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'This is what I seek'

Sisters of St. Francis make final profession of vows



Colleen Schena

At a Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Aug. 2, the feast of Our Lady of the Angels, two young women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend completed their final profession of vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. From left are Father Daniel Scheidt, Sister Mary Regina DeVreese, Sister Mary Joan Roeder and Bishop Rhoades. A joyous outdoor reception with the sisters and the families of the newly professed followed the Mass.

BY COLLEEN SCHENA

In a Spirit-filled Mass at the St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka Aug. 2, two young women professed their perpetual vows as

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in front of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as well as their families.

The appropriateness of the sisters' vows taking place on a particularly important Franciscan

feast day was emphasized by Bishop Rhoades. "You make your final profession of perpetual vows as a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on this feast of Our Lady of the Angels," he noted in his homily.

The bishop shared the words of St. Francis as he addressed the perpetually professed directly. "You say in your hearts today what St. Francis said in that

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Bridging the social distance —

Youths renewed on Blessed Solanus Casey canoe trip

BY COLLEEN SCHENA

A light spatter of warm rain only seemed to add to the joyful normalcy of a youth group canoe trip through the Salamonie Reservoir in Andrews on July 30. The date marked the feast of Blessed Solanus Casey, and a canoe pilgrimage in his honor allowed 60 high school students to embark on a three-hour journey undiminished in fellowship by the day's gloomy weather.

Experienced and beginner adventurers explored, drifted and even played games in the midst

of the tranquil natural escape. The celebration of the Mass at the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington teed off the pilgrimage, centering it in Christ before a healthy and wholesome release.

No matter what plans for the pilgrimage had been made and changed due to the coronavirus pandemic — including the location from which the canoes would be launched — this first reminder of love and goodness proved inspiring to the participants. What might have deterred less mission-oriented canoers only seemed to encourage fuller immersion in the opportunity.

"We had a ton of fun," beamed

Ryan Norden, a parishioner at St. John Bosco Parish in Churubusco. He marveled at the beauty of the St. Felix center and his introduction to Blessed Solanus Casey.

John Pratt, director of the Office of Youth Ministry, affirmed the wholesome fun the pilgrimage provided. "For young people, there seems to be a strength in numbers, and to gather together with young people from other parishes and pray together at Mass in the morning, then have a great time canoeing together, is a really wholesome way to celebrate the faith." He reflected that at this point in time, such an opportunity could show that faith

is still "something that can be celebrated and lived out vibrantly with others."

Even under their masks, the excitement in each participant's voice was unmistakable. The expedition had been a needed interaction, even with social distancing practices in place.

Groups traveled in families or parish ministries, independent of one another. Pratt noted that, in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, "the [canoeing] squads were more rigid," yet it did not hinder the adventure. "That gave our young people hours of quality

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Portiuncula chapel: "This is what I wish. This is what I seek. This is what I long to do with all my heart." Like St. Francis, St. Clare and Blessed Mother Theresia, you desire to give your lives totally to Christ and to His Church. You profess perpetually today the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a response of love to the Lord Who has loved you and called you to the consecrated life.

"He calls you to bear witness to the power of His love by your joyful living of His perfect chastity," he continued. "He calls you to bear witness that God is our true treasure by your faithful living of evangelical poverty. And He calls you to bear witness that true freedom is found in doing the will of God by your joyful embrace of obedience."

The newly professed are following Christ as members of a family, he reminded those present, and community life is one of great beauty and goodness. The call to the community, he added, is still unique to each member. "You receive a new and special consecration in which you make your own Jesus' way of life, in poverty, chastity, and obedience. This is your special path to holiness."

Sister Mary Regina DeVreese, 34, the daughter of Timothy and Catherine DeVreese of Mishawaka, encountered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration as a student and became more aware of her vocation after an internship in her field of study, accounting, left her restless. She reached out to the sisters after receiving a penance to do so from her pastor at the time, Father Daniel Scheidt. She entered the order in September 2012. Sister Regina has served in health care ministry for four years in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and Munster. Following her final vows, she returns to Mishawaka to assist in vocational ministry and hospitality at the St. Francis Convent.

"The journey keeps going, He keeps calling," said Sister Regina. "My heart is overflowing with gratitude and wonder and awe and joy because God's love is so great. He never ceases to amaze me!"

Sister Mary Joan Roeder, 30, is the daughter of Robert and Sarah Roeder of Goshen. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol. She found herself drawn to the Eucharist and falling in love with Christ more deeply, and began to want to spend more and more time in adoration. She made her initial vows in 2012. "The more you go to adoration, the deeper the awareness came of Christ's majesty and His love for you," she said.

For the past five years, Sister M. Joan has been at Central Catholic Junior and Senior High School in Lafayette, teaching junior high English. Her new assignment is a continuation



Photos by Colleen Schena

Sister Mary Regina, left, and Sister Mary Joan, right, show the rings they received as a sign of their matrimonial, perpetual profession. The sisters professed their vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka Aug. 2.

of her ministry: She will teach language arts for sixth and seventh graders as well as religion for eighth grade students at St. Matthew Cathedral School in South Bend. She is excited to continue teaching.

The newly professed gathered with their families and fellow sisters after the Mass for an

outdoor celebration. Each said they were grateful for the support they have received from family, friends and the Sisters of St. Francis as they progressed toward full union with Christ. They eagerly anticipated their service in Him to the diocese and beyond.

In a blessed continuation of

the vocations cycle, Sister Mary Peter Ruschke, 28, Sister Zélie Marie Warrell, 29, and Sister Mary Amata Naville, 23, made their first profession of vows Aug. 1 before Father Terrence Coonan, their families, and an excited group of in-person and virtual supporters. First vows are temporary promises of poverty, chastity and obedience to Christ and His call, and are renewed repeatedly prior to completely and permanently vowing oneself to consecrated life in Christ.

Sister M. Peter Ruschke hails from Lawrenceburg and was a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Cincinnati before entering the order in 2017. She holds a degree in elementary education and has been assigned to teach fourth grade at St. Agnes School in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Sister Zélie M. Warrell is from South Bend and holds a Bachelor of Science in chemistry as well as a Master of Science in organic chemistry from The Ohio State University. She entered the order in 2017 from St. Andrew Parish in Columbus, Ohio; she will work in Service Excellence and Infection Prevention at Franciscan Health in Michigan City.

Sister M. Amata Naville is from Floyds Knobs. She studied at Ball State University in Muncie, where she first encountered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. She entered the order in 2017. Sister M. Amata is continuing her education at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, pursuing theology and communication arts.



The perpetually professed receive applause from the Sisters of St. Francis and from their families, welcoming them into the religious community.

Annual Bishop's Appeal allows diocese to spread light of God's love

FORT WAYNE — “The Annual Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for all of us to participate in the Church's mission in ‘Spreading the Light of God's Love,’” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the critical yearly funding campaign, which begins in September. “Although it is entitled ‘Annual Bishop's Appeal,’ this major effort each year is not really about ‘the bishop,’ as much as it is about our love for Christ and our love for His Church. It really is an invitation to live our faith and commitment to our Lord's mission.”

This year's Annual Bishop's Appeal will kick off in many parishes Sept. 13, although the date can vary from parish to parish. Pledge Sunday in the majority of parishes is the following Sunday, Sept. 20.

Parishes in the diocese are given a collection goal for each year's appeal. Any amount of money collected over the set amount is returned to the parish for its use. The diocesan portion of the funds financially supports a number of ministries critical to the Church's mission of evangelization and living out its call to charity.

“Our charity is an expression of love for God and neighbor and is an important part of the life of the Church,” noted Bishop Rhoades. “The work of Christ can only be carried out through the charity, sacrifice and generosity of the members of the Church.”

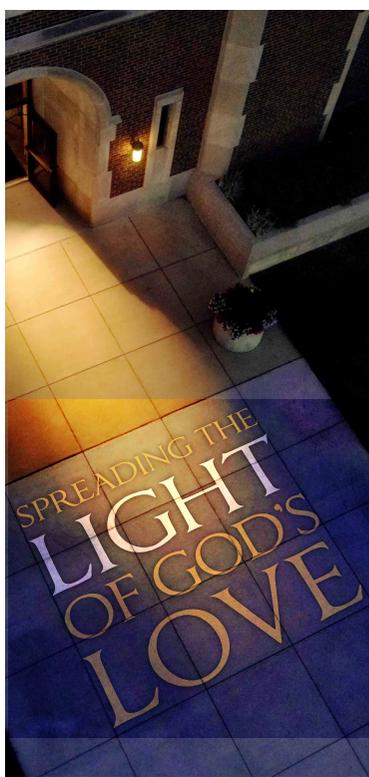
Examples of the impact made by those who donate to the Annual Bishop's Appeal are evident in many evangelization and charitable efforts.

Secretariat for Evangelization

The 2020 ABA funding goal for the Secretariat for Evangelization is \$562,701. In fiscal year 2019-20, this same budgeted amount helped prepare 606 individuals for marriage; catechized 526 individuals during Spanish-language seminars, workshops and retreats; and reached more than 650 young adults through diocesan young-adult ministry events such as retreats, small groups, Theology on Tap gatherings, and pilgrimages that included World Youth Day. Four focused ministries of evangelization also offered support and resources to parents and couples who had suffered the loss of a baby, those faced with a difficult prenatal diagnosis, couples struggling with infertility and those seeking hope and healing from abortion.

