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Ben Shapiro Addresses Right to Life Jubilee in South Bend

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

Co-founder and Editor Emeritus of The Daily Wire Ben Shapiro addressed an audience at the Right to Life Michiana Annual Benefit Jubilee on Oct. 27.

The well-known podcaster spoke on the June decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade, and broke down numerous arguments that people can use to address pro-choice positions.

Prior to the keynote speech, both the widower and the mother of Rep. Jackie Wolarski (IN-02) received a lifetime achievement award on behalf of the former representative, who died in a car accident in August. Right to Life representatives noted her dedication to pro-life causes, and her family was met with a standing ovation upon receiving the award.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita was also in attendance at the jubilee. Rokita will be defending Indiana's new abortion restrictions in front of the state Supreme Court in January. The law, which initially went into effect in September, was halted by a judge shortly thereafter.

In his address, Shapiro said that Right to Life Michiana is "changing the state of play" locally and at the state level.

"They're engaged in side-

walk advocacy, church outreach, adoption, and crisis pregnancy outreach ... They're softening the ground. And the good news is that, in Indiana, the ground is already soft. Basically, only a judge stands in the way of the ban on nearly all abortions in the state of Indiana."

Shapiro said that, for decades, the decisions of the Supreme Court had prevented the pro-life movement from making significant progress in saving lives through the legal system.

"Now that barrier is gone. And that means that, this time, we can actually save lives. It means that what we do each and every day just became significantly more effective and more important. The Supreme Court is no longer standing in the way preventing us from doing the things necessary to save the preborn."

He continued, "Pro-lifers are, in fact, winning the argument. Pro-lifers have been winning the argument for nigh on 50 years at this point, largely thanks surprisingly to technology. The ultrasounds today are astonishingly accurate. I saw one fairly recently showing babies moving in the womb from the earliest stages of pregnancy."

Shapiro used an analogy to

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Joshua Schipper

Well-known political commentator Ben Shapiro addresses the Right to Life Michiana Jubilee on Oct. 27. Shapiro explained numerous arguments against abortion, and also fielded several questions from the audience.

Military Chaplains:

Charging the Gates of Hell with their Troops

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Only one percent of the population in the United States shoulder the load of protecting the other 99 percent of Americans through serving in the military. In 1954, Nov. 11 officially changed from Armistice Day – commemorating the end of World War I – to Veterans Day, a day to honor all those who served in the armed forces (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website).

It is sometimes hard for those

who have not served to understand the lifestyle and mentality of those who have. The spiritual needs of servicemembers vary greatly from civilians. Long deployments, separations from family members, stress and trauma, and dealing with losses in combat can have an incredibly negative impact on a soldier or airman. Suicide rates in the military are typically much higher than civilian rates.

Military chaplains serve the spiritual needs of these men and women. Two priests within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

who fill this role, one a longtime veteran, the other a newly commissioned officer, spoke with Today's Catholic about their experiences.

**Father David Meinzen,
Major, Indiana Air National
Guard**

One of the chaplains at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Father David Meinzen, a priest in the Byzantine Rite (in



FATHER DAVID MEINZEN

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full communion with Rome, where priests can be married under certain circumstances) has a unique understanding of the issues military members face. He has more than 20 years of military service under his combat boots. Not all of those years were in the chaplaincy, however, or even in the Catholic faith.

Father Meinzen's journey to Catholicism intertwined with his military service. In his younger years, he joined the Army Reserves with "mercenary" reasons; namely, to pay for his tuition at a private Christian college in Illinois. Two years later, he was sworn in as a second lieutenant and began officer training. His job specialty was aviation: learning to fly UH-1 Iroquois ("Huey") helicopters during the Gulf War. "It was a bit of an initial intense time," he admitted. His Vietnam veteran-era trainers were tough and at one point, he thought he was going to fail out of helicopter school. "Learning to fly blind" became a life lesson for him, touching on his Christian faith to lean on Christ.

After completing his training, Father Meinzen moved with his wife to Fort Wayne to enroll in seminary – for the Lutheran faith. However, "We didn't stay Lutheran." He shared the "soul-searching" experience that led them to Eastern Orthodoxy. On his way to becoming an Eastern Orthodox priest, he decided to explore the chaplaincy. "I kind of made up my mind that I was more comfortable as a chaplain in the military. That had become my love — theology and the idea of sharing the goodness of God in pastoral work."

He switched from the Army Reserves to the Army National Guard and served both in Indiana and Michigan as a chaplain. At the request of his commander, he traveled to military units stationed around Michigan "to do wellness tours" where he was able to put his "clinical pastoral experience" to work helping the soldiers. Returning to Indiana to serve as chaplain at Camp Atterbury, he did serve a brief tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2010 when an Orthodox priest was needed to serve Dormition Liturgy.

