officials.

However, Haiti's Civil Protection Agency reported that 271 people had died. The agency's accounting of casualties is lower because of a policy to count only the bodies that emergency workers can actually see.

Reports of damage and casualties in Cuba and other nations affected by the storm were sporadic. Cuba's easternmost region experienced widespread damage. There were no details on casualties available.

Emergency supplies that had been stored in warehouses before the storm were being distributed to people whose homes were turned into matchsticks by Matthew, said Chris Bessey, Haiti country director for Catholic Relief Services.



CNS photo/Carlos Garcia Rawlins

People walk past damaged buildings Oct. 9 after Hurricane Matthew swept through Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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Pope announces 17 new cardinals, including three from U.S.

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will conclude the Year of Mercy by creating 17 new cardinals, including three from the United States: Archbishop Blase J. Cupich of Chicago; Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the new Vatican office for laity, family and life; and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis.

Announcing the names of the new cardinals Oct. 9, Pope Francis said, "Their coming from 11 nations expresses the universality of the church that proclaims and witnesses the good news of God's mercy in every corner of the earth."

The new cardinals — 13 of whom are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope, and four over 80 being honored for their "clear Christian witness" — will be induct-

ed into the College of Cardinals Nov. 19, the eve of the close of the Year of Mercy.

The next day, Nov. 20, they will join Pope Francis and other cardinals in celebrating the feast of Christ the King and closing the Year of Mercy, the pope said.

Shortly after the pope's announcement, Archbishop Tobin tweeted: "I am shocked beyond words by the decision of the Holy Father. Please pray for me."

The first of the new cardinals announced by the pope was Archbishop Mario Zenari, who, the pope explained, "will remain apostolic nuncio to the beloved and martyred Syria."

The last of the cardinals he named was Albanian Father Ernest Simoni, a priest of the Archdiocese of Shkodre-Pult, who will turn 88 Oct. 18. He had

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Red Mass celebrated with focus relevant to elections

BY RACHEL BATDORFF

The Monday, Oct. 3, Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, was celebrated with specific reflection on the life and message of St. Thomas More, patron saint of politicians, statesmen and lawyers.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Mass celebrant, spoke during his homily about St. Thomas More and referenced the nation's upcoming elections. Also in attendance was special guest Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference.

The Red Mass included readings from Deuteronomy, 2 Corinthians and Matthew, as well as sacred music from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Choir.

During the homily, Bishop Rhoades remarked extensively on the example set by the life of St. Thomas More.

"The first thing I propose from the example of Saint Thomas More is keeping your priorities straight, in proper order," he said. "This is the order: God first, family and friendship second, profession third."

The life and martyrdom death of St. Thomas More can only be understood through the priority he gave God. "He put God before Caesar, his conscience before the state, and ethics before politics," Bishop Rhoades said. Putting his faith first eventually cost him his life. St. Thomas More loved his family deeply, but could not accept their pleas to save his life by signing the Oath of Supremacy and accepting Henry VIII's claim to be head of the Church of England.

Faith without works is dead, the bishop went on to say.

"To be living, faith must not be limited to one hour of church on Sunday. If it is real, it is lived, put into practice, in our whole life, in relation to our family, our work, our politics, our economics."

The topic of separating one's faith from one's actions — specifically politics — was presented as well.

"For a politician to say that he or she is personally opposed to an evil, like abortion or euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide, and then cooperate with the evil with the excuse of not imposing one's morality on others, is not only a weakness in courage, it is a betrayal of conscience, a denial of truth, and an acquiescence to a false notion of freedom." Doing so is the exact opposite of what St. Thomas More lived and died for. "One becomes a counter witness to the Gospel," Bishop Rhoades added. "To be heedless to human dignity is to be headless of God the Creator, no matter how one seeks to justify it."

St. Thomas More was a servant of the truth and a man of authentic faith and right reason. Faith and reason cannot be separated, Bishop Rhoades said.

"Some worry about the dangers of religion, the danger of bringing faith into politics." He went on to acknowledge the dangers of religious fanaticism and added that by reason, such faith is a distortion of the true face of God. One must guard against those who make God into their own image and likeness in order to justify hate and violence.

"The true God, known by authentic faith and right reason, has a will that conforms to His being and essence as pure goodness and perfect love," the bishop pointed out.



Photos by Rachel Batdorff

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Jacob Runyon, both in red, begin the celebration of the diocese's annual Fort Wayne-area Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



Father Runyon reads from the Gospel of Matthew during the Red Mass on Oct. 3.

Bishop Rhoades then discussed the state of the situation faced by the United States and other Western nations: Reason is often truncated, and science and technology are exalted without any moral constraints, he noted.

"When the mind is closed to God, when faith is excluded from public discourse, the existence of objective standards of morality is often denied. God is seen as irrelevant to public life," he commented.

Without God, society becomes disoriented. Society redefines marriage and escapes into things such as drugs and pornography, robbed of real greatness.

Bishop Rhoades referenced Pope Benedict XVI's statement, "If there is not objective morality, law has the ground taken from under its feet."

St. Thomas More loved his wife and children with great devotion. He put his prayer life before his work, setting daily hours in his schedule for prayer. He also showed love for the poor.

"Blessed with material wealth, he always

remained detached from that wealth," the Bishop remarked of the saint. "He would invite the poor into his home to eat at his table. He set up a special house to care for the age and infirm in the neighborhood."

As referenced in Thomas More's book, Utopia, the bishop quoted: "For if you suffer your people to be ill-educated, and their manners to be corrupted from their infancy, and then punish them for their crimes to which their first education disposed them, what else is to be conclude from this, but that you first make thieves and then punish them."

The Mass concluded with an invitation to pray and learn from St. Thomas More.

"Pope Francis revealed some time ago that he prays to Saint Thomas More every day," said the bishop. "I invite you to do the same and to learn from him to be servants of the truth, witnesses of the beauty and joy of the Gospel, and to make his priorities your own in this proper order: God first, family, profession."

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moved Pope Francis to tears in 2014 when he spoke about his 30 years in prison or forced labor under Albania's militant atheistic regime.

Ordained in 1956, he was arrested on Christmas Eve 1963 while celebrating Mass and was sentenced to death by firing squad. He was beaten, placed for three months in solitary confinement, and then tortured because he refused to denounce the church.

He was eventually freed, but later arrested again and sent to a prison camp, where he was forced to work in a mine for 18 years and then 10 more years in sewage canals.

In creating 13 cardinal-electors — those under the age of 80 — Pope Francis will exceed by one the 120 cardinal-electoral limit set by Blessed Paul VI. The number of potential electors will return to 120 Nov. 28 when Cardinal Theodore-Adrien Sarr of Dakar, Senegal, celebrates his 80th birthday.

The youngest of the new cardinals — who will be the youngest member of the College of Cardinals — is 49-year-old Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga of Bangui, Central African Republic.

When violence broke out



Catholic News Agency

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis is one of 17 new cardinals named by Pope Francis Oct. 9.

in his country, the archbishop along with a Protestant leader and a local imam began working together to build peace and counter efforts to turn the conflict into a religious war. Archbishop Nzapalainga hosted Pope Francis during a visit to Central African Republic in November 2015.

Seven of the 11 nations represented by the new cardinals did not have a cardinal at the time of the pope's announcement: Central African Republic, Bangladesh, Mauritius and Papua New Guinea will now have cardinal-electors. Malaysia, Lesotho and Albania

will be represented in the College of Cardinals, although their cardinals will be too old to vote in a conclave.

Here is the list of new cardinals in the order in which Pope Francis announced them:

- Archbishop Zenari, an Italian who is 70 years old.
- Dieudonne Nzapalainga of Bangui, Central African Republic, 49.
- Archbishop Carlos Osoro Sierra of Madrid, 71.
- Archbishop Sergio da Rocha of Brasilia, Brazil, who will be 57 Oct. 21.
- Archbishop Cupich, 67.
- Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 73.
- Archbishop Baltazar Porras Cardozo of Merida, Venezuela, who turns 72 Oct. 10.
- Archbishop Jozef De Kesel of Malines-Brussels, Belgium, 69.
- Archbishop Maurice Piat of Port-Louis, Mauritius, 75.
- Bishop Farrell, 69.
- Archbishop Carlos Aguiar Retes of Tlalneptla, Mexico, 66.
- Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 59.
- Archbishop Tobin, 64.
- Retired Archbishop Anthony Soter Fernandez of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 84.
- Retired Archbishop Renato Corti of Novara, Italy, 80.
- Retired Bishop Sebastian Koto Khoarai of Mohale's Hoek, Lesotho, 87.
- Father Simoni, 87.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 16: 11 a.m. — Mass, Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Culver
 Monday, October 17: 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Monday, October 17: 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Catholic Cemetery Association, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, October 18: 1 p.m. — Blessing of Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka
 Tuesday, October 18: 3 p.m. — Blessing of PACE Center, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka
 Tuesday, October 18: 6 p.m. — White Mass, Saint Pius X Church, Granger
 Wednesday, October 19: 5:15 p.m. — Mass at Conference for Bishops, Ryan Hall Chapel, University of Notre Dame
 Friday, October 21: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Christ the King Church, South Bend
 Saturday, October 22: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Monica Church, Mishawaka

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

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

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CRS staff flew into Les Cayes, a city of 71,000 on the southwest coast. Bessey said thousands of people remained in shelters in the city.

"I don't know if that is decreasing. I imagine that won't decrease all that quickly because more than 80 percent of the houses were damaged or destroyed," he said.

Bessey expressed concern for outlying coastal communities on the far end of Haiti's southern peninsula, which took the brunt of Matthew's assault and have been cut off from communications.

"Time is of the essence and we want to keep going," Bessey told Catholic News Service from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital.

In a telegram to Haitian Cardinal Chibly Langlois of Les Cayes, president of the Haitian bishops' conference, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said Pope Francis wanted the people of Haiti to know how sad he was to hear of the death and destruction brought by Hurricane Matthew.

Pope Francis offered condolences to "all those who lost a loved one" and assured "the



CNS photo/Carlos Garcia Rawlins

Workers bury bodies Oct. 6 after Hurricane Matthew passed through Jeremie, Haiti. Rescue workers are struggling to reach parts of Haiti cut off by Hurricane Matthew, the most powerful Caribbean storm in nearly a decade.

injured and all those who have lost their homes and belongings" that he was close to them through prayer. "Welcoming and encouraging solidarity in facing the country's latest trial, the Holy Father entrusts all Haitians to the maternal protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help," said the telegram, released Oct. 7 by the

Vatican. The U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency planned to send additional staff and vehicles into the region. Among the areas CRS was attempting to reach was Jeremie, a town northwest of Les Cayes. Initial reports said that little was left standing after the storm

passed. Meanwhile, CRS on Oct. 7 committed \$5 million as an initial contribution to help Haiti and other Caribbean nations to recover from the storm, the strongest to hit the region in a decade. "Haiti in particular has once again been struck by tragedy,"

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Sean Callahan, chief operating officer of CRS, said in a statement announcing the aid package. "This commitment shows that we will continue to stand with its people, offering our hand in friendship to help and support them in this time of dire need."

Bessey said food, water and hygiene and kitchen kits stored in a warehouse in Les Cayes were undamaged when Matthew's fierce winds tore part of a roof off the facility. Workers planned to complete repairs Oct. 7 so that the facility could be fully operational again, he said.

Contributing to this report was Cindy Wooden in Rome.

A new class is 'Made for Greatness'



Photos by Mollie Schutt

Everyone in attendance at the diocesan "Made for Greatness" confirmation rally — 787 kids and 156 chaperones — sit silently during Eucharistic Adoration.