Communications and worship

The goal of the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal for two other



diocesan offices, the Secretariat for Communication and Office of Worship, is \$798,024. This will, firstly, allow diocesan and other liturgies to be coordinated and carried out. ABA funding allowed more than 130 special liturgical events to take place in fiscal year 2019-20: The same year, more than 50 marketing campaigns were designed and carried out for diocesan offices, parishes and schools; and more than 366,000 individuals engaged with content generated for Today's Catholic, printed in the newspaper and posted online.

Education

Students and teachers across the diocese are also supported by the Annual Bishop's Appeal. ABA funds applied in the arena of education during the past fiscal year supported 13,450 students in diocesan schools, 6,514 youths enrolled in religious education, 388 candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and enabled more than 850 youths to participate in diocesan pilgrimages. It permitted the hiring and training, as well as ongoing support, of 1,100 Catholic school teachers. Additionally, 79 teachers and catechists were able to participate in Foundations of Faith, a formation and certification program. The goal for this year's education portion of the ABA is \$1,727,904.

Clergy

It is also hoped that during the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal \$1,376,500 can be collected to support current and future priests of the diocese. As of June, ABA funds had provided stipends, educational opportunities and supported other needs of 20 candidates to the permanent diaconate, 25 current permanent deacons, 22 retired priests, 30 seminarians in formation for the priesthood and 110 parish priests over the past year. An increase in vocations during the past few years makes that support urgent once again.

Charity

Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, their parishes and non-Catholics in their communities have also historically been the beneficiaries of charitable ministries aided by Annual Bishop's Appeal funds. Once again, the ABA goal to support those efforts is \$725,000.

Yearly, \$210,000 in funds are budgeted from the ABA collection to grant to the Parishes-in-Need program. The money helps parishes accomplish infrastructure, technology and security improvements. Programs operated by Catholic Charities are slated to receive \$425,000, and \$90,000 will be granted to other charitable organizations. Among the charitable Catholic ministries supported in these ways are those providing food, clothing and medical care; those serving the homeless; crisis pregnancy and adoption services; refugee settlement and placement services; those offering service to persons with disabilities; victim assistance; and jail ministry.

To donate online and for more information on diocesan expenditures, visit: diocesefwsb.org/ABA. All gifts support the diocese and also benefit diocesan parishes. Funds contributed over a parish's goal are returned to the parish. Checks may be made payable to: Annual Bishop's Appeal.



Priest appointment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective August 3, 2020:

Reverend John Conley, C.S.C., to Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, August 9: 3 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
 Monday, August 10: 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
 Monday, August 10: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, August 11: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, August 13: 12 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Saint Anne Communities, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
 Friday, August 14: 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur
 Saturday, August 15: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur
 Sunday, August 16: 1 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Good Hope Church, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, August 19: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Dominic Church, Bremen
 Thursday, August 20: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Warsaw
 Thursday, August 20: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Church, Granger
 Friday, August 21: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Church, Granger
 Saturday, August 22: 9:30 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Church, Granger
 Saturday, August 22: 5 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Church, Granger



Indiana bishops release statement on the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance

The Catholic bishops throughout the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Evansville, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Lafayette, have extended the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance.

On Monday, Aug. 3, a statement was issued by the bishops, which reads:

“While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in the COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise.”

The Indiana bishops originally suspended public liturgies on March 18, in light of information and recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to stem the spread of the virus. In a letter to faithful dated March 17, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stated, “Not being able to attend Mass is very difficult spiritually since the Holy Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life.’ As Catholics, we must do our part to help protect those who could be infected by the virus at public gatherings.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend resumed public liturgies the weekend of May 23-24, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. While public liturgies resumed, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remained in place until at least Aug. 15. Directives were also put in place to observe social distancing requirements and a mandate given for those in attendance to wear face masks.

Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

What are HEAL Farm Markets in Allen County?

BY MARK BURKHOLDER

When Gonzalee Martin and Laura Dwire joined forces in 2014, neither one imagined the impact that an urban garden and a handful of farm markets would have on Allen County. But today, five years later, their efforts are enabling more than 1,200 families to put nutritious food on their dinner tables and live healthier lives.

Martin and Dwire oversee HEAL Farm Markets, a venture co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation and Parkview Health.

During summer months, the duo and their helpers scramble to set up tents, tables, chairs, and cashier stations for weekly pop-up markets. The result is a steady flow of customers who leave with bags of low-cost plums, tomatoes, cabbage, squash, corn, and other fresh



Photos courtesy of Word Gathering magazine

Growth in Agriculture Through Education provides kids an opportunity to learn about farming. The produce they raise is sold at HEAL Farm Markets in Fort Wayne.

produce — often locally grown in northeast Indiana.

Despite the work — not to



Gonzalee Martin, left, and Laura Dwire, right, partner with local growers like Mar De Nar, center, to provide even more local produce to vulnerable Allen County residents.

mention the heat — Martin and Dwire say the rewards of running HEAL Farm Markets are worth it. HEAL, which stands for Healthy Eating Active Living, operates markets in food deserts across Fort Wayne, or areas that have low access to healthy food or grocery stores.

Early data shows the markets are already stirring subtle changes in the community. In 2018, 81 percent of patrons who participated in onsite surveys ate more fresh produce after the markets opened, according to the St. Joseph foundation. Also, 80 percent of those surveyed said the markets increased their hope in the surrounding neighborhoods.

“Working on the HEAL program has been the most meaningful work I have ever performed,” says Dwire, St. Joseph foundation’s community programs manager, who oversees market operations. “Seeing the gratefulness of our market customers and hearing their stories is transforming.”

The St. Joseph foundation has sponsored a series of urban farming projects for more than a decade, but HEAL markets are the agency’s latest endeavor. Martin was an easy choice to manage the agricultural side of

the program. He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agricultural economics and is now a retired agricultural educator for Allen County Purdue Extension. About 20 years ago, Martin started Growth in Agriculture Through Education, a program that exposes youth to the business side of farming.

GATE teens now help pick crops at Martin’s urban garden on Slataper Street. Then they sell the vegetables and fruits providing the majority of the produce at HEAL markets near McCormick Place Apartments, Parkview Health Greenhouse and Trinity English Lutheran Church. Other farmers partner with Martin and HEAL at these markets and at the South Side Market.

“HEAL has kept my mission alive to educate youth about farming and to serve the community through agriculture,” Martin says.

The Northeast Indiana Farmers Market Guide lists about two dozen farm markets and farm stands. But HEAL’s four locations stand apart, largely due to their low prices and special “double-up” program.

This program allows HEAL to double the value of purchases for people in the federal govern-

ment’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and those using produce vouchers issued through the state’s Women, Infants, and Children program or Aging and In-Home Services.

Research shows that this economic boost is necessary to give more people access to nutritious food.

A Vulnerable Populations Study in 2018 revealed that 110,000 people — roughly one-third of Allen County’s population — live in food deserts. The research was commissioned by the St. Joseph foundation and conducted by Purdue University Fort Wayne’s Community Research Institute. The study detailed the extent of economic and transportation barriers that keep people from eating healthy.

Some patrons have also expressed their gratitude.

“Shopping at your market and getting double the voucher has made a big impact on my life,” wrote Meredith Ashe, a senior on a fixed income, in a note. “There wasn’t any money this month for fresh fruit and vegetables. Thanks to your program, I now have them.”

And consumers aren’t the only ones who benefit from HEAL markets. Jack and Ann DeGrandchamp are among the farmers who participate in HEAL’s double-up system, selling their produce at the South Side Market. While the location is not a weekly pop-up, HEAL cashiers manage the double-up system there, too, allowing customers to walk away with twice as much food, while the matching program pays farmers for the added produce.

“It seems like a win-win situation for everybody,” Jack says. “We can plant more. We can bring more. We can sell more.”

Dwire steers HEAL’s partnership with area farmers. She came aboard after successfully working on other community projects with the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

“I was hesitant at first,” she says. “I grew up in the city and had very little knowledge of agriculture.”

Now Dwire is a certified Market Master, a member of the Food Council of Northeast Indiana, and a member of the Community Harvest Food Bank AG Committee. The experience has taught her much.

“I knew how to feed people after seven years on the board for Community Harvest,” she says. “But I didn’t know how to nurture people by addressing barriers and giving access to healthy foods. Now, I have that opportunity every day.”

The markets resumed this year during the second week of July, when local summer crops are available.

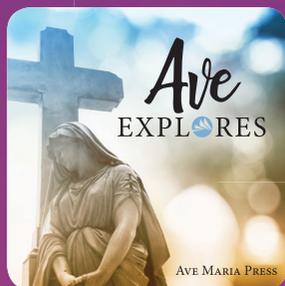
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March for Life officials mindful of health safeguards

BY KURT JENSEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In the midst of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of the annual March for Life rally on the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court are still scheduled for Jan. 29.

Beyond that, the details are in flux.

“We will continue to discern throughout this year what steps should be taken for the 2021 March for Life, and will share subsequent updates on our website and social media,” said Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, in a statement provided to Catholic News Service July 30. No other information was provided.

The day before, Mancini had announced the march would move forward, “unafraid and ever encouraged in our mission to defend the unborn.”