"During that time and even at Camp Atterbury, God kept working on my heart because I kept running into these Catholic chaplains, who were really, really kind to me and excited to find out I was an Orthodox priest. ... And God kind of used that to soften my heart," he said. He began reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church and discovered the Byzantine Catholic Church. Contacting the Ukrainian Eparchy in Chicago, Father Meinzen became a member

of the Catholic Church and an Eastern Rite priest.

Now he serves as Pastor of St. Andrew's Eastern Catholic Mission as well as a one of the chaplains for the 122nd Indiana Air National Guard and the VA hospital, all in Fort Wayne. "All my years of experience, even in the reserve component was varied enough ... that I'm able to relate to the veterans well," including the cultural shifts various generations experienced.

While at Camp Atterbury, Father Meinzen saw suicide rates skyrocket among the soldiers. Part of his job was working with other professionals to identify those most at risk and save as many lives as possible.

"Working that close, on the edge of the reality of life and death" woke him up to the everyday effects of evil in the world on humanity.

"(Christ) came truly to open our eyes and hearts to this trauma we are living through, this created life He's given us that, because of the fall, is a fight with the enemy that hates us, the enemy that rebelled against God because of His love for us. And that is a real, day-to-day thing."

He sees military service as a good training ground for parish life that young priests might pursue. This gives them the opportunity to connect more readily with the veterans in their congregations, but also with civilians who have lived through traumatic experiences. As a priest, he emphasizes the importance of spiritual warfare as well as actual warfare. "If we clergy are not prepared to go into hell with our Lord for other people who our Lord has died for, then we're not living our vocation."

"We have a duty to walk into every place hell has spread itself and darkness has imprisoned people in whatever ways; we have a duty to walk into that darkness with them, carefully, with confidence that the Holy Spirit is with us – the power of Christ bringing His light into that place, and into our own lives wherever we might be wounded and dark inside."

Father Julius Okojie,
Captain, US Army
Reserves

Father Julius Okojie has refined his answer to the question of why he became a chaplain for the 472nd CBRN Battalion in Chicago. "When I was a kid, there were three things I wanted to be. I wanted to be a priest, a soldier, and a surgeon," he said. His childhood pastor in Nigeria was an army chaplain and he wanted to emulate that. He was ordained to the priesthood 13 years ago and came to Indiana to study at the University of Notre Dame, maintaining dual

A Thank You to All Those Who Serve
or Served in the Military

Alvaro Jose Jimenez

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

citizenship with his home country.

After two years of working through the process to become a military chaplain, Father Okojie received his commission and first assignment.

His work is important because, he explained, "We have a huge population of soldiers who are Catholics, but we have a limited number of Catholic priests who are chaplains." The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA only endorses ordained priests as Catholic chaplains, so unlike Protestant chaplains, this severely limits the number of Catholic chaplains in the military. Father Okojie estimates that for about 1.8 million Catholics across six branches of the service, there are little more than 200 priests – far outnumbered by their Protestant counterparts and the Catholic population they serve.

In addition to the roughly



FATHER JULIUS OKOJIE

1,600 members of his flock at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish in South Bend, he has another flock of nearly 500 soldiers in

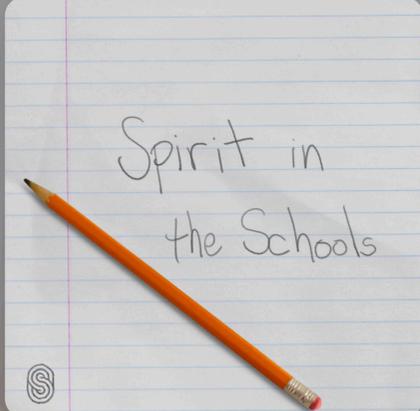
the Chicago area. Since he is chaplain for both Catholic and non-Catholic soldiers, his job is to provide religious rites and advise soldiers in spiritual matters. "You can only perform those religious rituals that your endorser approves. Like in my case ... I can't do anything that goes against Catholic consent. So, if a soldier requests something that's contrary to my faith, then I would not perform it. I would look for a chaplain or someone who would provide those services ... And of course, you can have issues of conscience, but I should be able to love this person and care for them, regardless," he continued. "I can't do it, but I will still try to be there for them."

His primary task as a new chaplain is to build relationships with his soldiers, "so they'll trust me."

This includes going where the soldiers are to host Bible studies, counsel soldiers in the darkest hours of their lives, and simply spend time with them. He has even requested his portable chaplain kit for future use in providing the sacraments in deployed locations.