Father Andrew Budzinski distributes Holy Communion at the confirmation rally.



Participants listen to Andrew Ouellette speak before Adoration.

Right to Life dinner celebrates 45 years of standing for life

BY ANTONIO MARCHI

Forty-five years ago, 11 individuals gathered around a kitchen table in anticipation of the Supreme Court ruling that would legalize abortion. Fueled by humble passion and a desire to defend innocent human life, they began St. Joseph County Right to Life. As one of the oldest pro-life groups in the nation, SJCTRL has flourished into a community of nearly 7,500 strong, 850 of whom gathered together for the 25th Annual Right to Life Dinner in South Bend on Oct. 6.

Those in attendance reflected upon both the grave losses and pivotal victories experienced alongside one another. Although nothing but the Blood of Christ can heal the wounds left from 35,000 innocent human lives lost to abortion in St. Joseph County, the faithfulness of the pro-life community in standing up for truth and cooperating with the Lord's will has worked miracles.

As Bishop Kevin Rhoades proclaimed in his acceptance of the Pillar of Life Award at the dinner, it is because of this faithfulness that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is now without an active abortion clinic in any of its 14 counties. With this award, SJCTRL recognized Bishop Rhoades' critical role in building a culture of life, thanked him for his pro-life leadership, and affirmed his strong willingness to speak truth in charity regardless of the circumstances.

In addition, Governor Mike Pence was also recognized for his service to the pro-life cause with the Annette M. Macknick Courage Award, completely independent of his affiliation with any particular political party or individuals. Pence's resolve in enforcing pro-life policy as sitting Governor of Indiana has been critical in closing three abortion clinics in the state and revoking the medical license of a former abortionist who is responsible for over 50,000 deaths.

SJCTRL encouraged those who attended the dinner to follow in the footsteps of these leaders by living out faith in practice and continuing to stand firm for the rights of the most vulnerable. In doing so, they were urged to take a step back and really consider the question, why are you pro-life?

The dinner's keynote speaker, Gianna Jessen, put the answer to this question into perspective not only through her very existence, but also in the voice she used to share her story — a voice which was intended to be voiceless. Jessen is a living, breathing, witness to the fact that each



Provided by St. Joseph County Right to Life
Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor, addressed attendees of the 25th annual dinner in South Bend.

individual has been uniquely fashioned, ordained with a purpose, and called to be intimately known and loved by God.

As with all gifts received through the Lord's grace, the gift of life begs to be returned back unto its Creator as a humble self-offering. Jessen was well aware of this, as she readily began, "My name is Gianna Jessen, and I have been given the gift of cerebral palsy," a gift of life that was intended to be cut short by saline abortion.

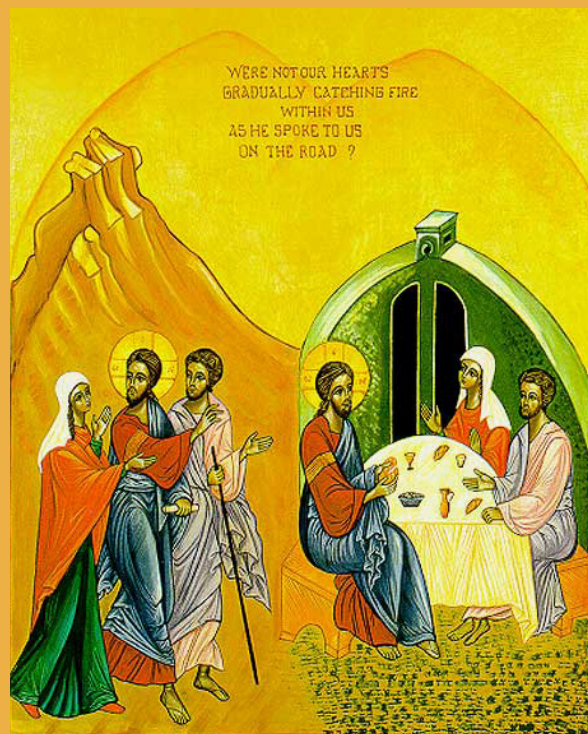
In spite of her mother's choice to abort her at a Planned Parenthood, Jessen fought through hours of being burned by saline solution in utero, finally overcoming it and entering the world. Although she was told she would never walk, she ran two marathons with cerebral palsy. And although her birth mother never intended for her to speak, Jessen became a voice for the voiceless, making of herself a true gift to this world.

This voice struck a chord in the hearts of all who attended the event, countless of whom followed her lead in making a gift of self by offering support to SJCTRL's continued mission to reach out, educate, advocate and pray for life. This support will be especially directed toward a three-part comprehensive media campaign strategy and a variety of programming which seeks to keep abortion out of St. Joseph County and cultivate pro-life leaders in the community.

Forty-five years ago, the founding members of SJCTRL envisioned a culture of life. The support of those at the Right to Life dinner is a testament to the fact that that culture is here. It is now up to the community to ignite and spread the passion, continuing to work toward a day when all human life will be recognized as a beloved gift.

Antonio Marchi is the program manager of St. Joseph County Right to Life.

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Diocesan schools' system-wide accreditation garners award

The Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese was presented with an award for its system-wide accreditation at the fall conference of AdvancEd, held in Indianapolis a few weeks ago.

AdvancEd is the accreditation organization that includes the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement. Superintendent of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Marsha Jordan accepted the award on behalf of the Catholic Schools of the diocese.

In 2009 all schools in the diocese went through individual accreditation. Jordan explained that this entailed a lot of effort and expense on the part of each school. So in 2012, the diocese decided to join a consortium of the other four dioceses in Indiana. The Indiana Catholic Schools Consortium meets quarterly to support and collaborate with each other and assist with going through the accreditation process.

Members of the consortium decided to seek accreditation as school systems rather than individually.

Jordan said accreditation through AdvancEd includes National Catholic Standards and benchmarks. Unlike a state accreditation, for instance, in addition to governing structures and educational standards, AdvancEd also looks at Catholic standards.

In order to do the system-wide accreditation, each school had to conduct a self-assessment and send a survey to parents and teachers. The data collected gave a pretty good picture of the diocese, according to Jordan.

A team of 10 administrators was formed that worked together to compile all the data needed for the accreditation process. In April, AdvancEd sent seven reviewers from around the country and a few from dif-



Superintendent Marsha Jordan accepts the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools' system-wide accreditation award in Indianapolis last month, on behalf of all the schools in the diocese.

ferent Indiana dioceses to be a part of the external review team. They arrived on a Sunday night, and on Monday were presented with evidence collected from all over the diocese. They then interviewed over 230 people, including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, parents, teachers and students. On Tuesday they split up and visited eight elementary schools and two high schools. Wednesday, they delivered the preliminary report.

The reviewers focused on the impact of teaching and learning, the capacity of leadership and use of resources. The report showed areas where the schools had 'powerful practices' — one of which was a "clearly defined and established grading and report criteria utilized at all grade levels and schools," and three others noted the strength of Catholic identity and focus within diocesan schools

consistent with the rich traditions of the Catholic faith — opportunities for improvement and improvement priorities. Improvement priorities are areas that need to be improved within two years.

Jordan said one of the benefits of the system-wide accreditation was that it unified all 42 schools so everyone was working on the same path. Even though they are still autonomous, they are working together for a common goal and standard and are learning from one another through the process.

The diocese received notice

of the accreditation in June, and Jordan presented the certificates to the principals at the first principals' meeting. Then, just a few weeks ago, she received notice to attend the conference to receive an award for the system-wide accreditation.

"It's not as common to do it this way," she said. "They were impressed with how we pulled together all the data for the large number of schools. It was an incredible amount of work from mid-February to mid-April," she said, noting that information had to be verified with artifacts and documentation from each

school.

Despite the work, Jordan said it was "well worth it, and our schools feel it was worth it. It was a very affirming process for everyone."

Accreditation raises the bar and holds schools to a higher standard. It's also a continuous process.

"We have to keep striving to keep our levels of academics and Catholic standards high and make sure we're engaging our students in a way that they're prepared for the 21st Century, but also to be future leaders in the Church" she said.

The system-wide accreditation is also a cost savings for schools. Before, the entire cost of accreditation fell on each school. That cost could be up to \$1,000. This year, knowing the number of external review team members it would have to have, the diocese came up with a 'ball park figure and divided it by 42 schools — so each school paid \$150."

It will be necessary to go through the process of accreditation again in five years; in the meantime, schools will go through internal reviews to maintain focus on continuous improvement and remain ready for the next accreditation visit.

"It's great to have people from other dioceses around the country — New York, Atlanta, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Louisiana, Ohio and other Indiana dioceses — take a look at you and say, 'Wow, you're doing great things here — I'm taking this back to my diocese,'" she said.

All-School Mass voices raised



Joe Raymond

A student choir performs for the annual All-Schools Mass in South Bend on Monday, Oct. 10. The Mass took place at Purcell Pavilion on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, and was celebrated for Catholic school students from the South Bend half of the diocese. The Fort Wayne-area Mass takes place on Oct. 27.

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Archbishop points to 'troublesome' misuses of pope's teaching on family

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland has written a pastoral letter seeking to correct what he called "troublesome" misuse of Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation on the family and family life. The pastoral letter, released Oct. 7, is titled "A True and Living Icon: Reading of 'Amoris Laetitia' in Light of Church Teaching." In it, Archbishop Sample said that Pope Francis' exhortation, issued in April, has rightly been lauded by Catholics and non-Catholics alike for its pastoral approach. The image of the church as a "field hospital," the archbishop wrote, is a potent reminder of the services provided by priests, deacons and parish staffs, as well as the wounded that they care for. But the archbishop went on to write that media in particular have drawn false conclusions from "Amoris Laetitia." "While the exhortation does not contain any change in church teaching regarding marriage and family life, some have used 'Amoris Laetitia' in ways that do not correspond with the church's teaching tradition," Archbishop Sample wrote.

New York cardinal announces new compensation program for abuse survivors

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Archdiocese of New York has initiated a voluntary Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program to promote healing and serve as a "tangible sign of the church's outreach and reparation" by providing compensation to victim-survivors of sexual abuse as minors by clergy of the archdiocese. The program was announced at a morning news conference Oct. 6 featuring Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and other speakers who will administer the program. It will be headed by nationally recognized mediator Kenneth Feinberg and will have an oversight committee, whose members include former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly. "It is unique in that we're asking an outside, independent, acclaimed source to do it," the cardinal said in response to a question about other dioceses that have instituted similar methods to compensate victims of abuse. Cardinal Dolan explained that the Diocese of Albany had initiated a voluntary compensation program a decade ago, and that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee also had done so when he served as archbishop there before his appointment as Archbishop of New York in 2009.

Hurricane Matthew travels up U.S. coast



CNS photo/Willie J. Allen Jr., EPA

People walk along historic State Road A1A in Daytona Beach, Fla., Oct. 8 after a portion of it was washed away when Hurricane Matthew hit. Although Florida was spared the worst of Matthew's fury, damage is still widespread along the entire eastern coast of the state, as well as in states to the north.

Polish church vows to continue push for stricter abortion controls

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Poland's Catholic Church has reiterated support for stricter pro-life controls, after parliamentarians voted down a law that would have sent aborting mothers to jail. "Human life has such great value. It shouldn't be the object of political bargains," said Archbishop Henryk Hoser of Warsaw-Praga, chairman of the Polish bishops' bioethics committee. "This draft bill may have needed some corrections, but it was prepared solidly enough. Its rejection leaves us in the same situation as before," he said. The church leader's comments to Poland's Catholic Information Agency came after the Warsaw parliament's Oct. 6 rejection of the "Stop Abortion" bill, 352-58, with 18 abstentions. The legislation would have banned all abortions unless a woman's life was in danger. Meanwhile, the Polish bishops' conference said the sanctity of human life had been stressed by St. John Paul II, but cautioned that the church would not support laws that allowed aborting women to be punished. "Church institutions don't deal with civil law projects, although they use their right to express opinions on proposed legal regulations," the conference said in an Oct. 6 statement. "We encourage

prayers for women who fulfill the motherhood vocation in their lives, as well as for those facing hardships," the statement added.