This year’s March for Life, which featured a speech by President Donald Trump, the first president to address the gathering in person, had one of the largest turnouts since the event began in 1974, with more than 100,000 participants at the Mall rally and march up Constitution Avenue past the Supreme Court. It’s always held on a date near the anniversary of the court’s 1973 rulings, *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion on demand.

Currently, the District of Columbia has in place an executive order issued by Mayor Muriel Bowser requiring residents to wear masks outside of the home. D.C. has also imposed a 14-day quarantine, through Aug. 10, for anyone traveling into the district from 27 states.

Depending on the shifts of the pandemic — decisions by the district’s health authorities also are influenced by the pace of the outbreak in Maryland and Virginia — those restrictions could stay in place or expand.

The rally and march and lobbying of members of Congress are part of March for Life weekend events that also include



Joshua Schipper

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend high school students attend the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., in January.

the Rose Dinner at a downtown hotel ballroom, for which registration is scheduled to begin Sept. 14, and the Pro-Life Summit, a daylong training event for college and high school students, scheduled for Jan. 30.

There also are satellite marches attended by thousands at state capitols, the oldest of which is the Nebraska Walk for Life organized by Nebraska Right to Life, which takes place annually in Lincoln since 1974. The largest, which has drawn more than 10,000 participants, is in Austin, Texas. In Oklahoma, the march in Tulsa starts at Holy Family Cathedral. In Tennessee, the march in Knoxville goes past an abortion clinic. Massachusetts Right to Life holds a Father’s Day march every June in Boston.

The newest of the statewide events, in Richmond, Virginia, has drawn about 7,000 participants on the state Capitol grounds. Arizona March for Life announced that as many as 10,000 attended its January event in Phoenix, at which Gov. Doug Ducey was a speaker.

But plans for any statewide events are uncertain as well, depending on state health department restrictions on crowd size.

“The impact of the novel coro-

navirus is profound: half of my staff is working from home and our income has taken a 30% hit,” Lois Anderson, executive director of Oregon Right to Life, wrote in a May blog post.

March for Life is, at its core, a bus event for college and high school groups, and restrictions on that kind of travel are still an unknown factor.

Ed Konieczka, assistant director of university ministry at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, explained the hurdles to CNS.

“We book our hotel a year in advance. This past year, we booked for two years in a row to lock in a good rate for the university. The buses are usually with the company that does the majority of our (bus travel) ... so we have some wiggle room. We usually discuss the March for Life in the spring, and have to finalize our bus count by September/October.”

He added, “One of our major obstacles will be travel. We usually have 200 students in four buses for 30 hours each way. Getting to D.C. and back with that many students while maintaining social distancing will be a major challenge.”

They’re still planning on attending, Konieczka added.

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Beatification of Father McGivney to take place Oct. 31

HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS) — Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed." Details of the beatification ceremony have not been released, including what COVID-19 restrictions might still be in place in the fall, such as limiting congregation size, social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings. The Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes announced the date for the beatification July 20. The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion. That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to Father McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops. The Knights have set up a new website for Father McGivney's sainthood cause: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>.

Bishops to Congress: Help Black families meet children's educational needs

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the pandemic has "disproportionately affected" predominately Black communities and the Catholic schools that serve them, Congress must provide immediate financial help to families who have chosen these schools for their children's education, said the chairmen of three U.S. bishops' committees. "We are imploring your help for these families" in the next economic stimulus bill currently under consideration by Congress, the bishops said in a July 30 letter to U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, D-California, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus. They asked for Congress to designate emergency funding for direct scholarship aid to low- and middle-income families with children in Catholic schools and other nonpublic schools. The letter, released July 31, was signed by Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, California, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education; Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the USCCB's Ad

Healing the wounds of racism



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This painting titled "I Can't Breathe," created by Oblate Brother Mickey McGrath, depicts the wounded Christ as a Black man sharing the sufferings of George Floyd, who died May 25 after being restrained by a Minneapolis police officer. As the nation continues to grapple with the issue of racism, Brother McGrath, an acclaimed liturgical artist and retreat leader is using his gifts to foster healing and justice. He has created a series of images that take a faith-based look at the struggle for racial equality. The above depiction was adapted from a set of Stations of the Cross he had completed two years ago in Kenya.

Hoc Committee Against Racism; and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago, chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee on African American Affairs. "Catholic schools are facing a crisis at this very moment," the three bishops said.

Pope: COVID pandemic should raise questions about faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Besides the immediate considerations of

trying to stay healthy, to mourn the dead and protect others, the coronavirus pandemic should be prompting Christians to reflect on their faith, Pope Francis wrote. "The pandemic poses fundamental questions about happiness in our lives and about the trea-

sure of our Christian faith," he wrote in the preface to a short book of initial theological reflections prompted by COVID-19 and its global impact. Originally published in German with the title, "Being Christians in the Coronavirus Crisis," the book was curated by Cardinal Walter Kasper and Pallottine Father George Augustin, director of the Cardinal Walter Kasper Institute for Ecumenism, Theology, and Spirituality. The Italian edition, titled "Communion and Hope," was published in late July by the Vatican publishing house. In addition to the preface by Pope Francis and essays by Cardinal Kasper and Father Augustin, the book includes essays by: U.S. Paulist Father Mark-David Janus, who was struck by the virus; the Czech theologian Father Tomas Halik; Swiss Cardinal Kurt Koch, who succeeded Cardinal Kasper as president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; and Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, Italy.

Catholic TV host Regis Philbin dies, logged 17,000-plus hours on tube

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Regis Philbin, the Catholic talk- and game-show host whose career in television spanned six decades, died July 24 at age 88 of cardiovascular disease at a hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut, where he lived. Philbin is credited by Guinness World Records as having been on air more than anyone else on TV, putting the figure at more than 17,000 hours. Philbin was a 1953 graduate of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and an avid supporter of his alma mater. He also graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in New York and was a generous benefactor there as well. "Regis regaled millions on air through the years, oftentimes sharing a passionate love for his alma mater with viewers," said Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, in a July 25 statement. "He will be remembered at Notre Dame for his unfailing support for the university and its mission, including the Philbin Studio Theater in our performing arts center. He likewise was generous with his time and talent in support of South Bend's Center for the Homeless and other worthy causes. Our prayers are with his wife, Joy, and their daughters and Notre Dame alumnae Joanna and J.J." In 2002, Philbin had given \$2.75 million for the construction of the Regis Philbin Studio Theater on the campus. It is home for lab and performance art productions in Notre Dame's department of film, television and theater. The 100-seat facility was designed for maximum technical and seating flexibility.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Jude adoration chapel to reopen

FORT WAYNE — For the first time in its 35-year history, St. Jude Perpetual Adoration Chapel was forced by the COVID-19 pandemic to close its doors in March. Joyously, plans now call for the chapel, located at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, to reopen following the parish's 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 15. A procession from the church to the chapel will take place at the end of Mass.

Restrictions will be in place, including limited space for non-scheduled adorers and adorers who are not of the same family. Social distancing will be enforced. Masks will be required to be worn by all, and sanitary cleaning supplies will be available to be used. Each adorer will be expected to clean the pew they were sitting in when they leave.

Parking will not be available in front of the chapel but will be available in the handicapped spots in front of the church facing Randallia Drive during weekday school hours. Those who need to park closer during school hours may ask a parking lot attendant to move the cones and keep the children away so they can pass.

Retreats and programs planned in Archdiocese of Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Several programs have been planned in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Aug. 13: Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. Peace and Nature Garden Walk, 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Benedictine Sister Angela Jarboe. Free, donations accepted, register in advance. Registration: www.benedictinn.org/retreats-programs. Information: benedictinn@benedictinn.org, 317-788-7581.

Aug. 18: Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Day of Silence, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., self-directed retreat. Includes a room to use for the day, continental breakfast, Mass, lunch and the use of the common areas and grounds of the retreat house, \$35. Information and registration: Jennifer Burger, 317-545-7681, jburger@archindy.org, www.archindy.org/fatima.

Aug. 21-22: Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. The Gates of Heaven are Everywhere — A Merton Retreat, presented by Sylvia Harrison, includes room and meals, \$175. Registration: www.benedictinn.org/retreats-programs. Information: [\[dictinn.org\]\(http://dictinn.org\), 317-788-7581.](mailto:benedictinn@bene-</p>
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August 24: Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, "What I Learned from the Saints," A Day of Reflection with Father Jim Farrell, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$40, includes lunch. Information and registration: Jennifer Burger, 317-545-7681, jburger@archindy.org, www.archindy.org/fatima.

Sisters to host virtual Taizé

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind. — Join the Sisters of Providence for song, quiet contemplation and inspired readings during the ecumenical Taizé Prayer livestream service from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11.

People of all faith traditions are invited to the gatherings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month. The 2020 theme for Taizé is "Act justly. Love tenderly. Walk humbly." The monthly Taizé service is free to attend.

The hourlong service includes prayer, beautiful music, and a time for silence, and spoken and silent prayers. The prayer is quiet and reflective, peaceful and joyful.

Join the livestream on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/519759528586722/>.

Remaining Taizé Prayer gatherings for the year will take place on Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

For more information call 812-535-2952 or visit <http://spsmw.org/event/taize-prayer-service/all/>.