"They say the chaplain ministers to the soul of the Army," he said. For Father Okojie, that means "ministering to very young soldiers, still trying to figure out where they belong, their place in the world, and trying to know who they are. I feel like this is a very good opportunity for me to help shape them in that way in the future."

And if the day comes when Father Okojie is called to leave his South Bend flock to deploy with his troops, he said, "The Lord will take care of St. Thérèse."



Spirit in the Schools

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'Spirit in the Schools' Podcast a Teaching Tool for Schools, Families

BY CHRIS LUSHIS

Every parent desires their children to be filled with authentic peace and joy, but achieving this can be an incredibly difficult endeavor. To help with this task, Zachary Coyle, Principal of St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne, has recently undertaken an initiative to equip families with strategies for finding deeper unity and purpose.

The host of a new podcast entitled "Spirit in the Schools", Coyle invites educators from across the diocese to share with listeners about how the Holy Spirit is alive in local Catholic schools, while offering tips for parents on how to consider bringing these practices into family life. Each episode is focused on a different fruit of the Holy Spirit, which traditionally include charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines these fruits as "perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory." Coyle explains that "these fruits are the observable behaviors of people who allow the Lord's grace to act within them. When we observe these fruits authentically lived out, we can perceive that the Holy Spirit is actively working around us."

A professional educator who is also a parent of four children, with a fifth on the way,

Coyle knows the challenges of cultivating a spiritually fruitful environment for young people. Ultimately, he recognizes that it cannot be achieved without God. He has been encouraged by many initiatives throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that have exhibited success educating students in Christian faith and shared, "I want to celebrate God at work in our diocese, recognizing the Lord's work in our schools and within our families. Giving praise to Him is our highest priority!"

Coyle's pilot episode explored benefits of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) system of discipline at St. Vincent's school. First introduced in 2015 under the direction of former principal Cheryl Klinker, PBIS incentivizes good behavior by encouraging habits of charity and kindness. Since its implementation, PBIS has been shown to foster positivity and virtue within its students at St. Vincent de Paul. Coyle aims to share that these educational practices and values can become integrated into any family's life and bring the Holy Spirit more deeply into the home.

Another episode addressed the subject of joy, specifically in teaching Theology of the Body to grade-school students with material from the Ruah Woods Institute. By drawing out how this program teaches students about their God-given identity in the context of the modern world, Coyle presents suggestions for parents to integrate similar principles into regular

family interactions and foster a deeper sense of purpose and joy in their children.

Coyle exclaimed, "How do you achieve more goodness in the world? You plan for it, you get creative, you work proactively in specific ways, and you arrange opportunities to bring people together, giving the Holy Spirit room to work. These conversations reflect the ways educators are purposefully striving to bring the Gospel to life in the midst of our schools and inviting our students to respond with an intentional gift of self."

Throughout the course of the show, Coyle has and will continue to interview principals, teachers, coaches, parents, youth ministers, college professors, and others. Coyle emphasized, "God speaks to us through so many ways in education; we want to be able to share the goodness that is happening in our midst that others could benefit from hearing about and employ in their own lives. It is a blessing to be able to interview so many great people who work in this diocese and explore with them how a particular aspect of their ministry reveals the activity of God."

"Spirit in the Schools" is affiliated with Spoke Street Media, whose mission is to "Amplify the voice of the Creator by fostering content that invites." The podcast can be accessed at spokestreet.com/spirit or downloaded via most podcast apps. New episodes are released each Wednesday.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Monday, November 7: 10 a.m. – Cabinet Meeting, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, November 8: 4 p.m. – Church Property Conference, University of Notre Dame
 Wednesday, November 9: 3 p.m. – Our Sunday Visitor Institute Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, November 10: 8:30 a.m. – Our Sunday Visitor Board Meeting, OSV Archbishop Noll Room, Huntington
 Friday, November 11 - Thursday, November 17 – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, Baltimore, Maryland

Novena to Christ the King: Nov. 11-19

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King on Nov. 20. Nov. 11-19, the nine days preceding the Solemnity, let us offer our prayers to Christ the King for the freedom of the Church.

November 13

Intention

May children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children find strength and support from the Church.

November 14

Intention

May Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ.

November 15

Intention

May all people in Nigeria be free to worship without fear of attacks at the hands of violent extremists.

November 16

Intention

May governments respect the consciences of all health care workers.

November 17

Intention

May Christians in Lebanon be free to live with their neighbors in peace.

November 18

Intention

May all people of faith in China enjoy the freedom to worship and practice their faith in its fullness, without undue interference from the government.

November 19

Intention

May all Christians serve Christ the King and bear witness to his reign.

Prayers

*Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory be*

Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King, the beginning and end of all things,

You have made Your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of Your kingdom.