Catholics called to be active in the public square, live faith fearlessly

PHOENIX (CNS) — Followers of Christ "do not walk into the voting booth by themselves, but 'do it in Him and with Him,'" Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted told those at a Mass celebrated before a legislative seminar on "Catholics in the Public Square." Bishop Olmsted preached about the centrality of belief in the resurrection of Christ, a belief he said "has had to be defended throughout history," including today. This reminder of the power of the resurrection and Jesus' promise to be with His believers until the end of time should bolster our faith "no matter what may discourage us in being good citizens," the bishop told the congregation at St. Mary's Basilica. Following the Mass, more than 350 packed a hall inside the Diocesan Pastoral Center for the seminar held in mid-September leading up to the November elections. Speakers included Jennifer Roback Morse, founder of the Ruth Institute, and Alan Sears, president and CEO of the Alliance Defending Freedom. Both received standing ovations

for high-energy talks that encouraged attendees to get informed, speak out and live their faith boldly in the public square. Many of those gathered were parish representatives on hand to get copies of the fourth edition of Bishop Olmsted's "Catholics in the Public Square" booklet. The booklet examines the intersection of faith and civic duty and calls on the faithful to form their conscience "in accord with the voice of God" and to "defend the dignity of every human person."

Entire parish, not just a committee, must offer hospitality, says speaker

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — You had to laugh. In a workshop on parish hospitality during the annual conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council held Oct. 2-5 in New Orleans, Christine Heusinger, associate director of stewardship for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, put up a cartoon on the big screen. The 1988 cartoon by Steve Phelps is timeless. Standing in the middle aisle of the church are "The Martins," staring down at a pew that is occupied. The problem is, for all intents and purposes, that pew was "The Martins' pew." The caption tells the story: "The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat

where the Martins have sat for 42 years." There's no doubt Catholic parishes have a lot to learn from their Protestant neighbors about how to throw out the welcome mat for people who perhaps have not darkened the door of a Catholic church in many years, if ever, Heusinger said.

Catholic Charities to make affordable housing a priority

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Her new three-bedroom apartment in a new Catholic Charities-sponsored building, may not be a mansion, but for Sandra it feels that way. Faced with being homeless last spring as a deadline for her family's stay at a transitional housing apartment neared, Sandra was scrambling to find a place she and her three sons, 22, 15 and 4, could afford in the high-cost housing market of San Jose, Calif. That's when she learned about Kings Crossing Apartments, one of nearly 20 affordable housing sites established by Charities Housing of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. At \$300 a month — a bargain in the Bay Area where rents for a similar unit can be more than 10 times that amount — Sandra is able to provide a clean, safe and stable home for her family. "I thought it was a tremendous blessing," said Sandra, who asked that her real name not be used because of past domestic violence incidents. "Somebody had told me, 'You went from a shoe box to a mansion.' That's exactly how we feel. It's very big and beautiful," she said of her family's new home.

Portuguese bishops applaud Guterres nomination as U.N. secretary-general

SAO PAULO (CNS) — The Portuguese Bishops Conference praised former Portuguese prime minister Antonio Guterres for his "deep sense of humanity and faith" after he was nominated as United Nations secretary-general. "We hope he can face with courage, dialogue and resolutions all the great challenges on the world agenda today, always seeking peace, peaceful resolutions and the development of friendly relations among nations, as stated at the beginning of the United Nations Charter," the bishops said in an Oct. 6 statement. The U.N. General Assembly is expected to meet next week to approve Guterres' five-year appointment. He will succeed Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of South Korea early next year. A member of Portugal's Socialist Party and a fervent Catholic, Guterres, 67, was one of the founders of the Franciscan-backed Grupo da Luz (Light Group) in the early 1970s while still a college student in Lisbon. The group worked with poor people living in Portugal's capital.



Living the Year of Mercy

Bury the Dead



CNS photo/Matt Cashore, University of Notre Dame

Mourners surround the casket of Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh during his burial service March 4, 2015, at Holy Cross Community Cemetery on the campus of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. According to the Book of Tobit, burying the dead was an important work of charity. The act of Christian burial means presence, our presence, to those who have died and to those who mourn.

A Christian duty to comfort those who mourn

BY MIKE NELSON

At the conclusion of a weekday morning Mass in a suburban Los Angeles parish some years ago, our pastor informed those in attendance that a funeral Mass was upcoming in a few minutes. He asked the assembly if they wouldn't mind staying for the funeral.

"I don't think the deceased had a large family or that many friends who will be attending," the pastor said.

He was right. There was exactly one person in attendance, an older gentleman. The deceased was his uncle. A single person attending a loved one's funeral. How sad is that?

Fortunately, many of the weekday Mass-goers stayed, and afterward offered their condolences to the deceased's nephew who, sad as he was at losing his uncle, smiled gratefully.

In the Order of Christian Funerals (No. 4), we are told that the "church ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the

funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist."

This suggests that "ministering" and "consoling" is everyone's duty, certainly in the case of caring for those who have lost loved ones.

"The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the resurrection," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 2300. "The burial of the dead ... honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit."

This does not require us to wield shovels, or carve headstones, or lower caskets into the earth (though some are called to do exactly that). Rather, it requires us to be present to those who mourn, to let them know that they and their departed are cared for and prayed for by the family of God.

My wife, in her role as parish director of liturgy, finds that some of her most rewarding work is in ministering to those who have lost loved ones and must plan funeral liturgies.

These are people who are not

only sad and grieving, but often confused, emotional, possibly bitter or angry, and very much in need of a calm, compassionate, Christ-centered presence to help them plan a ceremony that offers at least a step toward healing.

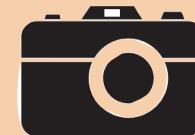
And healing is what the corporal works of mercy are all about. When I, in my occasional role as liturgical accompanist, play piano at a funeral Mass, my most fervent prayer is to allow God to work through the skills he has blessed me with to bring comfort to those who mourn.

The act of Christian burial means presence, our presence, to those who have died and to those who mourn.

As the prayer of final commendation at the funeral Mass says: "May our farewell ... ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys death itself."

Mike Nelson is former editor of *The Tidings*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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Papal nuncio visits Our Lady of Hungary School

SOUTH BEND — Archbishop Michael Blume, papal nuncio to the Vatican in Uganda, made a pastoral visit to Our Lady of Hungary School, South Bend, on Sept. 29. The archbishop is an alumnus of Our Lady of Hungary School. He shared stories and pictures of the Pope's recent visit to Uganda with students and staff.

'Footsteps of Our Faith' mission announced

FORT WAYNE — Queen of Angels Parish and Father David Mary Engo, who founded and is superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor Community, will facilitate a parish mission "Footsteps of Our Faith" on Sunday through Tuesday, Nov. 27-29, at 7 p.m. For information, contact the parish office at 260-482-9411.

USF announces Philosophy/Theology lecture events

FORT WAYNE —The University of Saint Francis Department of Philosophy and Theology announces its lineup of speakers for its 2016-17 Lecture Series.

Oct. 26 — "Catholic Political Responsibilities" by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, North Campus Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Nov. 13 — "Taking the Temple to the Streets? Byzantine Practices in (the) Contemporary Occupy Movement" by Dr. Justin Tse, Brookside Ballroom, 3 p.m.

Dec. 11 — "Incarnate Wisdom Scripture" by Sister Felicity Dorsett, North Campus Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Jan. 25, —"ISIS and the Crusades: On the Uses and Abuses of History" by Dr. Adam DeVille, Brookside Ballroom, 7 p.m.

Feb. 15, —"Polkas and Masses" by Dr. Lance Richey, Brookside Ballroom, 7 p.m.

March 5, — "Christianity, History and the Common Good" by Dr. John Bequette, Brookside Ballroom, 3 p.m.

April 5, —"Towards a Philosophical Theory of Practice" by Dr. Vincent Wargo, Brookside Ballroom, 7 p.m.

For more information, visit philosophy.usf.edu.

Pets blessed for feast day of St. Francis

FORT WAYNE — On Tuesday, Oct. 4, over 50 animals outside St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's main entrance waited patiently to receive an animal blessing.

Oct. 4 was the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is recognized by Catholics as the patron saint of animals, merchants, and ecology. It is for this reason that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School offers students and their

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A place to call school during the Jubilee Year of Mercy



Provided by Kevin Goralczyk

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, South Bend parishes St. Patrick and St. Hedwig adopted Our Lady of Hungary School, South Bend, as their parish school. Neither parish currently has a school of its own and parish leadership see this as an opportunity for parishioners to participate in the works of mercy. Bob and Sandy Matuszak, Ken Mroz and Father Cyril Fernandez spearheaded a collection of money and school supplies for Our Lady of Hungary students. Above, Father Cyril hands Father Kevin Bauman, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary, and Kevin Goralczyk, school principal, checks from the St. Patrick and St. Hedwig collections.

Holy Door pilgrimage



Provided by Lisa Kochanowski

SOUTH BEND - Members of the Saint Joseph High School family recently made a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. This special journey allowed for prayerful reflection and the opportunity to get a plenary indulgence. Participants walked in the rain from the high school, prayerfully passed through the Holy Doors of Mercy, had the chance to celebrate Confession, prayed for the Pope and his intentions and attended Mass. Afterwards, the group returned to the school for a meal together.

Rockers for a cause



Provided by the Daughters of Isabella de Paul Circle

The Daughters of Isabella de Paul Circle in Elkhart held its fourth Rock-a-thon on Sept. 11. Ten members of the circle "rocked" in the St. Vincent de Paul Church lobby for a total of 10 hours. Members, relatives and friends sponsored the "rockers," while generous parishioners dropped donations into a collection box beside them. The funds will be used to assist parishioners and neighbors in need, as well as support various charities and causes. From left, circle members Elaine Weingart and Sharon Cobb rock, while St. Vincent parishioner Jackie Foy drops off her donation.

family the opportunity to bring their pet to school on this day every year to receive a blessing.

"St. Francis taught that all of God's creation is a gift and we should give thanks to God," said officiator Deacon Jim Kitchens. "So on this day, we say thank you to God by blessing the animals."

For some St. Elizabeth students and faculty members, this blessing has become an annual tradition with their pet.

"I really like the blessing because I feel that God has put our pets here on this earth to help us find joy and happiness in times of great need either when sad, lonely or happy," said first grade teacher, Mrs. Julie Peters who brought her 3-year old Newfoundland, Simon. "St. Francis taught us this and what a great way to celebrate his feast day."

Memorial Mass for children lost to miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death

SOUTH BEND — October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month, and St. Matthew Cathedral invites all families who have suffered the loss of a child to miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly following birth to a special Memorial Mass for their children on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

You need not be a member of St. Matthew Cathedral to attend. Your loss may have occurred very early in pregnancy, later in pregnancy, shortly before birth or after birth. Your loss may be recent, last year or even decades ago. All are welcome.

Mary imitated God through service, Pope says

ROME, Italy (CNA/EWTN) — During a special Jubilee weekend dedicated to Mary, Pope Francis said Mary was not only Christ's mother, but also his obedient disciple and a model of concrete service to others.