Chapel artwork leads into prayer



Jodi Marlin

Wood panels on the side walls of the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene, under construction at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, depict scenes from the life of Christ and corresponding Old Testament lessons. Forty of the panels were hand-stenciled for the parish's new perpetual adoration chapel by Fort Wayne graphic artist Aaron Minier. The images are taken from the Bible of the Poor, an early form of catechesis for those who were unable to read. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will dedicate the oratory Sept. 27.

Holy Cross College Saints and Scholars



Provided by Lisa Kochanowski

The Saints and Scholars Summer Theology Institute is a one-week, pre-college program at Holy Cross College that provides an exciting opportunity for high school students to interact on a college campus, have seminar discussions guided by faculty and share community-building experiences with other students. Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year a limited number of spaces were available to participate and the program was only open to students living in St. Joseph County. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a closing Mass with this year's attendees on Friday, July 24.

Catholic prayer, meditation app Hallow sees huge increase in popularity

BY IAN ALVANO

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the developers of the Catholic meditation app Hallow launched it in 2018, they hoped to attract young Catholics, but what is now the country's No. 1 Catholic app has a bigger reach than that.

"It started as this focus on young adults but actually we've seen a lot more. ... Parents and retired folks get really excited about it and start using it," said Hallow's CEO and co-founder, Alex Jones.

Hallow — <https://hallow.com> — has seen a dramatic increase in popularity and getting more and more users each day.

The No. 1 rating is based on "Apple's algorithm, which they don't disclose," Jones told Catholic News Service in a July 21 interview. "It's based on how many people have reviewed it in the last few weeks, how many people are downloading it, how many have viewed. We started off on the bottom of the list, went to No. 3, then jumped to No. 1 about six months ago."

Hallow is based out of Chicago even though the company started off in California's

Silicon Valley. Creation of the app is integrated with Jones' own faith journey. His family raised him as a Catholic, but he strayed from the faith in high school and college. He went to the University of Notre Dame but he was going through a "relatively dark time in life," he told Catholic News Service.

After he graduated from college, he wanted to figure out what he believed in. One thing that had always fascinated him was meditation. He noticed that whenever he meditated, his mind would be pulled to something spiritual.

He said he'd ask priests, nuns and others in religious life if there was a specific connection between meditation and faith. They told him that indeed there was a connection: It was called prayer.

When he was growing up, Jones said, he only thought of prayer as a way to ask for certain things or that it was just basic memorization of words. He only felt that he was talking to himself and going through the motions.

A priest friend encouraged him to listen more during prayer, Jones said, and he began to



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A man reads from his mobile phone June 27. Hallow — a Catholic prayer and meditation app — has experienced a dramatic increase in popularity.

study the Catholic faith more and he tried "lectio divina," a meditative reflection on the Scriptures.

Jones said this process actually led him to tears and eventually brought him back to his faith.

"It was a beautiful combination of this deep sense of peace and love, deeper than any other secular meditation or mindfulness meditation. It was this deep sense of peace combined with this real purpose that calms our head space," he said.

Jones recalled meditating on the Lord's Prayer and the word that stuck out to him was "hal-

low" from the beginning of the prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." He knew what hallow meant, to make holy or sacred, but he didn't know how it pertained to his life. He pondered if he should be helping others grow in holiness.

That's how the Hallow app came to be.

"If Headspace and Calm can be successful helping people learn secular meditation and (be) done through an app" he thought, "why can't the same thing be done and be done better through teaching Catholic con-

templative prayer?"

Headspace is an app that teaches you how to meditate; Calm is a leading app for meditation and sleep.

"It's very important to us that everything on the app is 100% authentically Catholic and in line with Church teachings," Jones told CNS about Hallow.

He said the app's developers have worked with priests, bishops and theologians to ensure they are conveying Catholic teachings correctly. He added that Hallow is a resource to people of all backgrounds, especially people who have fallen away from the faith. Its primary audience is Catholic, but users of the app include Protestants, Jews and even atheists.

It also is hard to ignore the impact of COVID-19 on Hallow's popularity. According to Jones, there was a large increase in usage and downloads when Easter came around since everyone was advised to stay at home.

While the pandemic has been terrible and brought so much sadness to people's lives, with loved ones and friends dying from COVID-19, Jones said, it provides us with an opportunity to work on our spiritual lives from home. The app has a "Family" feature that allows users to connect with family and friends and share prayers, reflections and prayer intentions with them even while being physically separated.

It also has a feature called the "Daily Minute Prayer Challenge." Users are encouraged to build a habit of prayer by spending at least one minute in guided prayer with Hallow each day.

"The hardest part about praying is just doing it. It's easy in the seasons of Lent and Advent when it's top of mind, but over the summer when you've got a lot of other things going on," Jones said, "it's easy to fall off that. We do a bunch of things. You can set goals on the app. You can add members of your family and friends to the app to hold yourself accountable. You can set daily reminders."

Hallow, which has over 5,000 five-star reviews, tries to be "an app that helps you disconnect from apps and technology," according to Jones, which he admitted sounds like a contradiction.

But he explained that while other religious apps have users glued to their screen to read the Bible, Hallow allows its users to press "play," close their eyes and listen to audio of a prayer.



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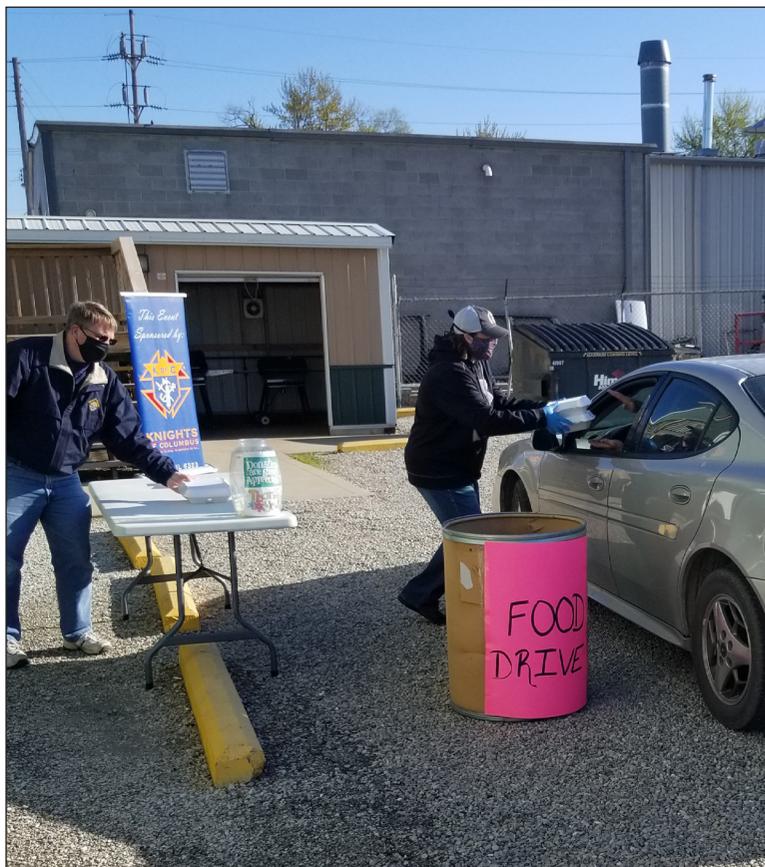
BY ANDREW FOWLER

The Knights of Columbus Father Francis Pitka Council 6323 in Syracuse serves three surrounding communities — Syracuse, Milford and North Webster. The towns have a combined population of a little more than a few thousand and there is only one Catholic church in the area, St. Martin de Porres Parish.

The coronavirus pandemic has affected the small town — and the council. As soon as it hit, life seemed to stop. The council canceled all in-person activities, including the monthly pancake breakfasts. But the council's support for the local community couldn't stop — they knew that local charities depended on their donations.

"This changed our whole outlook on everything," said Jeffery Goralczyk, a member of the council and a Knights of Columbus field agent.

The Knights brainstormed



which charitable activities could help their community, deciding to continue their popular pancake breakfast format while adhering to social distancing guidelines. They have so far offered three breakfasts, serving nearly 1,250 meals, raising \$6,300 and donating more than 1,000 pounds of food.

The first was held on Holy Saturday. Nearly 425 meals were served in three hours.

"The response was really more than what we expected," Goralczyk said. "They would just pull up and we'd ask, 'How many do you need?' If it was four, six, eight, whatever it was, we'd just give them the breakfasts and wished them well and moved on from there."

Due to the communities' positive reaction, the council decided to offer other breakfasts on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Freewill donations collected during the latter went to benefit the local fire and police departments.

With the rising societal ten-

sions between police and communities around the United States, the Indiana Knights believed it would be good to unite everyone for a charitable event. And people responded, with more than \$2,100 being donated to first responders.

"The Knights of Columbus has always supported the police, the fire department and the military and we feel that that is something we should continue on with," Goralczyk said.

Goralczyk believes the council's activity fits into the Knights of Columbus' overall mission to "leave no neighbor behind."

"Supporting the community, being there in solidarity with our priests, with our first responders, that's very important because that's what the Knights of Columbus is all about," Goralczyk said.

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Knights of Columbus of the Father Francis Pitka Council 6323 organize, cook and hand out free meals to those in need in the Syracuse community this spring.