By Your Holy Spirit, You have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with Your grace, that we would be close to You by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,

And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.

May we remain with You always.

Amen.

November 11

Intention

May the Lord strengthen the faithful in Nicaragua, who are suffering unjustly under their government.

November 12

Intention

May Catholic schools continue to serve their communities and bear faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ecce Choir 'Unveils' Nature of Sacred Music in Church

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

The Second Vatican Council expressly taught that “the musical traditional of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.” In recent years, Jessica Schuster, an artist passionately dedicated to making this treasure better known and appreciated by the faithful, has brought the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese many experiences of inestimable treasure through her singing and direction of sacred music.

Founder of a young adult choir that regularly tours Indiana and Ohio, Schuster has sought to evangelize and inspire audiences, leading them to into the heart of the Gospel through an immersive encounter with beauty. The choir, named “Ecce” (Latin for “Behold”), is comprised of vocalists between the ages of



Photos by Christopher Lushis

The Ecce Choir, led by director Jessica Schuster, performs at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Sunday, Oct. 23, for the “Sacred Music Unveiled” event. Members of the choir are from left to right: Anna Eby, Kathleen Frey, Montserrat Martinez Cuen, Jennifer Litchfield, Julia Schuster, Parker Mass, Brian Smith, Jeremiah Hartman, and Andrew Mourey.

21 and 28, who through the gift of their music and their whole being “seek to testify to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and give witness to the reality of His presence and His love,” as described by Schuster.

Having performed at numerous parishes since their founding in 2017, Ecce was most recently given the opportunity to sing at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, for a three-part event entitled “Sacred Music

Unveiled”. Beginning with a concert, Schuster and her choir educated minds and elevated hearts through reflections from Scripture and the saints coupled with performances of traditional Catholic songs, both in English and Latin.

Before their final song, “Adoremus Te Christe”, Schuster explained, “When we are faced with the overwhelming love of God, when we behold His beauty, our hearts can only respond, ‘We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.’ His love for us is why we sing ... it is the only reason why we sing. St. Mother Teresa once said, ‘When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host [The Eucharist], you understand how much Jesus loves you now.’”

Father Terry Coonan, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, remarked afterwards, “This choir has found a true recipe for effective evangelization and transformation of hearts. The music, coupled with the short explanations before each piece is sung, is exceedingly helpful for people to process what they are hearing and to pray through it all. It’s a great format that really allows for a prayerful encounter with the Lord through the music.”

Following the concert, Schuster led a 45-minute seminar presentation, sharing more

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In the seminar portion of the event, Jessica Schuster teaches attendees about the hidden beauty of sacred music and leads attendees in singing the "Ave Verum Corpus."

about the choir and why sacred music is important to Catholic faith and liturgy.

Beginning with a story about her time teaching religion to first graders, she recounted her attempt to introduce them to a simplified sung version of the "Ave Maria" (Hail Mary) to help them learn about the beauty and mystery of the Annunciation. She was shocked to see how much the students enjoyed it, taught it to their friends, and desired to learn more songs like it. As she pondered this experience, she came to realize that "although these little ones would not be able to articulate all the intricacies of the Annunciation, they understood something so much more profound from this music that they could not have gotten simply from me speaking to them about the topic. They encountered the music as something beautiful, good, attractive, to be delighted in, and to be shared over and over again."

She continued, "Sacred music takes these mysteries of our faith that are so amazing – even our adult brains cannot understand their depth this side of eternity – and unveils their splendor in such a way that they penetrate our hearts; not only our minds, but our entire person. This is because God wants all of us! We are called to use our gifts to respond to His love with a full gift of ourselves and glorify Him."

It is for this reason that God has given the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the Church, to provide intimate access to the greatest mystery of all, the redemption of the world and God's outpouring of love from His Sacred Heart. Schuster reminded others that, "we may know intellectually what is going on at Mass, but we

can become numb to it, getting distracted, letting it become routine, not letting the truth of God reach our hearts. But when the Mass is sung, as reminded at Vatican II, we are reawakened and God's majesty is unveiled anew." She clarified, "now, the Mass is already the perfect sacrifice; it is intrinsically beautiful, but sacred music unveils the beauty that is always taking place."

Throughout history, the Church has set forth instructions on how to perform sacred music in ways that reveal the beauty of the Lord. Regarding this, Schuster shared a quote from St. Pope John Paul II, who echoed the sentiments of St. Pius X, "the more closely a (musical) composition for church approaches in its movement, inspiration, and savors the Gregorian melodic form (chant), the more sacred and liturgical it becomes; and the more out of harmony it is with that supreme model, the less worthy it is of the temple."