"Throughout her life, Mary did everything that the Church is asked to do in perennial memory of Christ," the Pope said Oct. 8.

With her faith, "we learn to open our hearts to obey God; in her self-denial, we see the importance of tending to the needs of others; in her tears, we find the strength to console those experiencing pain.

In each of these moments, Mary "expresses the wealth of divine mercy that reaches out to all in their daily need."

Pope Francis spoke to thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square to celebrate a special Oct. 7-9 Marian Jubilee, which is part of the Pope's larger Jubilee of Mercy.

The Marian Jubilee opened Oct. 7 with Mass in the Roman Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The Mass was followed by the recitation of the rosary in Saint Peter's Square and the Prayer to the Queen of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii.

Adoration and confessions were then available until midnight in the parishes of Santa Maria in Valicella, also called "Chiesa Nuova," and San Salvatore in Lauro.

Jubilee activities continued Saturday morning with a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors of the four Major Basilicas in Rome: St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Wall, St. John Lateran and St. Peter's.

Groups of various Marian delegations from national communities and shrines then participated in a special procession to St. Peter's Square, where Pope Francis led pilgrims in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary before delivering his address.

In his speech, the Pope noted how from the earliest centuries of the Church Mary has been invoked as the "Mother of Mercy," explaining that the prayer of the rosary in many ways is a "synthesis of the history of God's mercy, which becomes a history of salvation for all who let themselves be shaped by grace."

By reflecting on the important moments in Jesus' life, we see how His mercy is shown to everyone from all walks and stages of life, he said, adding that Mary always accompanies us on this journey, pointing us in the direction of her Son, "who radiates the very mercy of the Father."

Mary guides us toward the path we are called to take "in order to be true disciples of Jesus," he said, adding that in praying the rosary, we feel her closeness in each mystery and contemplate her role as "the first disciple of her Son, for she does

the Father's will.

Francis stressed that Mary can help teach us what it means to be a disciple of Christ, because while she was "eternally chosen to be His Mother," she also learned how to be His disciple.

"Her first act was to listen to God," he said, noting how she then obeyed the angel's message and followed Jesus closely, "listening to every word that issued from His lips" and keeping them in her heart.

However, the Pope stressed, "it's not enough simply to listen." While this is the first step, it must be followed by concrete action.

"The disciple truly puts his life at the service of the Gospel," he said, and, recalling Mary's own actions, pointed to how after the Annunciation, Mary immediately



A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Peter's Square during a general audience with Pope Francis.

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went to her cousin Elizabeth to help her during her pregnancy.

Not only did she then give birth to the Son of God, but she also showed her concern for the young spouses in Cana by interceding for them. When Jesus was crucified on Golgotha, Mary "did not flee pain but stood beneath the cross of Jesus and, by His will, became the Mother of the Church."

After Jesus rose from the dead, she then "encouraged the apostles assembled in the upper room as they awaited the Holy Spirit, who would make them fearless heralds of the Gospel," Pope Francis said.

Francis closed his homily invoking Mary's intercession, praying that she would be "protection, help and blessing for us all the days of our life."



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Fatima: Our Lady and the children

In 2017, Catholic faithful the world over will observe the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three children in Portugal. With this issue, Today's Catholic inaugurates coverage of the observance of the anniversary in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and beyond.

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

The Fatima apparitions began with three apparitions from the Angel of Peace, followed by six apparitions from Our Lady of Fatima. The angel appeared to 9-year-old Lucia Dos Santos and her 6- and 8-year-old cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, during the spring, summer, and fall of 1916. During each apparition, the angel taught them various prayers and told them to offer their prayers and sacrifices to God as a petition for sinners.

After the third apparition of the angel, Our Lady appeared to the children on May 13, 1917. On this day, the children were tending their sheep at the Cova de Iria when a bright light shone in the sky. After another flash, Our Lady, dressed in white, appeared and told the children that she was from heaven. She asked them to come to the same place, during the same hour, on the 13th of the month for the next six consecutive months. During her sixth appearance, she asked the children to pray the rosary daily for peace in the world and for an end to the war that was raging.



Wikipedia

Lucia Santos (left) with her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, 1917.

Fifty people joined the children during the second apparition and prayed the rosary with them. The bright light appeared again that day, and Our Lady repeated her instruction to come to the same place at the same hour on the 13th days, as well as continuing to pray the rosary daily. Lucia asked if the children would go to heaven, and Our Lady told Lucia that she

would; but that she would first remain in the world in order to establish within it a devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Our Lady explained that she would promise salvation and God's love to those who embraced her heart.

At her third apparition, Our Lady again told Lucia to continue praying the rosary daily. She also said that she would reveal who she was during the

sixth apparition and perform a miracle for all to see and believe. She gave the children the Fatima prayer to recite after the end of each decade of the rosary.

Although authorities prevented the children from going to the fourth apparition, due to the large crowd that gathered with them, Our Lady appeared to the children on the 19th of that month. She instructed them to return to the same place on the 13th of the following month and to continue to pray the rosary daily, as well as continue to offer prayers and sacrifices for sinners.

Around 30,000 people accompanied the children for the fifth appearance and prayed the Rosary together. When Our Lady appeared, she reminded the children to continue to pray the rosary for the end of the war. She also said that the sorrowful Lady, the Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph with the child Jesus would come to bless the world during her next appearance.

For the sixth apparition, on Oct. 13th, 70,000 people surrounded the children as they prayed in a heavy rain. After appearing, Our Lady revealed that she is the Lady of the Rosary. She desired a chapel to be built at the cove in her honor

and for people to continue praying the rosary. She also said that the war would finish soon. After speaking, Our Lady opened her hands and launched a ray of light at the sun. The rain stopped and the sun shone brightly.

The sun then turned and projected colored bands of light that covered the sky, the trees and the crowd. After this, the sun returned to normal for a few moments and then repeated the bands of light. The group fell to their knees, begging for mercy, while the children saw a lady dressed in white with a blue cope (mantle) as well as St. Joseph with the Child Jesus. Then they saw the Lord stand with Our Lady of Sorrows as He blessed the world. The Lady of Mount Carmel followed, by finishing the miracle with the sun.

Francisco died on April 4, 1919, and Jacinta on Feb. 20, 1920. Prior to her death, she revealed a number of previously unknown statements made to her by Our Lady about, among other things, the sacrament of marriage and of the priesthood. Pope John Paul II credited his survival after being shot in 1981 to the intervention of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and consecrated the world to her on Oct. 8, 2000.

Bishop Rhoades invites faithful of diocese on Carmelite-Fatima pilgrimage July 7-16, 2017

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will lead a pilgrimage for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from July 7-16, 2017 to Spain and Portugal. While it is significant that the group will be in Fatima on July 13, the 100th anniversary of one of the Marian apparitions to the children in Fatima, the trip provides a broader perspective for the 150 pilgrims who will be attending.

Pilgrims will begin in Avila, Spain, which is the birthplace of St. Teresa of Jesus. St. Teresa was a Carmelite nun who founded the St. Joseph Monastery and is known as a reformer of the Carmelites with St. John of the Cross. Pilgrims will travel to Segovia and see the tomb of St. John of the Cross on July 10.

The pilgrims continue their journey to Alba de Tormes, and after a celebration of the Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, where St. Teresa died in 1582, they will be able to see the incorrupt heart and left arm of the saint.

After touring the historic city of Salamanca, the group will travel to Coimbra to visit the Carmelite convent where Sister Lucia, the longest surviving seer of Fatima, spent most of her life. For the next two days, pilgrims will spend the anniversary day in Fatima, with Mass among pilgrims from around the world and touring historic sites in the town.

Prior to departing for home, pilgrims will finish their pilgrimage in Lisbon by visiting the Church of the Eucharistic Miracle in Santarem.

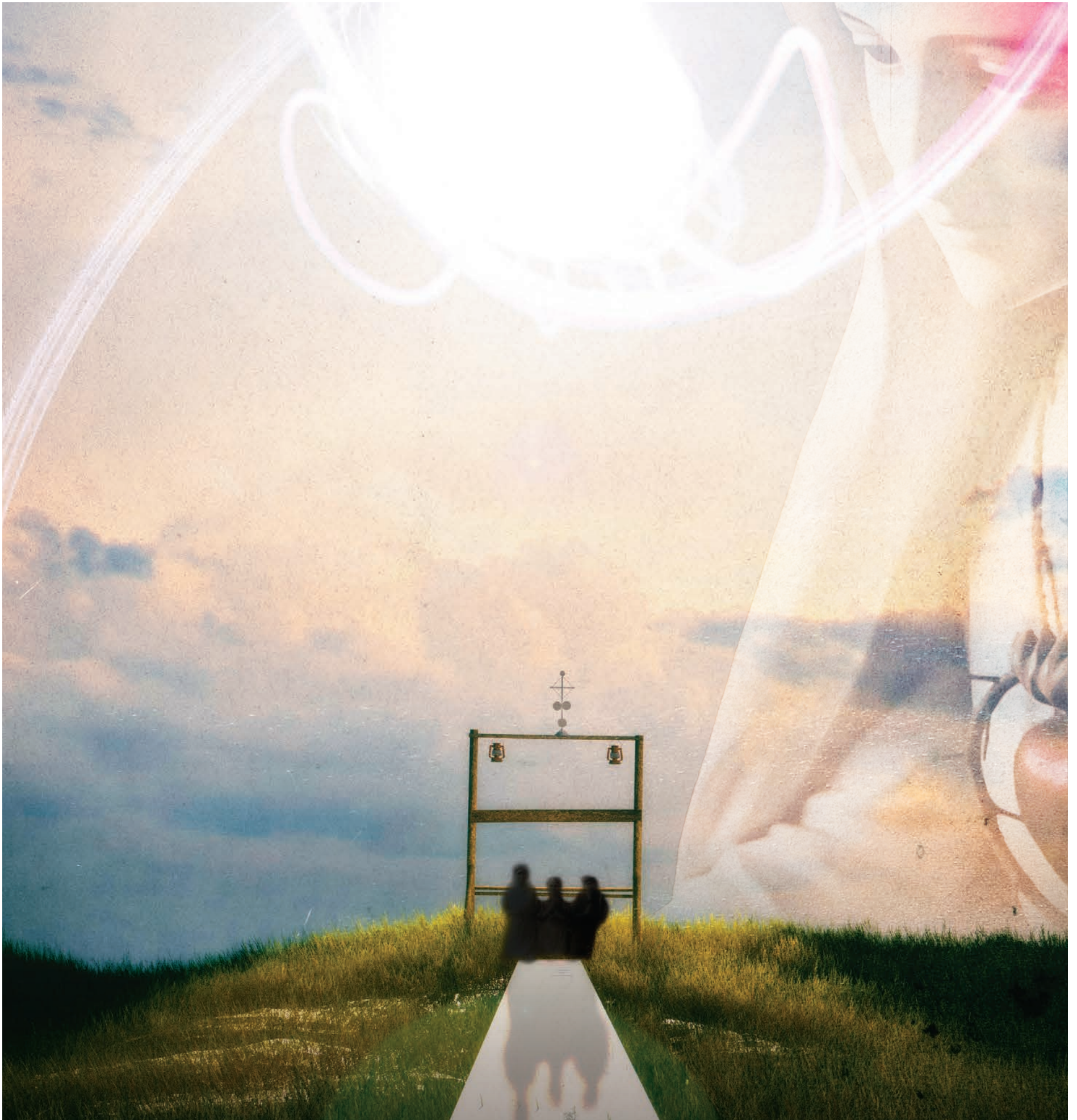
This journey overseas is not only a chance to learn more about the lives of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross, but also to reflect on the events and message of Fatima. This pilgrimage has been planned by Bishop Rhoades as an opportunity for the faithful to participate in growth in their prayer life and in the virtues of faith, hope and love by turning to Our Lady for help. In an address to the World Apostolate of Fatima, Bishop Rhoades said, "Amid all the trials and troubles we encounter in this life, including the challenges of our culture today, even in the midst of terrible sinfulness and horrors, we must never give up hope in the promise that in the end Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph."