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Prelates lead a protest in Abuja, Nigeria, over unending killings of Nigerians March 1. Nigeria has seen an increase in violence in the last five years, and Nigerian bishops have called on the international community to help the West African country in its fight against ethnic insecurity and terrorist groups such as Boko Haram.

Conflict in Nigeria close to the hearts of missionary priests

BY JENNIFER BARTON

The past five years have brought heartbreaking news out of Nigeria about Christians living there. A study done by the International Society for Civil Liberties and the Rule of Law found that in 2020 alone, more than 600 Christians have been killed in the country. Priests and seminarians have often been the target of such violence as kidnapping and murder. The dangers of living for Christ are dire, yet many priests and seminarians continue to answer the call to serve God both at home and abroad.

For several priests serving in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the brutality in Nigeria is not an ocean away – it's a concern they carry in their hearts. There are currently more than 10 priests from Nigeria serving the needs of the Catholic faithful within the diocese, and many more previously served and have now returned home. In May, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades also ordained a young seminarian from Nigeria to the diaconate, Augustine Onuoha.

Nigeria at a glance

With an estimated 200 million people, Nigeria has the highest population in Africa and the seventh highest in the world. Poverty is also high in Nigeria, despite the fact that it exports large quantities of oil. Over 500 languages are spoken in the country, with English as the official language. Pidgin English is a combination of English and the local language and is starting to be a subject of study in universities in America, said Father Louis Fowoyo, pastor of St. Louis, Besancon in New Haven. He



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has fostered a relationship with the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in the Diocese of Nnewi in Nigeria. Several Spiritan priests currently serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and in 2018 he ordained 13 new priests and 10 new deacons to the order.

comes from the western region of Nigeria, a town called Kabba.

Father Fowoyo explained that Nigeria was formed as a British colony, eventually bringing people of different tribes and towns together into one nation. He describes the conflict in Nigeria as a result of the political infighting between the three major regions of Nigeria – the west, east and north regions. The current capital of Abuja is in the north, though he recalls when the government moved it from the coastal, commercial city of Lagos.

The population is concentrated in the southern part of the country, where Christianity is the dominant religion. Most Nigerian

priests serving in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend hail from this region. Though Catholicism is not considered a major religion of Nigeria as a whole, Father Fowoyo pointed out that it is “the largest block that can come and talk to the government about any societal issue in Nigeria . . . It can decide to walk on its own or decide to walk with others. The Catholic Church always walks with the others, because this dialogue in the Church — it brings everyone together.”

Nigerian clergy have staged political demonstrations, such as this year on Ash Wednesday when the bishops asked Catholics to wear black clothing

or armbands in mourning for those who have been killed or kidnapped.

Vocations in Nigeria are plentiful, according to Father Fowoyo. It is likely that Nigeria boasts one of the highest percentages of priestly vocations in the world. Aside from diocesan seminaries, religious orders such as the Claretian Missionary Fathers and the Congregation of the Holy Spirit have their own seminaries in Nigeria. Many Spiritan fathers from Nigeria have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Bishop Rhoades visited the order, located in the Diocese of Nnewi, in 2018 to ordain several priests.

Of the number of vocations,

Father Fowoyo said, “I wouldn't say that vocation is because of poverty. It is because of the faith of our parents.”

Missionaries to the west

The diocese has embraced these kind priests, who have humbly obeyed their bishops to come to a place that is vastly colder and culturally different from what they are used to. Father Sunday Akuh, parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in South Bend, arrived last fall. He said his experience in the area has “been very welcoming.” He has enjoyed working in the parish, particularly the school.

Father Akuh already knew some of the other local priests from his homeland. He affirmed that the Nigerian priests do maintain a community among themselves, talking on the phone or going out to eat when they can arrange it. That connection between countrymen is a blessing for those so far from home, they said.

Their fraternal bond extends beyond camaraderie. Many of the Nigerian priests attended the ordination of Deacon Onuoha at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, in June “to support him as a brother” in the faith, said Father Akuh. He also wanted to hear Bishop Rhoades, whom he said preaches “very well, very beautifully, very pastorally.” At ordination, he said “I felt like I was one of the newly ordained.”

Deacon Onuoha shared how he had met many Nigerian priests who were studying at the University of Notre Dame while he was doing pastoral work in the South Bend area.



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He said, “One of the joys of every Nigerian is to celebrate the successes and goodness of everyone, especially their fellow Nigerians far away from home. We like to joyfully identify with our brothers in moments of joy and sorrow.” Several of Deacon Onuoha’s Nigerian friends came from other places in the United States, particularly Maryland, Massachusetts and Virginia for his ordination.

Part of his journey to the diocese involved the aid of another Nigerian priest, Father John Eze, pastor at Queen of Peace in Mishawaka. Father Eze had previously been the pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in their home country, where Deacon Onuoha served as seminarian. Father Eze urged him to petition Bishop Rhoades to become a diocesan priest, and the bishop accepted his application. Deacon Onuoha was sent to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, which he sees as “a gift to me from the bishop ... I was accepted and loved at St. Vincent.” He has also found kinship with priests and seminarians in the diocese.

Strife at home

The conflict in Nigeria is complex and long-standing. It has escalated in recent years, particularly with the terrorist group Boko Haram in the northern region near Lake Chad and militant Fulani herdsmen in the central region. Both are predominantly Muslim groups who target Christians, especially those traveling on the dangerous roads. Father Fowoyo stated that the government brought in mercenaries from countries that border Nigeria, who “go kill, and they don’t even know how to send them back.”

When he returns to his home country, Father Akuh hopes to work in a school setting. He said Catholic churches provide education for many of the youths in

Nigeria and that education in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend “is very good.” He believes that supporting the building of schools and churches in Nigeria is vital to its future.

Father Akuh related how the northern region consists of a “highly Islamic” population, mostly uneducated, where tolerance is not taught. He also cited the problem of a government with little political power to stop violence. Father Fowoyo agreed, stating that priests and seminarians are often targeted because they attract greater media attention.

When asked what can be done to support Christians in Nigeria, one priest suggested, “The bishops in the U.S. who are enjoying the services of Nigerian priests – and I know we are doing our best to serve well – can gently put a voice on our behalf. They can gently help us talk to the nuncio, so they can help us talk to the Vatican. The way things are going, if they have started kidnapping priests now, one day they will tell us we cannot open the churches.”

Father Fowoyo ardently appeals for government assistance for his native country from the western world. “Until Europe and America help Africa within their own countries, it will be difficult for the world to have peace ... Because there’s nowhere in the world you will not find Africans. We are all looking for greener pastures. We need to help each other.”

On July 3, Catholic News Agency reported that the European bishops, led by Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg, have pledged to advocate for Christians in Nigeria with the European Union, hoping to end the years of violence in a country desperate for peace.



Provided by St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Fort Wayne-area priests and a former theology teacher answer questions during a Catholic Answers-style open forum at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne July 22. From left on the stage are Father Andrew Budzinski, Father Mark Gurtner, Meg Hanlon and Father Daniel Scheidt.

Catholic questions, answered

Fort Wayne faithful grill local apologists

FORT WAYNE — A Catholic Answers-style question-and-answer session at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne July 22 provoked sometimes entertaining, sometimes deeply philosophical discussions about Church teaching, the saints, family faith issues, how to evangelize and questions about how the Church operates.

Organized by the parish’s Seize the Faith committee and broadcast by Redeemer Radio, questions for “Catholic Questions Answered” were submitted online and answered live, along questions offered by the large outdoor audience. “Catholicism 101 mixed with some capstone course questions” is how emcee Sean McBride described the diverse topics that kept participants in their seats for almost two hours.

Fielding the diverse inquiries — including the small sampling below — were Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope and the vicar general for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Meg Hanlon, chairman emeritus of the theology department for Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne; Father Andrew Budzinski, director of vocations for the diocese and pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Daniel Scheidt, St. Vincent de Paul pastor.

Why does the Church have saints? Who are they? Are they really that big of a deal?

Father Budzinski: Father Dan Scheidt gave a wonderful explanation when I was a parishioner at St. Pius X in Granger, where he was the parochial vicar during our RCIA class. I was a sponsor for someone, and we got to the topic of the saints. Father Dan simply said, “Jesus has friends and He wants us to be friends with His friends.” I’ve never forgotten that. That is literally the answer to all those questions. We don’t need to overcomplicate things: Jesus has friends, and He wants us to be friends with His friends, the saints.

Am I still Catholic if I don’t agree with the pope on all things?

Father Gurtner: There are things popes have taught through the centuries that are absolutely essential to our faith; for example, the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. For a Catholic not to believe that puts themselves outside of the communion of the teachings of the Church.

Now there have also been examples of popes communicating things that aren’t essential to the faith — sometimes they’re merely prudential opinions by the pope. I’ll give you an example of that. Pope St. John XXIII, in his encyclical “Pacem in Terris,” said that there should be a one-world government. That was his prudential opinion, which Catholics should have a certain openness to hearing. But if one would disagree with the pope on that kind of thing, he would not be outside of the teaching of the Church because that was the pope’s prudential communication. He wasn’t communicating something essential to the faith.

What has been the evidence of helping foster a call to the priesthood of religious life in families?