To provide those present an opportunity to participate in this type of beauty, Schuster concluded her talk by leading the congregation in singing "Ave Verum Corpus" in unison.

After her presentation, the choir returned to sing for the evening Mass, giving parishioners an opportunity to hear the music sung for its highest purpose: To glorify God within the sacred liturgy.

Jennifer Litchfield has been part of Ecce since 2019. A parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, and current senior at Purdue Fort Wayne, Litchfield shared that "through the choir, I have realized how much and how many people need beauty brought to them – true beauty, pure beauty. I have been able to see through my own faith

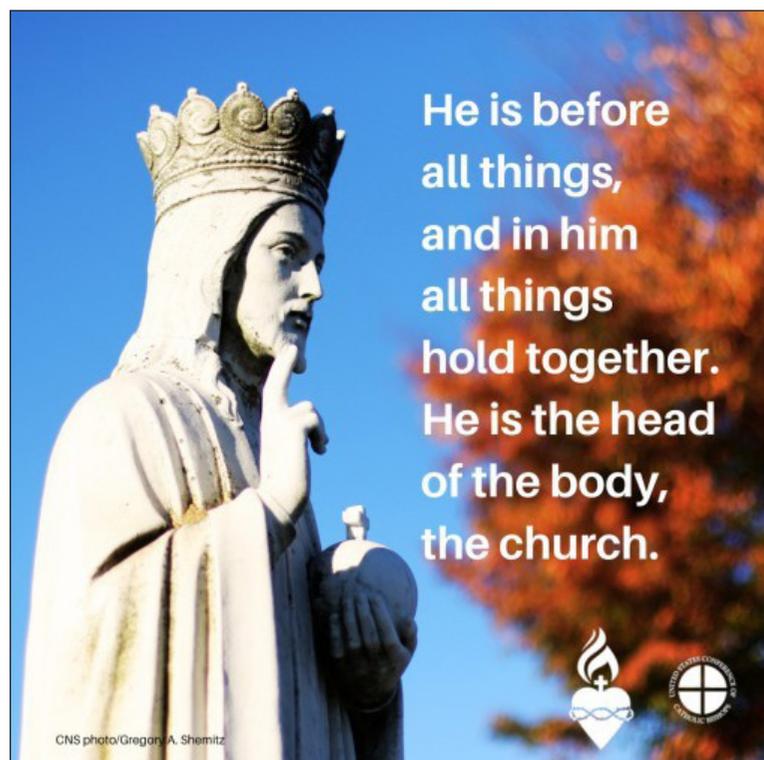
life how through beauty we realize we are not alone. I am merely here so that I can see the fullness of Christ's beauty. I can do that through my music, through the gifts He has given me. I also think everyone has a gift that can magnify Christ's beauty and reveal it to the world; sometimes they don't even know they have that beauty given to them."

Ecce's next public event will be "Adoration by Candlelight" at Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne, on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. The choir will also be singing for Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, and on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. All are welcome.

Anyone who wants to join the choir is invited to email Jessica at jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com. To be considered, members must be practicing Catholics, between the ages of 18 and 30, and proficient in reading music.



For those interested in listening to a sample of Ecce's music, their concert "Never Alone" was recorded in the chapel at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, during the pandemic. The recordings are publicly accessible on YouTube or via this QR code.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Hong Kong Cardinal, Others, Return to Court; Defense Presents Case

HONG KONG (CNS) – Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kium and five other activists returned to court on Oct. 26 to face charges of failing to register a legal fund meant to help those involved in anti-government protests. Prosecutors said the now-defunct 612 Humanitarian Relief Fund should have been registered with police due to its “massive” size and “systematic” mode of operation, according to the South China Morning Post. In September, the West Kowloon Court found that defendants had a case to answer over their alleged failure to register the fund within a specified period. The case involves the Societies Ordinance, which says “any club, company, partnership, or association of persons, whatever the nature or objects, to which the provisions of (the) ordinance apply,” must register with the police commissioner or ask for an exemption. Cardinal Zen, 90, is being prosecuted as a fund trustee along with former lawmakers Margaret Ng Ngoi-yee and Cyd Ho Sau-lan, singer Denise Ho Wan-see, and Hui Po-keung, a former university professor. Sze Ching-wee was charged as the organization’s secretary. Offenders can be fined HK \$10,000 (US \$1,274). The court will hear submissions from the defense on Oct. 31.