For those who are interested in learning more about the pilgrimage, or to be alerted about the dates of upcoming information nights, email tours@avemariapilgrimages.com or call 877-513-1917.



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A pilgrim carrying a cross walks on his knees May 13 at the Marian shrine of Fatima in central Portugal. Thousands of pilgrims arrived at the shrine to attend the 99th anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

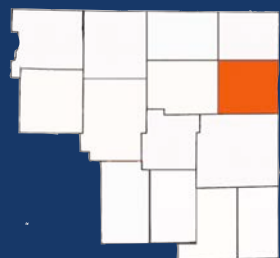


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St. Joseph Parish, Garrett, fostering a passion for Christ

BY DENISE FEDOROW

St. Joseph Parish in Garrett has a lot to offer parishioners, and one is a parish school that's been given a four-star rating from the state.



FATHER JIM SHAFER

The parish has about 300 registered households and a St. Martin de Porres Center that includes a soup kitchen that serves carry-out dinners every Monday and Thursday from 4-6 p.m. The tangent Martin's Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m.

St. Joseph's has a children's and adult music ministry, homebound ministry and many of the ministries that most parishes have, as well as opportunities for liturgical involvement in the roles of altar server, lector and Eucharistic minister.

History of the church

According to a historical account of the town of Garrett, Rev. August Young was the first priest in Garrett. He first held Mass in a tent in 1872, and within a year built the first church. Around 1888, Rev. Young commissioned the building of a two-story school-room. In 1893, the church was enlarged, and in 1897, Rev. Young purchased eight acres of land for Calvary Cemetery.

In 1929, a new church and rectory were built in Italian



Today's Catholic archive photos

St. Joseph Church in Garrett has long been a gathering place for the small city located just west of Auburn.



St. Joseph School currently offers preschool through seventh grade.



This historic photo shows one of the St. Joseph School nuns with a student.

Older students assist younger students in the Mass Buddies Program and Reading Buddies Program.

Students at St. Joseph are well rounded, because the school also offers art, science, recreation and athletics. It holds an art fair and a science fair. The school also offers Catholic Youth Organization volleyball for girls in grades five and six August-October, girl's and boy's Basketball from November-January for grades five-seven and girl's softball for grades five-seven. It offers chess and checkers tournaments, bowling, swimming and fieldtrips. School readers even get to celebrate with the Tin Cap — the mascot of the Fort Wayne Tin Caps minor league team.

Father Jim Shafer was installed as pastor of St. Joseph in July, and said it was like coming full circle. He was born at Sacred Heart Hospital, one block from the church and the parish where he grew up and attended school.

He attended Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary in Syracuse to finish high school and start college. The death of his mother while he was in seminary shook him up to the point that it led him away from his vocation, but unable to ignore his calling, he re-entered the seminary several years later.

Father Shafer cited St. John Paul II as a big influence in his priesthood. He reportedly embraces a saying that the former pope used to give seminarians and priests: 'Love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of your life.' It's the saying he posted on both sides of the door he uses to come and go between the church and rectory.

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and Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday at 6 p.m.

Weekend Masses are:
Saturday vigil at 5 p.m. and
Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The school is located at 301 W.
Houston St., and the phone
number is 260-357-5137.

Renaissance style with buff brick and terra cotta. Father Young was also credited with building Sacred Heart Hospital a block away from the church. In 2000, the church underwent a renovation project that included a new altar and windows.

St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School offers preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds and kindergarten through seventh grade. The Four-Star School is led by Principal Kristine Call.

The school has an active Home and School Association

that sponsors activities to support it. This month, HASA sponsored a pumpkin festival with games, prizes, lunch and fellowship. It also sponsors a chili cook-off and a merchant's Bingo.

St. Joseph students are encouraged to reach out to the community. In October they carried out a collection for babies; usually, in November, they do a food collection for the needy and then a December collection of hats and mittens for the needy, among other things.

They also jump rope for the Heart Association and they make lunches for the homeless.

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St. Michael the Archangel gives much, enjoys renovation

BY DEB WAGNER

St. Michael the Archangel Church, in the small farming community of Waterloo, was established in 1880 by German-American immigrants. The parish was originally comprised of 14 families. There are currently 400 families and 925 members in the parish. Still small by many standards, St. Michael's is very proud that there have been 17 baptisms and two weddings in the 2015-16 year, with another wedding planned for the end of October.



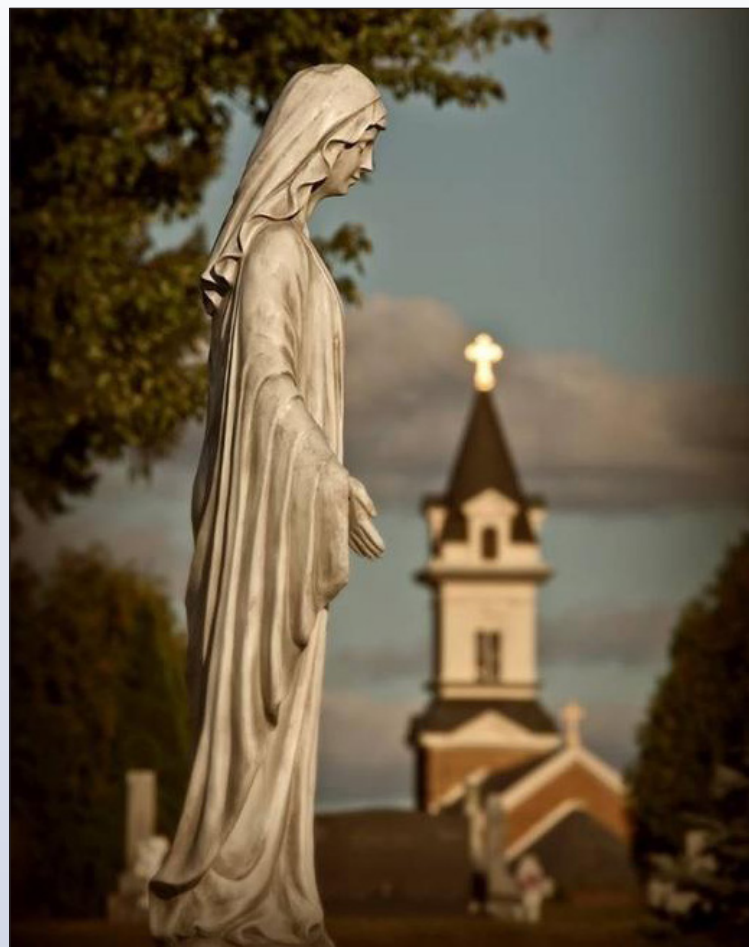
FATHER DAVID CARKENORD

The parish might be small in numbers, but its demographics make it unique. Parishioners come from not only Waterloo, but also from the surrounding towns of Auburn, Angola and Hamilton — as well as the state of Ohio. Because the parish pulls from so many school systems, for example, church activities are often scheduled on Sundays.

In 2010, St. Michael's underwent a major church renovation. The renovation was done by Daprato Rigali Studios from Chicago, Ill., one of the most highly regarded church renovation companies in the world. Weigand Construction was the general contractor. The entire interior of the church was renovated from floor to ceiling, including the wiring, baptismal font and pews.

There is something for all ages and areas of interest in this loving, caring faith community. The real blessing, though, is that most of the group members are serving others while enriching their own spiritual life.

The quilting group started in 1995 and is composed of five women comprise the core of the group. They make quilts for all of the parish's babies who receive baptism, lap robes for area nursing homes and quilts for area homeless shelters such as Shelter Ministries in Auburn. They are supported by the Rosary Society.



Photos provided by St. Michael the Archangel parish

The Blessed Virgin Mary protects St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo.

The Rosary Society includes all the men and women of the parish. Each month, they have a business meeting and decide on a special project for the month. In September, they collected gently used coats and cleaning supplies for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. In October they are collecting socks for the Share the Warmth program, which gives the socks to seniors in nursing homes. They also volunteer with Warm a Heart, donating food and prepared dishes to share with the less fortunate in Waterloo. Coming up in November, the Rosary Society will again sponsor Feather Bingo, where a quilt is raffled off and the proceeds shared with area charities. The Rosary Society also conducts bake sales, sponsors a Giving Tree at Christmas, raises money to send some of the parish's

youth to World Youth Day and visits the shut-ins.

St. Michael the Archangel hosts the social group Harvest House once a month for those 50 years old or older. Each gathering begins with Mass and a rosary, followed by a potluck lunch and discussion on a spiritual topic. They also provide cards to the shut-ins.

In addition to these ministries, St. Michael the Archangel has a ministry to the sick and homebound, a children's choir at Christmastime, the St. Rose of Lima Spiritual Book Club, a funeral dinner ministry, monthly food collections, Disciples in Mission groups, a parish picnic each August, Bible studies for adult religious education, several youth groups and a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors who fill out an application and write an essay



Parishioners from four towns in Indiana, as well as some who reside in Ohio, comprise the faithful of St. Michael the Archangel.

on a theme given to them.

There are currently 62 students, from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade, and 32 students in grades nine through 12, enrolled in religion education classes. The parish's LifeTeen Program will set up the Stations of the Cross for All Saints Day in November. Separate from the LifeTeen Program, 50 students from grades six through 12 are the parish's youth group.

Father David Carkenord is the pastoral shepherd of this committed flock. At 80 years old, Father Carkenord is the oldest priest in active ministry in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese. He has been a priest for 54 years, and pastor at St.

Michael the Archangel since September 1989.

Recently, St. Anthony of Padua in neighboring Angola teamed up with St. Michael the Archangel to host an Older American's Day. The event, which was spearheaded by Father Carkenord, drew a total of 100 people from 10 different parishes for the celebration. Bobbie Charleswood, director of religious education for St. Michael the Archangel, said of Father Carkenord, "His homilies are never read, but always spoken from the heart. He is very much loved."

St. Michael Church

1098 County Road 39, Waterloo
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Immaculate Conception parish welcomes new pastor

BY DENISE FEDOROW

Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn just welcomed a new pastor, Father Tim Wrozek, who assumed his duties at the parish Oct. 3.



**FATHER
TIMOTHY
WROZEK**

Father Wrozek said he's been warmly welcomed at his new parish. "I'm excited about the people's response to me — it's been over the top," he said.

There are approximately 335 registered households in the parish, according to Lisa Hess, administrative assistant, and there are some pretty active ministries within the parish.

Religious education for adults, with coffee and doughnuts, is offered each Sunday after the 8 a.m. Mass. The rosary is prayed after each weekday Mass. The parish has a Knights of Columbus group, for men aged 18 and older, which meets monthly on the first Tuesday. The Ladies Guild is similar to an altar/rosary society group and is for women aged 18 and older. It meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. On Oct. 15, the guild hosted a bake sale for seminarians.

Immaculate Conception has a 'Couples with Kids' group for married couples with children. They meet once a month for family activities or faith discussions. Recent activities include a marshmallow roast, hayride and outdoor movie nights. The group even has its own Facebook page — Couples-with-Kids-at-ICC.