Hanlon: The rosary. I heard it all the time: Every time the seminarians would come to Bishop Luers or Bishop Dwenger high schools and meet with the kids, so many of them would answer that question by saying, “We prayed. We prayed the family rosary.” It was huge.

Father Budzinski: Adoration — eucharistic adoration — is also huge. That was our experience here at St. Vincent’s, certainly with the Life Teen retreats: having involved priests who are present in the lives of the youth. Those are two big things.

We see on the international news and even some national news some of the churches being burned, statues being torn down and some religious persecution on the rise. As a Catholic Church, what’s our response? Do we have a response other than the rosary, prayer and Mass?

Father Scheidt: Father Andrew and I went on a vacation a little while back to London, England. We saw in the town of Oxford what some people did (in the face of an apocalypse, during World War II). They went to the Eagle and Child Pub every Tuesday, faithfully, and they socialized with good people. At the pub they brought the fruits of their creativity, of the good things that they invested in. They shared those with some of the people at that pub, for years: C. S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, others. These people carried Christian culture. C. S. Lewis also spoke over the radio bearing Christian witness during the apocalypse. Tolkien created a whole imaginative universe that supported what it is to be an ordinary human being.

I think that’s the call to holiness in this moment: How can we invest in what is authentically and basically human, the enjoyable things of life? Joy is the power of delighting in what is good. It doesn’t mean that we ignore the evil. But at a certain point we actually have to trust the fact that grace is here. If we can do that, we will not only survive, we will thrive.

Father Gurtner: You know, I’ve been contemplating this. There’s so much garbage going on. I really reflected on the fact that when we go to Mass, we have an opportunity, really not to — escape isn’t the right word — but we believe that in the Mass, heaven comes down to earth and earth goes up to heaven. So, we have a chance to be in our real home for a while. That gives us perspective for when we have to go back out into the world with all its problems.

We are in exile, because Christians are earthly. Life is an exile. Home is in heaven. When we celebrate the Mass, that could be a real refuge from what’s going on in our land of exile in the world. Just a great thing to keep in mind.

Mass in three dimensions once again

Have you started going back to Mass yet? Recently I went to my first Mass in three months. I had been watching Masses livestreamed weekly, but of course it didn't feel the same. I looked forward to being able to return to a Mass celebrated in three dimensions.

Before I returned, I thought absence might make the heart more mystical. The heavens would open, and a booming voice would announce, "This is my son, who has been extraordinarily patient."

In truth, however, my first Mass was, well, extraordinarily ordinary. The celebrant didn't even remark on our long time apart. Perhaps for all of us, what we had been doing for decades, our spiritual muscle memory, kicked in. The routine that is ritual swept me along. It didn't feel like I had been away three months. In an abnormal year, it still felt normal.

There is a great deal of concern in Church circles that I'm in the minority. Parish staff worry about how many people will return, or if they'll return. Diocesan finance officials worry that people who stop going stop giving, which will cripple parish and diocesan services worse than they already are.

There is reason for concern. More than one person has told me about the ease of watching Mass on TV. No dressing up. No crowds. No shame in getting up for a glass of water.

Others have commented on the wide selection available to

them on the internet. If they wanted high church with incense and chant, they found it. If they wanted a quick Mass with a meaty sermon, they found it. Suddenly the streaming church had become a supermarket of options. How can the local parish compete?

And if going to Mass might seem normal, there are still a lot of changes. Limits on attendance. No holy water. Masks required. Hand sanitizer encouraged. No kiss of peace with one's neighbor. Special procedures for receiving the Eucharist on the tongue.

Since we continue to live in a plague year, it is even possible that our churches could close again this fall — as some already have. Should there be a second wave, we might be sent back to our domestic catacombs.

If you are trying to decide what to do, please keep these things in mind. First, if you are vulnerable and worried about contagion, it is OK to be cautious.

But Mass on a screen or a prayer in your heart is not the same as being present at the Eucharist. Mass is about community, not spectators. Flesh and blood come together to share the flesh and blood of Jesus.

As Pope Francis said, the pandemic created a difficult situation to which the Church responded. "But the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always," he stressed. It is communal, not virtual.



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Second, the Church is struggling. Your parish, your diocese, your Church, all are hurting right now. Some Catholic schools have closed and many more are in danger of closing. Some people have kept giving — electronically or with envelopes — to their parish, but many people have not. If you have a job or have a steady income, consider upping your gift. If you give infrequently or never, consider giving now.

And if you are reading this in a diocesan publication, support it. The Church is losing its voice as it closes more of its local publications. A bishop said recently that "we must maintain our capacity to tell our story."

The Church has responded with patience, generosity and even heroism during this pandemic. That is the story we must be proud to tell today.

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How to intimately learn Catholicism

Fifteen years after Richard Louv's bestseller "The Last Child in the Woods" was published, it is more relevant than ever. I'm fascinated by his insights on the "nature-deficit disorder" ailing kids.

I was struck by a passage about his 1950s Midwestern childhood: "I knew my woods and my fields; I knew every bend in the creek and dip in the beaten dirt paths. I wandered those woods even in my dreams."

His knowledge of that place was so intimate, so vivid that it continued in his dreams, flashing like a movie reel. I want that for my kids, an elixir for the high-tech, low-attention world forming young minds.

Louv sees it the same way. "Nature is reflected in our capacity for wonder," he wrote.

Shortly after I started reading Louv, I came upon a book that put legs on my yearning. "Make Map Art: Creatively Illustrate Your World," written by the sister-brother pair Salli Swindell and Nate Padavick, is a toolkit to turn readers into map makers — complete with compasses, car touches, legends and landmarks.

Swindell and Padavick's line art is folksy and simple. Their lines are not parallel. Their squiggles don't always connect. The goal is not perfection. It is, in fact, imperfection — evidence that the maps are hand-drawn, not computer generated.

A map bursts with old-timey charm. When was the last time



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you pulled out a map from the glove compartment and used it as a guide?

Swindell and Padavick's maps feel nostalgic and whimsical, like an invitation to silence the phone and study nature. Maps "define our place in the world, inspire daydreaming and ignite the wanderlust in all of us," they wrote. "Maps are about remembering."

Yes!

Suddenly, I was compelled to map out the island that has become our refuge this summer. We have played beneath its gnarled oaks and soaring eagles. We have felt the pulse of the Mississippi River, the island's clock, setting a pace entirely our own.

Mapping it out tested my knowledge of the island. You cannot map something if you do not know it well. Google Earth provided a helpful reference. Studying the island's hooks and nooks made me feel like a Girl Scout again.

Just as the doodles can be crooked, the landmarks can be

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God's ways are not our ways



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 14:22-33

The First Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first reading. The two Books of Kings highlight the kings of the united kingdom of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon. But neither book, ultimately, is a political history. Both books are religious works, written to call the people to be loyal to God.

Thus, along with the kings, and often more emphatically and extensively than the kings, these books mention prophets, who spoke for God.

For example, this weekend's reading centers on Elijah. The prophet Elijah tries to hear God,

believing that God will speak to him but looking for God in all the wrong places, Elijah expects to hear the Almighty in raging storms and in violent natural upheavals.

Such are not the media through which God communicates, as Elijah discovers. He is a tiny whispering sound. It is the voice of God.

Several lessons are in this reading. First, God communicates with humanity in ways that they can perceive. Second, in communicating with humans, God does not always meet their expectations. Often, it is the other way.

Elijah looked for God in great outbursts of nature, in a storm or in an earthquake, believing that God is supreme over nature and speaks through nature's power. But as the New Testament eventually would specifically teach, God's ways are not human ways. Not acting in human ways, God appears in places and events and forms least expected, such as in tiny whispering sounds in the middle of storms and earth tremors.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans again this weekend furnishes the second reading.

In this reading Paul verifies his own status as an Apostle, and his own truthfulness. He identifies himself, presenting his credentials, so to speak. He confronts imposters. These writings make clear the fact that some disputed Paul, questioning his claim to be as an Apostle.

He also mourns that many of his kin do not accept God or him. Despite the fact that some walked away from the Gospel, however, Paul insists that he will remain true to his calling as a Christian and as an Apostle. He urged the Romans also to be faithful.

For its last reading, the Church turns to St. Matthew's Gospel.

In this story, the Lord literally walks across water to reach the boat from which the Apostles were fishing. Peter, impulsive as was his personality, leaps from the boat, attempting to meet Jesus. Indeed, Jesus had invited Peter to come forward.

As often happened, Peter's

initial exuberance gives way to uncertainty. When these feelings take hold, Peter loses his ability to walk on the water. He begins to sink.

Jesus, not at all outdone by Peter's lack of faith, pulls him from the water, rescuing Peter from death.

Reflection

It is a truism to say that God's ways are not our ways. Of course they are not. We are limited. Our perceptions are blurred. Selfishness and fear lead us astray.

Life cannot be measured just by earthly standards. It must be measured by its totality: in other words, with attention given the fact of eternity.

Jesus is the Son of God. He walked on water. He saved Peter from drowning. He is the source of life. He is the only security. He alone gives eternal life.

The greatest practical lesson to learn from these readings is that in fact we are only human. Our outlook is not necessarily precise. Our wishes are not

always pure. We may love the Lord, and we may attempt to follow the Lord, but at times we try to find happiness by relying upon ourselves. When we try to walk on water, without Jesus, we fall into the water.