Moms’ Group Protests Ruling Striking Down Abortion Laws

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) – It’s a busy time of year for St. Paul residents Susan and John Neuville, parents of five children, including two teenage girls. As the school year began, they faced a growing stack of permission slips and release forms for their children’s sports clubs and activities. “I’m required to supply the name of another adult to contact in case of emergency to advise on treatment if I’m unreachable,” Susan said. Without adult permission, her children cannot go on a field trip, have their photo taken, receive basic dental care, be vaccinated, or be served ice cream. “What I would like to understand is how it would make any sense to have that same child decide whether or not to have an abortion,” she said during a news conference at the Minnesota Capitol this September. “Wouldn’t this be the most critical time to ensure that she has the best support available, most likely her own parents?” Susan, who was joined by a group of mothers, was speaking out against a July 11 ruling by Ramsey County District Court that struck six

Catechists in Myanmar Deliver Supplies to Those in Hiding



CNS photo/Paul Jeffrey

Pah Kler, a Burmese Catholic catechist who supervises the movement of food and other humanitarian supplies to internally displaced families hiding in the forests of Myanmar, loads food on a boat in Mae Sam Laep, a Thai village on the Salween River, which marks the border between Thailand and Myanmar, on Sept. 29, 2022. Boats are loaded here with food and other humanitarian supplies, the first stage of transporting the material to communities of displaced people within Myanmar.

abortion laws down including the law requiring that parents be notified at least 48 hours before an abortion is performed on a minor. Susan, a member of the pro-life group MOMS – Mothers Offering Maternal Support – had spoken out, along with other group members, against the judge’s decision.

Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice Participants Continue its Early Spirit

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) – Nearly 2,000 students came to Washington, D.C. from Oct. 22-24 for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, described as the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States. The participants – from Jesuit high schools, universities, parishes, and groups

– spent their time listening to speakers and workshops on social justice issues, praying, and speaking with legislators on Capitol Hill. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the event hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. The first teach-in was hosted under a tent in Fort Benning, Georgia, near the military school formerly known as the School of the Americas, where participants protested the school’s link to human right violators in Latin America, including the training of Salvadoran soldiers responsible for the murder of six Jesuits and two women at the Central American University in 1989. Today, the annual teach-in has moved to Washington, D.C. and incorporates many social justice issues, but its focus of bringing injustices to light remains the same. Participants still draw inspiration from the Salvadoran martyrs, whose pictures line the

main stage and are the focus of a prayer service held on the opening night of the conference each year. A persistent theme at this year’s gathering was recognizing the work and experiences of social justice advocates in the past and the need to collaborate in current and future work for justice.

Archbishop Offers Prayers for Pelosi’s Husband After Hammer Attack

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) – San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone said he was praying for the husband of House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi after police said he was “violently assaulted” at home early on Oct. 28 by a man with a hammer. “Please join me in praying for the swift recov-

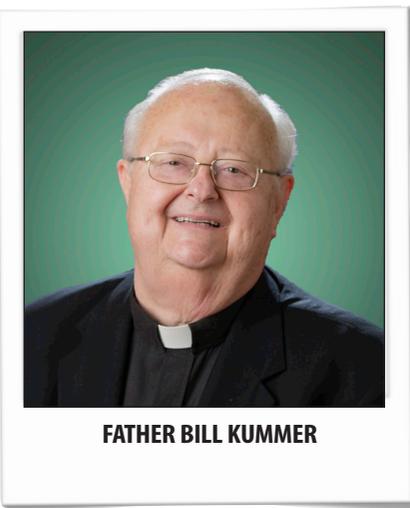
ery of Paul Pelosi and comfort for his wife and family too. Mother Mary hear our prayer,” Archbishop Cordileone tweeted. San Francisco Police Chief William Scott in an Oct. 28 news conference identified 42-year-old David Depape as the suspect, saying he will be charged with attempted homicide. Scott said authorities were called to the Pelosi home at 2:27 a.m. for a priority well-being check and, upon responding, officers said they encountered the speaker’s husband, 82, and a suspect holding a hammer. “The suspect pulled the hammer away from (Pelosi) and violently assaulted him ... our officers immediately tackled the suspect and disarmed him,” Scott said. Both were taken to a local hospital for treatment, police said. Scott said Depape will also be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse, burglary, and other additional felonies.

Catholic Charities Celebrates Home Rebuilding After Kentucky Tornadoes

OWENSBORO, Ky. (CNS) – Bridget Filback has always believed in God. “What I believe now is that God spared us for a reason. Now we’re just waiting to see what it is,” said Filback, who with her husband, Rickie, survived the Dec. 10, 2021 tornadoes that devastated western Kentucky and destroyed the couple’s home in Hartford. This fall though, emotions ran high as the Filbacks celebrated the dedication and ribbon cutting for their new house – built not far from the location of their former home. The house is the first of what will be many rebuilt through the disaster relief work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro and other community organizations. Joey Hazelwood, Project Manager for the long-term recovery group of Ohio County – where Hartford is located – said after the Oct. 3 dedication ceremony: “We couldn’t have done it without Catholic Charities.” Katina Hayden, Catholic Charities’ Director of Disaster Case Management, met Hazelwood during one of the county’s meetings about long-term recovery and told him Catholic Charities could help because that’s what their disaster relief is about. Hazelwood’s team broke ground for the Filbacks’ new house in March. Over the following months, his team and hundreds of skilled volunteers from across the country worked hard to provide the Filbacks with a new place to call home. “I’ve seen amazing things these past six months,” Hazelwood said, adding: “it’s hard to explain ... one of the best things is all the people we’ve gotten to meet.”