The parish offers a middle school youth group called Edge that meets Sunday evenings and a high school youth group that meets Sunday mornings. In addition, there is an adult music ministry, liturgical linens service ministry, a church archives ministry and more. Immaculate Conception has an adoration chapel that is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. A Catholic cemetery is located about a mile and a half away.

Parish history

The first Mass offered in Auburn took place on August 5, 1871, at the Engelbert Ashley home with seven families present. Recognizing the need for a church, a committee was formed. They bought land, made plans and on Oct. 18, 1874, the church on the corner of Fourth Street and Railroad Street (now Indiana Avenue)



Provided by Immaculate Conception

An all-tile mosaic depicting the Immaculate Conception used to be at the outdoor entrance to the church, so "she has weathered rain, snow and hail" according to Lisa Hess, parish administrative assistant. The church recently built an enclosed gathering space, so the mosaic of Mary is now inside the entrance.

was dedicated. In 1912 it was enlarged, and the building continued to serve the local Catholic community until 1958.

Groundbreaking for a new church, parish hall and school on East Seventh Street took place on Aug. 4, 1957. The new church was dedicated on Sept. 21, 1958. A convent for the school sisters and a new rectory/church office were also built. The school closed for a time during the 1970s.

Over the years the convent was torn down and a new priest's residence built on that site. The former rectory is utilized as a church office, religious education classrooms and parish meeting space, and contains the Adoration Chapel.

Former school classrooms are used for religious education.

Beautiful Stations of the Cross from the original church, oil paintings on tin, were brought over to the new church, framed in wood by a parishioner and are still hanging. They were featured in a diocesan book about the Fort Wayne-South Bend parishes.

An L-shaped addition was built onto the east and south sides of the church, enlarging the parish hall and kitchen. The parish calls this addition FFG, "For Future Generations" — and it is utilized in a variety of ways. The south entrance contains six beautiful stained glass windows created by parishioners Janet Kressler and

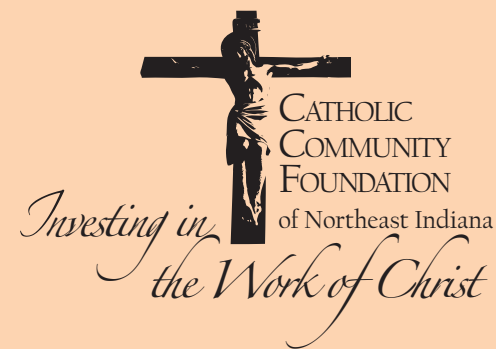
Immaculate Conception Church

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Weekdays — Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Sat. at 8 a.m. and Friday at 12:05 p.m.

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What is the Catholic Community Foundation?

The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana consists of 137 endowments collectively invested to fund the various ministries and services of the Church throughout the diocese. The ultimate purpose of these endowments is not simply to build financial stability, but rather to fund the mission that has been entrusted by Jesus Christ.

The endowments invested within the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana for parishes, schools and/or ministries in DeKalb County are as follows:

- **Margaret L. Waring Endowment Fund** benefitting **St. Joseph School, Garrett**
- **St. Joseph School Tuition Assistance Fund**
- **St. Martin de Tours House Endowment, to provide clothes and food to the poor through a ministry of St. Joseph Parish, Garrett**

For more information on the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, how to create a new endowment, or about giving to an existing endowment, contact the Office of Stewardship and Development in South Bend at 574-258-6571 or in Fort Wayne at 260-969-9148 or by email at plannedgiving@diocesefwsb.org. There is also additional information, including frequently asked questions, at www.diocesefwsb.org/Catholic-Community-Foundation.



Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn is an active parish with ministries for all ages.

Pat Schlosser. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades dedicated the FFG area on Dec. 8, 2012.

Over the years, parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church have shown dedication, commitment to their faith and foresight to plan for future generations.

Looking ahead

Father Wrozek said although he missed the people he'd grown to love at his last parish, he's excited to be at Immaculate Conception because of the people he's already met.

"And the things I've heard they're doing in this parish: The staff is so pro-active in doing things for the community and for the body of Christ here at ICC!" Father Wrozek laughed, saying he's already learning to

use the abbreviated name "ICC."

Father Wrozek said at his last parish he was asked if he could celebrate Mass in Spanish, and although he only had one year of high school Spanish, he studied the books and began celebrating Mass in Spanish. That's something he may offer at some point at Immaculate Conception. "I believe if you build it, they will come," he said.

However, he has no immediate plans for change. "My plan is I'm going to listen a lot: to see what the people want from me and see what needs I can fill. I want to find out where the people are and what they want," he said.

"My job is to bring together, not tear apart," he said. "I'm enjoying them, and I hope they're enjoying me!"

Satellites, the Internet and the communion of saints

Recently, while working at my computer in Santa Barbara, I encountered a confounding problem and decided to call Brandon Vogt, who is not only the excellent content director at Word on Fire, but also a trained engineer and tech whiz. After trying in vain to talk me through the problem, Brandon said, "Look, let me just take over your screen." And with that, he pressed some buttons in Atlanta, where he was attending a conference, and then commenced to move my cursor around the screen, click on all the right settings and resolve the difficulty.

Though I had seen him do this before, I was, once again, impressed by this long-distance maneuver. Displaying my utter lack of scientific expertise, I asked, "Now Brandon, is this being done through the phone lines or is outer space involved?" I'm sure he was suppressing a laugh, but he patiently explained that when we send data over the Internet, the data is broken down into invisible electromagnetic waves, which are then passed through miles and miles of cables, telephone lines, and sometimes

satellites. What's remarkable, he explained, is how the same cables and satellites handle information from billions of computers, phones, and other devices simultaneously.

At this point in the conversation, Brandon remarked, "You know, I've often thought it analogous to the communion of saints." "You'll have to unpack that for me," I said. "Well," he

replied, "people always seem puzzled that the saints in heaven can hear and answer millions of prayers without being omnipotent; but yet, something similar is happening all the time through our technology. Each second we send and receive an unfathomable

amount of data through our cables and satellites, yet they handle it. The relatively small number of intercessions we pray each day pales in comparison." "Ah," I said, "wouldn't that make for an interesting column!" So at Brandon's prompting, here is a little reflection on prayer and the communio sanctorum.

One of the forms of Catholic prayer is an invocation of those in the heavenly realm. Every time we say the Hail Mary, for instance, we are confident that

Indeed, we believe that our prayer can prompt the saints to act on our behalf, effecting real change in the world.



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Mary, the Queen of Heaven, hears that prayer and engages us. Every time we call upon one of the saints, we are convinced that he or she takes in what we say and can, in point of fact, respond to us with information or inspiration. Indeed, we believe that our prayer can prompt the saints to act on our behalf, effecting real change in the world. I realize how counter-intuitive this can all seem to most moderns. In our more "realistic" moments, we feel that the dead are just gone, that they can't possibly hear us. Or maybe we think that, if they still exist, they are far away, infinitely removed from the things of this world. And how, we wonder, could the Blessed Mother possibly "hear" every single Hail Mary that goes up to her every day from across the globe? Isn't all of this just wishful thinking, so much pre-scientific mumbo-jumbo?

Well, remember Brandon's insight. A machine of our contrivance is capable of receiving and transmitting extraordinary

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Stark statistics and hopeful responses

To address the bishops of the U.S. mission dioceses on the topic "Economic Structures and Poverty," I spent a month poring over 300 pages of articles and reports. I ended up reconnecting myself to some stark statistics and opening my eyes to some needed responses by us as a society.

Notwithstanding the bullish government report in September that showed income has risen and unemployment has returned to its pre-recession level, there has been little rise in real income over the past 15 years. Inflation-adjusted median U.S. household income has trended from \$56,800 in the late 1990s to the newly released number of \$56,516 for 2015. Falling and stagnant market income in the United States described the situation of 80 percent of Americans.

Before we point fingers at globalization as the culprit, I should note that this is a global phenomenon. A study by the McKinsey Global Institute showed that 25 developed countries around the world are also in the same boat, with 65 percent to 70 percent of their 800 million people experiencing flat or falling incomes.

This is not just an outcome of the recession, as the level of economic activities, measured by inflation-adjusted gross domestic product, has expanded by about 31.6 percent in the same period. The growth in the economy has not trickled down to the average household.



OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

CAROLYN WOO

More disturbing is that our current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 has only 65 percent of the purchasing power of the minimum wage of \$1.60 in 1968, or \$11.17 in today's dollars. Thus, in these past 15 years, employee income as a percentage of the total economy has shrunk, while the share of profits to corporations has taken off.

Again, before we point our fingers, note that many of us are shareholders of corporations and partakers of these profits through our pension plans and personal investments. Over this period, through whatever mechanisms and whichever collective bodies, our society has privileged the providers of capital over the providers of labor.

Many of us may legitimately feel that we were not at the table where such decisions were made, but nevertheless we are complicit as beneficiaries of these gains. This unevenness reflects our moral values which, when examined under the light of Catholic social teaching, should invite action and advocacy for greater mutuality.

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God's guidance, protection are realized through man



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 18:1-8

The Book of Exodus is the source of this weekend's first reading. As might be assumed from the book's name, Exodus is a chronicle of the Hebrews' escape from Egypt, where they were slaves, and their passage to the land God promised them.

Along the route of this passage, across the sterile and unforgiving Sinai Peninsula, they encountered many problems. Many of these problems arose simply because of the terrain. Then, as now, water was in short supply. They ran short

of food. Without any sense of where they were going, they wandered.

They also faced human enemies. Amalek was one of these enemies. He fought them with swords. They had to defend themselves or perish. While they fought with great intensity, they still had to deal with a mighty foe.

Moses did not fight. Rather, he extended his arms over the battle, as if to bring down upon the Hebrew warriors the strengthening presence of God. When he lowered his hand, the Hebrews fell back.

Although merely a human being, Moses was God's instrument. If Moses relented in obeying God, everything was upset. God has the powers, but often it unfolds through human instruments.

For its second reading on this weekend, the Church again turns to the Second Epistle to Timothy. Its message is that Timothy, converted to Christianity, a disciple of Paul and ordained a bishop by Paul, must be faithful to the Gospel despite all odds, whatever

the cost.

In this reading, Paul stresses the fact that he is the spokesman for the Lord. He is an apostle. He has the credentials to speak for God, but he also is completely committed to speaking for God.

Saint. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. This lesson refers to a judge who is anything but honorable. The Gospel says that the judge respects neither the law of God nor human law.

The judge was human. Applying justice in a real sense, he, too, was God's instrument. By dishonesty and by disdain for anyone, this judge distorted the process. The widow had to hound him.

Widows were the most vulnerable in Jewish society of the first century A.D. They had no means of support, unless perhaps their children helped them. The Hebrew tradition required special attention to the needs of the poor and the weak.

Obviously at risk, and probably poor, sacred tradition required the judge to consider her case promptly and to rule justly.

He indeed ruled, but only to her demands.

By contrast, no one needs to hound God. God is the source of justice and mercy. He "speedily" will act, justly and with compassion.

God is true and constant, quick to see our needs.

We are not all judges, but each of us is bound by God's law. Humans are tempted. We fail, as the Lord regrets.

Reflection

Perhaps the greatest wound that original sin afflicted on human nature was crippling us so that we think that we are much more in command of situations surrounding us than we actually are.

At best, this sense leaves us with a foolhardy assumption that we do not need God. It tricks us into thinking that the only realities are in what we can see, hear, or imagine. We lose sight of the eternal. We misperceive life. We fail to see the bigger picture. We exaggerate ourselves.

So we must cope with bad cir-

cumstances, as the widow before the judge coped; as the Hebrews coped with Amalek.