First of all, we must humbly realize who and what we are.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

On the truest source of our dignity

One of our deeper wounds is that we tend to doubt our dignity, especially in times of trouble. We look to human being who are fickle for a sense of honor and prestige in our life. But St. Peter Chrysologus reminds us of the true source of our dignity, and that of others, in a homily in last week's office taken from the Nativity of Christ:

"A virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin.... for [God] is the cause, and not nature.... Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men.... That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonor to him who made him.

"Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God? Why render yourself such dishonor when you are honored by him? Why do you ask how you were created and do not seek to know why you were made? Was not this entire visible universe made for your dwelling? It was for you that the light dispelled

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the overshadowing gloom; for your sake was the night regulated and the day measured, and for you were the heavens embellished with the varying brilliance of the sun, the moon and the stars. The earth was adorned with flowers, groves and fruit; and the constant marvelous variety of lovely living things was created in the air, the fields, and the seas for you, lest sad solitude destroy the joy of God's new creation."

And finally, our greatest dignity of all was that our Savior and very Lord chose to become one of us though His Incarnation, humbling Himself to elevate us.

Can you really doubt your dignity and worth? Why do we look to lesser sources to assess our worth? Money, popularity, power and so forth come and go and cannot be valid or lasting sources of our dignity. Look to God, and never forget the efforts and stages He carefully went about to make you. Dwell in His love for you.

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him, and later for Eve. And thus, speaking from this tradition, St. Chrysologus says, "Was not this entire visible universe made for your dwelling? It was for you that the light dispelled the overshadowing gloom; for your sake was the night regulated and the day measured, and for you were the heavens embellished with the varying brilliance of the sun, the moon and the stars. The earth was adorned with flowers, groves and fruit; and the constant marvelous variety of lovely living things was created in the air, the fields, and the seas for you, lest sad solitude destroy the joy of God's new creation."

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quirky. Swindell and Padavick call it your "personal geography." So I marked trees that had meaning to us — "bent oak," "climber," "eagles perch" — and delineated the "shortcut," "picnic spot" and "garden." They point out that anything can be mapped: future goals, passions, memories of your hometown.

It occurred to me what a rewarding challenge it would be to map out Catholicism. Just as a budding arborist turns to a tree field guide, my reference already exists, a comprehensive summary of our faith: the Catechism

of the Catholic Church.

This book gets a bad rap as a stuffy rule book. But it is poetic and probing, a distillation of salvation history, an introduction to saints and Scripture elegantly curated.

The catechism shines a flashlight on life's biggest questions. What is a soul? See Part 1, Section 1, Paragraph 33. What is the goal of human existence? Refer to Part 3, Section 1, Paragraph 1719. It is our map of the oldest Christian faith.

My edition is only as tall as my hand, and when I hold it, I feel awe, mindful of the treasures tucked within.

Wouldn't it be silly to practice

Catholicism and miss out on this excellent guide? Wouldn't it be ungrateful — irresponsible, even — to inherit this faith but pass it up before reading its handbook?

To be a good steward of land or of faith is to do your homework, to get to know something well. That knowledge paves the way to gratitude and caretaking. And so just as I study the island this summer, cedar by cedar, I'll be turning over the catechism, stone by stone.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 9, 2020

Matthew 14: 22-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: walking on windy waves. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

- CROWDS ALONE A GHOST AFRAID HE SAID, COME WIND CAUGHT
- WENT UP WAVES IN FEAR PETER SAID GOT OUT FRIGHTENED FAITH
- EVENING WALKING SPOKE COMMAND STRONG SAVE ME DOUBT

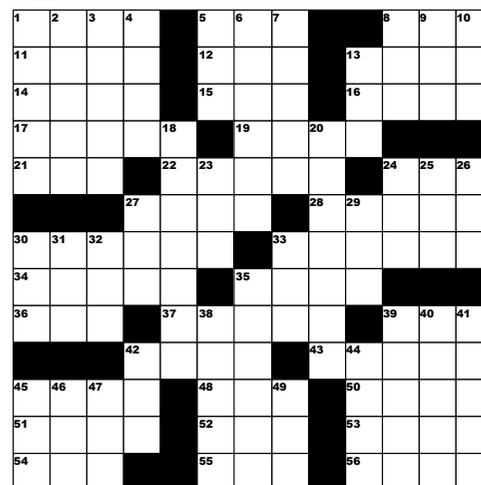
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The Cross Word

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- 53 Gas for lighted signs
- 54 Latin for "King"
- 55 Compass point
- 56 Sins



DOWN

- 1 Whale man
- 2 Dodge
- 3 God will give to the thirsty
- 4 Pig food
- 5 Appropriate
- 6 Leg deformity
- 7 Unblinking
- 8 The other half of Jima
- 9 Nervous system
- 10 Time zone
- 13 Rosary month
- 18 Earthquake
- 20 Keep stuff here
- 23 "Tidings of great ___"
- 24 Joint that moves leg
- 25 "We believe in ___ God"
- 26 Aye
- 27 Jesus walked on
- 29 Dab of butter
- 30 In possession of
- 31 Extension (abbr.)
- 32 Brim
- 33 Rummy game
- 35 Threads
- 38 "Don't spend on what fails to satisfy"
- 39 Led Saul's army
- 40 What a helicopter needs
- 41 Isaac and Esau
- 42 Assumption month
- 44 Trail
- 45 Meter
- 46 Ram's mate
- 47 Dismisses
- 49 The Commandments are "The ___"

Readings: Is 55: 1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21 AND 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

ACROSS

- 1 Israelites
- 5 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 8 Winter hazard
- 11 Egg-shaped
- 12 Urn
- 13 Possess
- 14 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 15 Five loaves, ___ fish
- 16 "Eat, drink without ___"
- 17 Adroit
- 19 Roster
- 21 That woman
- 22 Expel
- 24 Used to attract attention
- 27 Smoky fog
- 28 Speak up
- 30 By means of this
- 33 Used to make wine
- 34 Longitudinal
- 35 "Let it be"
- 36 Short-term memory
- 37 Payable
- 39 "Blessed ___ thou"
- 42 Middle East dweller
- 43 Where funny bone is
- 45 List of meals
- 48 Hair stuff
- 50 Negative (prefix)
- 51 Branch
- 52 Epoch

Answer key can be found on page 15

QUESTIONS, from page 11

Meg Hanlon, I know you've dealt with kids for quite a long time, but have I failed as a parent if my young adult has left the faith? I'm told they'll come back, but I don't think these kids are like my generation. What can I do?

Hanlon: When I taught, I told that to the kids — I would say: 'You know, your mother wants you to be in church. Your father loves you. It's the most important thing.' So, I can't judge. Have you failed? Did you do your best? Did you do the best that you thought you could do? I've reflected a lot about my growing up compared to raising my children. The culture was far more friendly to raising faithful children when I was growing up than it is now. It's harder. It is harder, but I'm sure that happened in lots of generations where it was harder. It was difficult. I tell parents: Pray for your child, never give up praying for them.

Father Budzinski: We hear that question all the time from parents: Have I failed as a parent because my child has fallen away from the faith?

The ultimate parent is God. He's a father. I just want to say to the parent who might feel like a failure: Would we ever call God a failure, because His children turn away from Him? Never! So, you are not a failure. You have a new mission. You just described, Meg, how to go about that mission: through prayer and offering sacrifice.

Father Gurtner: The other thing I would add that's important for people to understand is that it's a long ballgame. One of the greatest explanations I've heard was about the weeds in the wheat, from Pope Benedict: that things that you think are weeds might turn out to be wheat, so don't pull them up too soon. I think all of us priests have had the experience of reconciling people to the Father at almost that moment of their death. It could be they've been away from the Church for years and years and years, and it was because the seeds that were planted so many years ago by their parents in the Church didn't bear fruit until that moment right before their death. You can ask every priest — we've done it many times over. So that's the other thing that parents need to keep in mind, the consolation that it's a long ballgame. But God the Father has them in view.

Hanlon: Can I follow up with one thing? Sometimes parents have not been faithful in the practice of their faith. Then they come to a great parish, come alive with the faith and want to start practicing it. But their children are looking at them like, "Why do you want to get to go to Mass now? We didn't ever do that before." My advice to parents who have caught the faith is to apologize to their children for not living up to their baptismal promises. An apology, especially to a teenager, is a very powerful thing. You don't have to do some long explanation, just say, "You know what? Mom and I are sorry that we haven't been faithful and raising you the way we should in this area, and so we're going to start today." Because anything else might sound hypocritical, but that would be a just a little piece of advice I would throw out there.

What's the best way to know and follow your vocation?

Father Budzinski: I first went to Msgr. Galic, my predecessor as vocations director and a parish pastor for 20-some years at Holy Family, to talk about the possibility of being a priest, and I asked him that very question. The first thing he said was, receive the Eucharist as often as you can, because that's Jesus Christ and you can't go wrong with receiving Jesus frequently.

The second thing he said was, just simply abide in a relationship with the Holy Trinity through prayer. Live in the relationship. A lot of times we pray to know our vocations, and that's actually not an entirely correct way to go about it. We shouldn't pray to know our vocations; we should pray to know God — because God is not a means to an end. We can fall into the trap of treating God like the friend who has the lake house: "Oh, you have the answers to all my problems: I'll be friends with you so I can get answers to my problems." To which, if I can put words into Jesus's mouth, would be, "No. How about if we just be friends? I'm not a means to an end. I am the end." Of course, living in that relationship with Jesus will ultimately reveal things like what's our vocation, and everything else.