A vocation to the religious life always springs from something – some outside influence or seemingly random remark that another person makes can help a young man to discern his calling to the priesthood. Retreats, World Youth Day events, and even the presence of parish priests and religious sisters can impact the spiritual lives of young men and women who desire to give their lives to God and others by extension. Several priests from within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend shared stories of those who influenced their vocations throughout their younger years, echoing into their lives of service today.



FATHER BILL KUMMER

Father Bill Kummer

Pastor, St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne

Growing up at St. Peter Parish in the late 1950s and early 1960s, it was generally expected that all young guys would be asked to consider the seminary. In addition, my Catholic family would have presented the idea to me, with the exception of my father, who would have preferred his only son to provide him with grandchildren. Dad got his wish as many people call me "Father". There were of course two young priests who were influential in keeping the idea of seminary alive for me. They were Father Joseph Emanuel and Father Robert Yaste. I still think of them occasionally in my old age. I realize that this story will be of little inspiration or have the ability to plant seeds of priestly ministry. It is however my story and I thank our good God every day for the priesthood.

Father Bob Garrow

Pastor, St. Stanislaus Kostka, New Carlisle

As I think back to my early years, I feel very blessed to have been a



FATHER BOB GARROW

parishioner at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. While there, I encountered such wonderful men and women of faith, including Bishop Joseph Crowley, Msgr. Bill Lester, Bishop John Sheets, Bishop John D'Arcy, Father Tom Shoemaker, and Msgr. Mike Heintz. Seeing these wonderful bishops and priests inspired me to love God and neighbor. Additionally, the writings of then-Cardinal Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, helped me to be open to God's call. I really felt the urge at a young age, but it rekindled again I think in part due to the prayers from the special "Year of the Priests in 2009". I additionally went on a pilgrimage, where I had the opportunity to experience God's love and hear his voice, absent from the distractions of a busy life and world. I would be remiss if I did not also include the urging of my grandparents Claire and Georgina Fitzmaurice and John and Edna Bunch. Both sets of grandparents were special people who encouraged me to always follow God and to be open to His call.

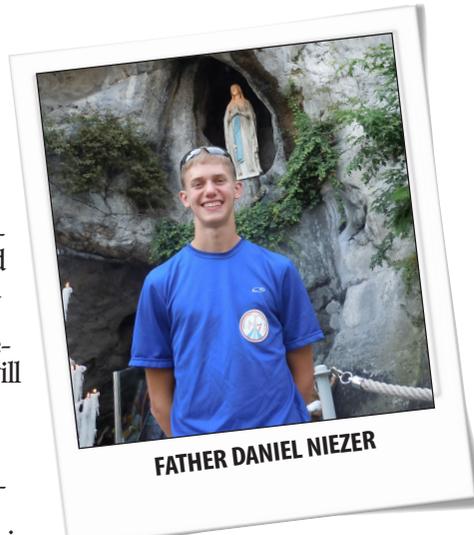
Father Daniel Niezer

Pastor, St. Dominic, Bremen

There are many people, family, friends, and priests that encouraged me in my discernment process, and I am grateful for them all, but I will recount one story here.

It was the summer before entering college, and I found myself participating in the World Youth Day celebrations in 2011. While on this pilgrimage, the diocese made a stop for a few days in Lourdes, France. One evening, a couple of priests and my high school classmate Spenser St. Louis decided to take a walk down to the famous grotto. It was a beautiful evening. Spenser (now Father Spenser) was ready to begin his first year in the seminary while I had never even given one iota of a thought to being a priest. I was just on this pilgrimage for the experience. While we were walking, I can't even remember the conversation we were having with these two priests, but at one point, someone joked about me becoming a priest. While we were all laughing at the joke that was said, one of the priests, Father Tony Steinacker, stopped laughing and said, "No seriously, you should be a priest."

That was the first time I remember somebody intentionally inviting the thought of being a priest into my mind and heart. Honestly, at the time, I remember laughing it off and taking no notice of it, but looking back, together with the whole experience of World Youth Day, that was a moment of grace. Now that I am a priest, I think of how powerful just a simple invitation can be. Who knows, maybe there are some young men who just need to hear another person say, "I think you should be a priest."