The lesson of these readings is that God will guide us and protect us. He sent Moses, Paul, and Timothy to guide and protect, but we must acknowledge God as we make decisions. We must be true disciples, always true to God.

Every disciple should be God's instrument on earth.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8

2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9

The Vatican, China and evangelical prudence

Recent remarks by the Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, have fueled speculation about a possible exchange of diplomatic representation between the Holy See and the People's Republic of China. Unfortunately, the cardinal's remarks did not address any of the serious questions that have been raised about the evangelical and prudential wisdom of such an agreement at this moment in history. Those questions involve the nature of the PRC regime, the doctrine and canon law of the Church, the impact of such an agreement on Vatican diplomacy in promoting human rights and the Church's 21st-century mission in China.

1. Rather than liberalizing, the communist regime of President Xi Jinping is relentlessly turning the screws on human rights activists, Christian dissidents and anyone else imagined to be a threat to regime stability. Some of repulsive tactics employed in this campaign of repression were described last month in a powerful article in *First Things* by a Chinese Christian convert, Yu Jie, that ought to be required reading in the Holy See's Secretariat of State: www.firstthings.com/article/2016/08/chinas-christian-future. Yu's testimony also raises the question of whether any "agreement" with the Chinese communist regime would actually be honored by Beijing.

2. For decades, the sticking point in negotiations between the Vatican and the PRC has involved the appointment of bishops. The communists insist that the government play a role in this process. Yet Canon 377, par. 5, in the 1983 Code of Canon Law, following the lead of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, states that, "In the future, no rights and privileges

of election, nomination, presentation, or designation of bishops are granted to civil authorities." It took over a century of deft Vatican diplomacy, disentangling the appointment of bishops from various political imbroglios, to make that canon possible, and the 21st-century Church now has the capacity to choose its leadership by its own criteria. Why should that great accomplishment — arguably the most notable in the modern history of Vatican diplomacy — be compromised, Vatican II undermined, and Church law de facto suspended, to mollify totalitarians determined to make the Catholic Church a branch of the Chinese communist state?

3. The throw-weight of the Holy See, the papacy and the Catholic Church in 21st-century world affairs reflects the perception that the Church has become the world's preeminent institutional defender of basic human rights — and thus the greatest bulwark, among the great world religions, to the freedom project around the globe. Yet a diplomatic deal between the Holy See and the People's Republic of China would require severing Vatican diplomatic relations with the Republic of China, where, on Taiwan, a robust democracy — the first in millennia of Chinese history — has been developed. What would throwing the democratic Taiwanese over the side for the sake of a deal with communist Beijing say about the Vatican's commitment to human rights and democracy? What would such a deal do to the moral standing of the Holy See in the world — which in fact (if not in Italianate fantasy) is the only standing, and the only leverage, the Holy See has?

4. While evangelical Christianity in growing rapidly in mainland China, some statistics

mustn't think of the spiritual as simply "other" than the material, as though the two could never interact. Rather, the spiritual contains the physical in the measure that it subsists at an elevated, more ontologically complete, level of existence. Representing the medieval consensus, Thomas Aquinas said that the soul is in the body "not as contained by it, but as containing it." Instead of being a "ghost in the machine," as many modern philosophers speculated, the soul, on Aquinas's reading, is inclusive of the body. It can move matter, for it is greater than matter. And so the saints, from their heavenly place, can indeed influence, impact, and shape the material world.

Perhaps a last point of comparison would be in order. The satellites that facilitate so much of our world's communication are entirely out of sight. We



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

indicate that Catholicism is not doing nearly as well in a cultural environment in which many people are seeking answers to life's questions that go beyond consumerism. Why this lag? In part, one suspects, because the longstanding divisions in Chinese Catholicism between regime opponents and regime-friendly laity and clergy have sapped the Church's evangelical energy. Some of those rifts have been healed in recent decades. But a premature Vatican agreement with the Beijing regime would almost certainly harden the lines of division for the foreseeable future, and in ways that would further jeopardize the missionary thrust enjoined on the whole Church by Pope Francis's *Evangelii Gaudium*. Might not something be learned from the experience of those Chinese "house churches" that are flourishing despite no formal recognition from the Chinese government? How precisely does a nuncio in Beijing accelerate the Catholic Church's evangelical mission in the PRC? That's another, and perhaps the most serious, question that has yet to be addressed by Cardinal Parolin and others.

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don't, in the ordinary sense of the term, interact with them at all as we do with other persons and objects. And yet, from their celestial abode, they massively affect and aid us. In one of the prefaces for saints in the Roman Missal, we find this language: "From their place in heaven, they (the saints) guide us still." We don't deal with the denizens of heaven as we do with those of earth, but yet they listen to us, speak to us, and influence us constantly.

So next time you receive some instruction on your GPS or make a call on your iPhone, think of the communion of saints.

Bishop Robert Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 16, 2016

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

Following is a word search based on the Second reading and Gospel for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LEARNED	BELIEVED	SACRED
SALVATION	INSPIRED	GOOD
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FEARED	WIDOW	LORD
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FIND	FAITH	ON EARTH

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Through shareholder proposals and overall civic participation, we can even the odds a bit by supporting phased increases of the federal minimum wage, upward adjustments of the minimum wage by individual states, penalties against wage theft, the necessity of paid leaves, rights of part-time workers, profit-sharing and employee stock ownership programs.

In my research, I also followed Catholic Charities and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development as they forged new paths to address these issues in various dioceses. Beyond the highly laudable ministries for assistance to the poor, community development for resources and rights, and worker and entrepreneur training and preparation, both now also provide the capital

and assistance for incorporation so that refugees and low-income workers can start their own businesses and retain profits from their labor.

Catholic Charities reports that at least 25 agencies, some with funding from CCHD, have created or assisted in creating cafes, worker-owned cooperatives, farm-to-table producers, construction businesses, services for in-home senior care, commercial cleaning, tree and lawn care, green laundering and installation of energy-efficient products. A number of these businesses have grown to \$1 million in revenue per year.

There are injustices, but there are also solutions and counteractions. When "Populorum Progressio," the 1967 encyclical of Pope Paul VI, calls for just development that benefits all, I think the examples noted above must have been part of that vision.

Carolyn Y. Woo is the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services in the United States.

Teresa of Avila



1515-1582
 Feast: October 15

In Castilian Spain, Teresa was born to a wealthy family and educated in an Augustinian convent. Eschewing marriage, she entered the Carmelites in 1536. She began to practice contemplative prayer during a long illness, and grew dissatisfied with the bigness and worldly distractions of her convent. After a "second conversion" in 1555, she founded the reform-minded Discalced Carmelites and wrote several books. Teresa was named a doctor of the church in 1970.

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amounts of information simultaneously to and from numberless locales. How much more thoroughly and powerfully, therefore, can an intelligence at a higher pitch of reality, in a qualitatively different dimensional system, receive and transmit information? The faith of the Church is that those who are in the heavenly realm participate more intensely in the infinite intelligence of God, that intelligence which embraces all of space and all of time. Can a saint, therefore, receive and send a staggering amount of information? Why not? But can a saint exert a causal influence on the physical dimension? Can they actually do something for us? We

Sports

ICCL FINAL STANDINGS The ICCL post-season starts this weekend at St. Joseph High School. The end of season standings are Holy Cross, 3 and 1; St. Anthony, 3 and 1; St. Matthew 3 and 1; Mishawaka Catholic, 0 and 3 and West Side Catholic, 0 and 3. More highlights, scores and schedules can be found at www.icclsports.org.

ICCL 'game of the year' thriller

BY JOE KOZINSKI

As the seconds ticked away on Inter-City Catholic League's drama-filled game of the year, the powerful and undefeated St. Anthony Panthers faced the underdog Blazers of St. Matthew, who had lost the previous week to the scoreboard-watching Holy Cross Crusaders. The fate of three teams rested on the outcome of this one game, which would decide if the ICCL would crown one regular season champion or if the title would be shared.

The Panthers of St. Anthony followed the explicit direction of their coach and promptly marched down field, using their demonstrative offensive line to surgically cut the blazer defense little by little. Running backs Luke Thomas, Walter Wesson, Eddie Arevalo and Charlie Peterson then pierced their way into the red zone.

Panther Quarterback Brandon Prokop followed a human wedge to the one-yard line on the 12-play drive, and then, with the certainty of the lead character, Peterson stepped over the goal line for a touchdown. Kicker Charlie Leonard struck the ball true and the score was 8-0 with just 56 seconds left in the first quarter.

Blazer fans looked a bit stunned, but the black-clad squad buckled up their chinstraps and countered with their own eight-play version of the same scene.

The Blazer's drive would be a little less brutal but just as effective. Quarterback Bryce Martens orchestrated backs Isau Gonzalez and Joey Barkowski for positive gains, and then on fourth down and six found receiver Bernard Coutee in the end zone for a touchdown of their own. Gonzalez' kick dissected the uprights and the game was tied.

The Panthers went for the Blazer's jugular on their first play from scrimmage. But the long pass from Prokop ricocheted off an open Tyrick Kamau's helmet and bounced into the air 15 feet before landing softly in St. Matthew's defensive back Bortone's hands, to squash the drive before it started.

The rest of the half, the defenses on both sides showed resolve dominating the stage and setting up the second stanza.

The Blazers got the kick and moved the ball foot by precious foot with the aid of a 20-yard



Ray Derucki

Bryce Martens of St Matthew escapes the clutches of Panther Luke Thomas.

strike from Martens to Mitchell Menting, but on the 11th play from scrimmage the athletic Panther Thomas climbed the ladder and picked off a well-intended pass.

The Panthers went back to their original game plan and moved the ball meticulously. Linebacker Gonzalez made five tackles in a row, the last one stopping the valiant Peterson short of the first down marker and the 20-yard line.

The big three for the Blazers got busy. Runs from Gonzalez and Barkowski and impromptu high jinx from quarterback Martens were no better illustrated, as he picked up a bouncing snap that had gone over his head on the run and somehow found a receiver downfield for a 30-yard pickup.

A false start penalty and a wheel route pass to Bartowski made it fourth down and five at the 10-yard line with 30 seconds left. The fans stood, held their breath and hoped that the next play would favor their team.

The next play was right out of the Burt Reynolds playbook, as Martens ran to his right to find a receiver. What seemed like an eternity changed direction and took off at a full sprint, breaking tackles and making it to pay dirt and lofting his team into the unimaginable lead. A toss to Caleb Lusanga made the score 15-8 with 17 ticks left.

The Panthers had one last volley. On the kickoff the

returner broke through the initial line of defense and then was introduced to Martens as the game's hero stripped the ball and solidified the victory and the three-way log jam atop the ICCL standings.

"Our coach said before the game that if we played physical and played hard we would have a chance to win," expressed Matens after the game. "The touchdown was by far the greatest feeling I have ever had playing football in the ICCL."

"Bryce Martens is a special kid: he's smart, he's competitive and he's a leader," remarked Ben Demokos, Blazer coach. "Our super-secret play was hiking the football over his head (it happened three times), and he made plays on pure instinct."

"It's a tough loss for our kids and should be a learning experience going into the post-season. The busted plays of St. Matt's really killed us," remarked Panther Coach Jason Piontek. "We aren't handing in our shoulder pads and ending our season on this game, we will continue to work hard at practice and be ready to compete in the playoffs."

The Crusaders of Holy Cross held up their end of the three-way tie by upending the Mishawaka Catholic Saints 18-0, behind touchdown runs from Asante Anglin and Gavin Stefanik. The game highlight was a 48-yard strike from quarterback Matt Eck to Jack Futa.