I would say the third thing is talk to priests, if you're thinking about narrowing it down to the priesthood. Spend time talking to priests and observing their life. If you are attracted to marriage, wear out the doormats of happy, healthy holy married couples and see how they do it. Fall in love with their life, so that you can aspire to that.

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Blood drive planned

FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joe Rd., will host a Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym. Sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>/donation-time, or in the gather space at church. Those who successfully donate blood will receive a free COVID-19 antibody test. Contact Debi Schoedel at 260-485-9615 info@olghfw.com.

Tour of St. Joseph Cemetery

MISHAWAKA — Pete Dekever of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, will give a tour of St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Saturday, Aug. 15, at 11 a.m. The cemetery is located at 357 W. Jefferson Blvd. Enter off of Jefferson. Bring and wear face masks. Dekever's tour will introduce attendants to

people who helped to shape the Church, Mishawaka and the world.

Rosary for America

FORT WAYNE — The glorious mysteries of the rosary will be prayed for the Church and the nation on Saturday, Aug. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Parish parking lot, 4916 Trier Rd., rain or shine.

WAF quarterly meeting

MISHAWAKA — The World Apostolate of Fatima will have a quarterly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Monica Church, 222 W. Mishawaka Ave. Celebrant Father Jacob Meyer will offer Mass, a holy rosary and benediction. Reception following. Visit www.fatimafwsb.org or contact Theresa Schortgen at 260-749-6706 theresa@fatimafwsb.org.

The Red Rose Dinner

ANGOLA — Women's Care Center of Northeast Indiana will host The Red Rose Dinner Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Trine University's Athletic Recreation Center, 1101 Thunder Dr. This elegant garden party will feature a four-course meal with wine pairings curated by two award-winning chefs as well as soft, live music by an area band. Tickets are \$85 each and can be purchased online at www.bit.ly/RedRoseDinner2020. Contact Ann Freeman at 260-333-7117 or afreeman@wccnei.org for information.

Alpha Online FWSB fall series

MISHAWAKA — Alpha Online FWSB is a 10-week small group discussion series featuring the Alpha film series that explores the Christian faith. It will take place over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. from Sept. 22 through Nov. 24. Whether you want to deepen your own relationship with Jesus or introduce someone else to what life in Christ looks like, register for this free series and invite a friend. <https://alphafwsb.wixsite.com/alphafwsb>. Contact Lisa Everett 574-234-0687 or leverett@diocesefwsb.org.

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REST IN PEACE

Decatur

Nancy A. Miller, 61, St. Mary of the Assumption

Kevin O'Shaughnessey, 68, St. Mary of the Assumption

Fort Wayne

Lee Adang, 97, St. Charles Borromeo

Katherine Ankenbruck, 93, St. Jude

Barbara S. Boling, 79, St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel

Mark H. Hellinger, 60, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Hunter, 71, St. Jude

Deb Kessler, 62, St. Jude

Ruth Pliett, 83, St. Jude

Karen Schleinkofer, 83, St. Charles Borromeo

Doug Schumick, 64, St. Vincent de Paul

James Slater, 78, St. Charles Borromeo

Huntington

Edward J. Stoffel, 85, SS. Peter and Paul

Mishawaka
Katherine Baker, 74, St. Monica

Patricia Spitaels, 83, St. Bavo

New Haven

Edward Dodane, 79, St. Louis, Besancon

Janet Rhinehalt, 83, St. Louis, Besancon

South Bend

Sister Rose M. Canty, CSC, 94, Our Lady of Loretto

Sister Patricia M. Crane, CSC, 73, Our Lady of Loretto

Lorene Elias, 82, St. Matthew Cathedral

Kathy Kile, 72, St. Jude

Joseph P. Kirwan, 59, St. Jude

Gregory Larson, 64, St. Matthew Cathedral

Tom Lukaszewski, 83, Holy Family

Patricia Mammolenti, 80, Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mary McBride, 97, Christ the King

David M. Nowak, 76, St. Jude

Elizabeth Suter, 94, Christ the King

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time with one of our seminarians, deacons or priests, and that is a great thing. There can be surprising fruit from new models of ministry during this time.”

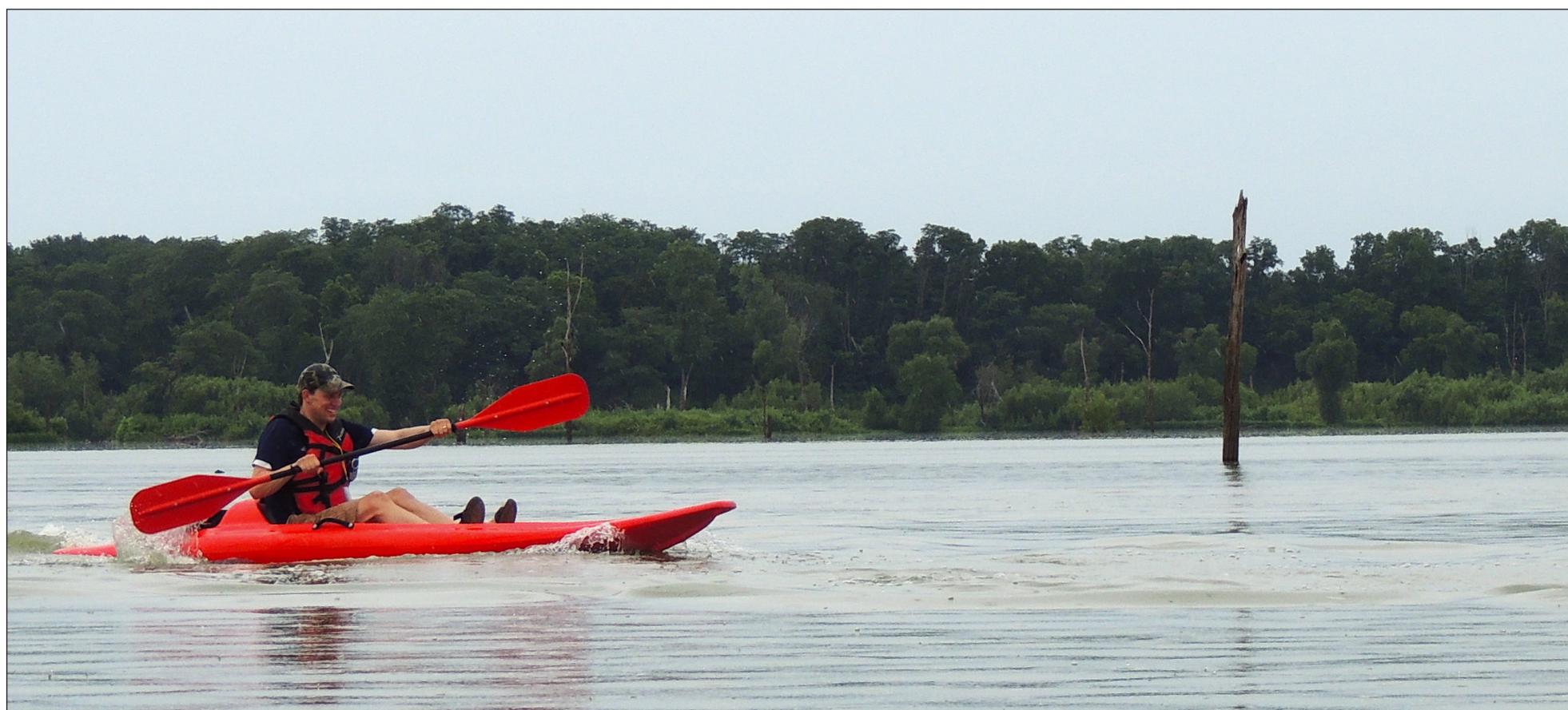
The highlight came in perfect summary from Lexie Kloska, a parishioner at St. Pius X Parish in Granger: “Being with a bunch of people my age and just having a blast.” For Kloska, the reality of spending time with people of faith in a lighthearted fashion was “a huge relief” from the isolation of the world — a time to simply have fun with a community and, for a short time, be removed from worldly chaos. The experience lightened participants and volunteers alike; it was an opening to the small, simple help Christ offered through the pilgrimage.

“As you embark upon your journey of life and continue to, you’re going to have some rapids and some rocks in your way,” said Father Tony Steinacker during the morning’s Mass, “but know that Christ is journeying with you wherever you go.” Just as Christ had accompanied and inspired Blessed Solanus Casey in simplicity and peace, so was the same done in each young voyager.



Photos by Colleen Schena

High school youth from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend came together July 30 in the Huntington area for a day of Mass, fellowship and fun. Above, several participants hold their paddles in the air while playing a group game on the Salamonie Reservoir.



Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry John Pratt races across Salamonie Reservoir in a kayak during a day of fellowship in which 60 diocesan youths participated July 30.

Catholic Kid's Corner
 “Let the little children come to me.” Mt. 9:14

This week, I will follow Jesus by:

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 Wednesday
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 Saturday

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Two high school participants steady their canoe after launching it.