CYO volleyball at St. Charles Hession Center



Joe Romie

CYO volleyball players and coaches from St. Therese, right, and St. Charles show good sportsmanship by exchanging "low fives" under the net after their match on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, in the Hession Center of St. Charles Borromeo. St. Charles defeated St. Therese 25-18, 25-19 in this last match of the regular season.

Northeast Regional Soccer Challenge champs



Provided by Knights of Columbus

In the bottom row, left to right, are: Blake Oberg (age 12 boys), Christine Reeves (age 9 girls) and Sam Letcher (age 10 boys). Middle row: Daylor Wilamaa (age 9 boys), Ben Walczak (age 11 boys), Jared Reeves (age 13 boys) and Annabelle Curylo (age 14 girls). Top row: Tony Letcher (Council 8617 soccer chairman), PGK Ryan Grill (Council 5521 soccer chairman) and SK Brad Soule (district deputy 11).

MISHAWAKA — The Knights of Columbus councils South Bend 5521 and Mishawaka 8617, jointly hosted the Northeast Regional Soccer Challenge Championship Saturday, Oct. 1 at Queen of Peace Fathers' Field in Mishawaka. The Northeast Regional consisted of Knights of

Columbus councils from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A total of seven youth won their respective divisions and qualified to compete in the Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge Championship, which takes place Oct. 23 in Lebanon.

St. Vincent football back on track

BY RON BUSCH

At the Oct. 2 CYO football games, the St. Vincent Panthers got their program back on track with a 12:30 p.m., 30-0 victory over the Central Catholic Irish. Both teams had good reason to go after a win under the overcast October sky: St. Vincent was coming off its only loss of the season, a 20-0 defeat at the hands of the mighty St. Charles Cardinals, and the Central Catholic Irish were attempting to notch another win after last week's 12-7 victory over the Knights.

Central Catholic, led by quarterback Brandon Douge, kicked off to begin action in the first quarter. Defense dominated the first quarter, as neither team was able to score or move the ball beyond four downs, until St. Vincent executed a 12-yard running play while facing a 1st and 10 late in the quarter. This was after the Panthers had taken over in a short field situation at the Irish 36-yard line.

After the 0-0 first quarter action, St. Vincent scored first in the second quarter on a 3rd and goal run by Luke Woenker with 6:13 left on the clock. The points-after kick was no good, so the Panthers started the scoring with 6-0 on the USF scoreboard. Central Catholic was unable to convert on its series of downs, and punted the ball to St. Vincent. The Panthers started

this drive from their own 42-yard line. St. Vincent marched down the field to the Central Catholic 24. The quarterback, Carson Podschlne, found Andrew Leeper on a touchdown pass to the end zone. The points after kick was good, and St. Vincent was in the driver's seat with a 14-0 lead. In the next series, Central Catholic was again forced into a 4th and 3. They elected to punt once

more and downed the Panthers at their own 32-yard line. Despite a penalty on St. Vincent, putting them at 1st and 15, a 14-yard pass play resulted in a 2nd and 1 yard to go. Another pass play on the 2nd and 1 and the Panthers found themselves at 1st and goal, inside the 10-yard line. Again, Luke Woenker barreled into the end zone. After another good extra points kick, the score read St. Vincent 22, Central Catholic 0, with 35.6 seconds to go in the half. After a fumble by Central Catholic on the kickoff, the Panthers attempted a long pass that was picked off at the Irish 18-yard line by Dominic Tippmann. The half ended with St. Vincent up by a commanding 22-0 lead.

Second half action began with a 10-yard run by the Irish and Louie Tippmann. On the second play of the half, however, the Irish

fumbled and St. Vincent recovered. St. Vincent mounted one of its best drives of the game, including a 13-yard on a 1st and 10 by Eli Hilger. The 12th play of the drive saw the Panthers at a 1st and goal from the Central Catholic 5-yard line. At this point, St. Vincent fumbled and recovered on a running play that put them 8 yards away from pay dirt. An 8-yard run by Andrew Leeper, plus a good points-after kick, gave the Panthers a 30-0 lead with 1:17 to go on the clock.

Central Catholic started the fourth quarter with a 3rd and 14 incomplete pass. Despite a couple of nice 7-yard runs by Louie Tippmann in the fourth quarter, the Central Catholic Irish were unable to post a score on the board. The final read: St. Vincent 30, Central Catholic 0. This upped St. Vincent's record to 3-1 as Central Catholic slipped to 1-3. Next week's Game of the Week will feature St. Vincent against the Knights at 12:30 p.m., and St. Charles will host Central Catholic at 2 p.m.

Later game

The 2 p.m. game saw the St. Charles Cardinals continue to steamroll the competition. This week, they bested the Knights 38 to 7. St. Charles had five scores spread among four Cardinals. Amir Drew, Henry O'Keefe and

Devon Tippmann each had one touchdown, while Brenden Lytle rushed for two TDs. Quinn Gillig was back in form, connecting on four of five points after kicks. The Cardinals' offensive line was led by Matt Jimenez. A bright spot for the Knights occurred when they took the kickoff starting the second half and executed a reverse to Anthony Ventruella, who brought the CYO Knights' fans to their feet with an 80-yard return for touchdown.

This provided a momentum shift that the Knights sorely needed. A 1-point running play after the touchdown brought the score to 22-7. Undaunted, St. Charles went on to score two more times in the half and Gillig connected on two more points-after kicks to bump the score up to 38-7. St. Charles remains undefeated for the season, giving up only one touchdown in four games. The CYO Knights continue to look for their first victory.



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Chili supper announced

MONROEVILLE — St. Rose Parish will have a chili supper on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, 401 Monroe St., from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Kids games, bake sale and country store will be offered. Mass will be held in the school chapel at 5 p.m.

p.m. in the school gymnasium. Tickets are \$10. Student identification card must be presented to get ticket at no cost. Call 260-456-1261 for ticket reservations and information.

XLT coming to joint parishes

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles, St. Jude, and St. Louis youth ministries will have an XLT event on Sunday, Oct. 16. XLT is short for "exalt" and it consists of adoration, praise and worship, confession, and reflection. Music and adoration starts at 7 p.m. in St. Charles Church. After adoration,

a social time for high school students only will be in the gathering space and a social time for young adults only will be in the youth center until 9 p.m. Anyone may attend adoration and benediction from 7-8 p.m. Contact Stacey Huneck at 260-484-7307 for information.

St. Anthony and Knights of Columbus benefit from reverse raffle

ANGOLA — A reverse raffle is planned Oct. 22, at St. Anthony's former church, 700 W. Maumee St., and will open doors at 6 p.m. A meal by Caruso's served at 6:30 p.m., drawing starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include meal and drinks. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Contact 260-665-2259 for information or visit www.stanthonyangola.com.

Seasonal cleanup announced

SOUTH BEND — Sacred Heart Cemetery, located at the corner of Pine Rd. and Western Ave., will be conducting the fall cleanup from Oct. 24-29. All summer decorations be removed from graves by this time.

Bishop Luers to present 'The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940'

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers drama department will present "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," Oct. 15 and 16 at 7:30



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BLUFFTON — Msgr. Pius Ilechuckwu, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, expressed gratitude and would like *Today's Catholic* readers to know that members of the entire parish collaborated on a recent Baby Bottle fundraising project. New hymnals were also recently purchased with both parish funds and with donations made by some in memory of loved ones.


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Out of Africa

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

It was only one and a half weeks, but it turned into a whole new world — a jam-packed lifetime, as it were — for Fort Wayne resident Laura LaMaster, a Test Center coordinator at Bishop Dwenger High School, who traveled to Uganda last summer.

"In the time that I was gone, not only did I spend time with the Ugandans, who taught and inspired me, but I also underwent a deeply spiritual conversion and was touched by God," said LaMaster. "I have always admired Catholic Relief Services, and this Sunday — Mission Sunday — the theme is 'Mercy Changes the World.' Because of this theme, the Church focuses on our brothers and sisters in need around the world. I've been blessed to see first-hand the faith, love and hard work of those in CRS who 'change the world' in our name. I will do my part to encourage us to think globally and to remember that 'Mercy Changes the World.'"

Catholic Relief Services is an outreach organization established by bishops of the United States. The organization is headquartered in Baltimore.

"Bishop Rhoades is on the CRS board of directors, and I share his commitment to helping all of us see ourselves as a part of the big, generous, smart, world-wide Church that is committed to helping our brothers and sisters in need around the world."

LaMaster went to Uganda with five other teachers from around the country who came from CRS Global High Schools. Her trip was possible because Bishop Dwenger is a platinum Global High School, and CRS takes six teachers every other year from its platinum schools to a destination.

At St. Jude Catholic Church, LaMaster is a Eucharistic minister. She and her husband, John, have been members of the parish for 25 years, and it's where their service-oriented sons Kevin, 17, and David, 15, also attend.

LaMaster taught theology and was a pastoral minister for 17 years at Dwenger. She took a leave of absence from the school and returned to Dwenger six years ago, where she now helps struggling students in the Resource Department. This year, she opened up a Test Center to assist students who had tests to make up after being absent. She also helps students who have special test accommodations, such as needing extra time or a modified test.

"Being of service has always been a part of my life," she said. Also a Bible study leader for women at the Allen County Jail, LaMaster volunteered a year in Texas upon earning her social work degree, through a program designed by the bishops in Texas

to keep Catholic schools and social service agencies open. She helped open a maternity home for pregnant girls in crisis.

There was a lot of preparation for the Uganda trip, and the flight was nine hours to Brussels and then nine more to Uganda, Africa.

"CRS Uganda has a staff of 55 dedicated people working on eight different projects," she discovered. "Forty-nine are national staff and six are international staff. They have CRS interventions on problems related to HIV/AIDS, microfinance, water/sanitation, agroenterprise and peace-building. The common language of Uganda is English."

There are three types of CRS projects: relief work that is done in times of emergencies, development projects in which the needs and strengths of communities are studied before creating a plan for long-term solutions, and building peace and justice. The last one could be peace between tribes, countries or religions.

"I saw a reinstituting vanilla project that involves Ben & Jerry's, farmer co-ops, agriculture specialists, the Ugandan government and so much more," said LaMaster. "I saw an agriculture project to help at-risk young women. I saw a Savings and Internal Lending Community project; here, a community of 30 individuals save and lend to each other. I love that CRS doesn't just drop American money and the American way of doing things



Photos provided by Laura LaMaster

"Every new community we visited had kids wanting to meet us," said LaMaster, left. "Here, a dear, dear man, CRS staff member Godfrey, tells me that the name of the little girl holding my hand is Hariette."



A woman in the Kinyarwanda Savings Internal Lending Community makes her savings contribution. The two men standing in the background are CRS staff members who have trained the leader of the group.

into a community. Instead, these plans are respectful of Ugandans; they hire staff with both the skills/degrees and know the community, and they work in partnership with local Catholic churches and local social service agencies.

"What is amazing about all these projects is the thoughtful plan that uses CRS seed money and planning but that the community then takes over. And imagine my surprise when I met a priest and the bishop in Fort Portal, Uganda, who not only knew where Fort Wayne was, but had also been to Fort Wayne."

Most rural homes were made of mud walls and thatched roofs, or were made of red brick or cement with corrugated iron roofs, she noted. There are public schools but no free schools — if one had money to send a child to school, it was a sign of wealth. All Ugandan women wore modest dresses of colorful fabrics and carried baskets on their heads.

"During Mass, I was overwhelmed by the number of prayers and hymns at Mass that use the word, 'world.' Praying 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world' meant something different, being on the other side of the globe, praying with Catholics in an African school chapel. Praying the divine mercy chaplet, 'Have mercy on us and on the whole world' became a powerful prayer of oneness with Ugandans, and really, the whole world."

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