FATHER DANIEL NIEZER

God wants to work through us, and these simple words could be exactly what is needed to let God begin that work of instilling a vocation in our hearts.

Father Jacob Runyon

Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Here is one story that helped me on the road to priesthood:

When I was getting more serious about my Catholic faith, I started making a conscious effort to pray every day. Before this, I was faithful to Sunday Mass, but I can't say that I was faithfully praying every day. As I was getting into this habit, a friend shared with me his experience of Confession as being an important part of his prayer life. At this time, I think I had been away from Confession for about two years. So, I was a little bit worried about going to Confession because I had been away. Still, I could feel God calling me to experience His mercy in this sacrament. So, I went into Confession. I confessed my sins, including the fact that I had been away from Confession for two years. I was afraid that the priest was going

to yell at me or something. Instead, he was kind, warm, and compassionate. He encouraged me to continue my newly formed habit of daily prayer, gave me a penance, and gave me absolution. This Confession was a wonderful experience for me. One of the reasons I felt myself wanting to become a Catholic priest was so that I could provide experiences like that for other people. I hope and pray that anyone who comes to Confession with me will find God's love and mercy.



FATHER JACOB RUNYON

Father Jay Horning

Pastor, St. Bernard, Wabash

Many people have had an impact on my call to the priesthood, even my call to the Catholic Church. Going back to college and attending the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, I was introduced to the love of Christ through many friends. Working at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne furthered that desire to share Christ with others, particularly the youth. Wild oppor-

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tunities like World Youth Day 2011 or a pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, Maryland (two years before I'd enter seminary) continued to present God's desire for me to come to Him.

Discernment was always happening, even though I didn't realize it at the time. All those people encouraged me by carrying Christ within themselves. There were countless moments, and reflecting on them makes it much easier and clearer to see them.

I thank everyone who I've ever met or has ever prayed for vocations. Thank you for being Christ for me!

**FATHER JAY HORNING**

much less visible than priests today (we hope they are more visible today, anyway).

We primarily saw them at Mass on Sunday and in Confession; oftentimes weekly or at least every other week when we'd be marched over from grade school. If I was out on my bicycle with a friend in the neighborhood

(as all churches and sisters and priests lived "in the neighborhood" back then), I might see Father going from church to rectory or vice versa and maybe sisters, always in twos, out for a walk after dinner. But it was how it was, and we had tremendous regard for priests and sisters in those days, as I pray we still do today.

So, how does this bear witness to my vocational call to the priesthood, the question asked and story to share? Well, let's set the stage a little. . .

In my grade school days, we had eight sisters teaching in the school and eight lay teachers; yes 16 classrooms, no teacher aids, and classrooms then averaged 49-52 students per room. I realized long after, in fact on the day of my first Mass, that our (then) principal in school six of my eight years, a Holy Cross Sister was at most 25 years old, as principal AND teaching eighth grade!

I don't think a week ever went by in all eight years of grade school that Sister didn't manage to speak to our future vocation in life. One was always encouraged to be someone in life who brought good to the community: a doctor, a nurse, a fireman, policeman — you get the picture — it wasn't about how much you were going to make, but about what you did for people through life, beyond yourself. Of course, in that list of possibilities, always at the top was to consider being a priest or religious. The seed was planted from

young on, and frankly, by sisters who taught in our grade school. They too, in those days, had true and meaningful vocations, as they lived pretty meagerly compared (often) to Father's life in the rectory, or Monsignor's life, if in a larger and more affluent parish. Even in the new convent finally built in my home parish, the sisters' bedrooms were truly small cells with a single bed and a closet that could no more than hold the two habits they may have had and maybe one other outfit if ever the occasion came along to need it.

Back to how my vocation came along. Sister Dorothea was our principal and the eighth-grade teacher in my years in grade school. She planted the seeds for the most part that stayed in my heart. She also showed great concern for me and my well-being — my mother had died by my age of seven — and I was an only child living with my father who worked by day, of course, and was prone to drink in the evening. Sister must have had some awareness. She kept an eye out for me, encouraged, taught, mothered me to some degree, gave me certain responsibilities at school or even to sit at the convent and do my schoolwork while maybe waiting for the plumber to show up. She was a shining example to me of what a caring religious was all about. My vocation surely came from her example more than any other. It stuck with me and while it wasn't until I was in my twenties that I went to the seminary, the vocation and its meaning came from her seeds planted very early on. When I had my first Mass as a priest, she was there, still Dorothea, and was proud to see the fruits of her encouragement, I'm sure. I

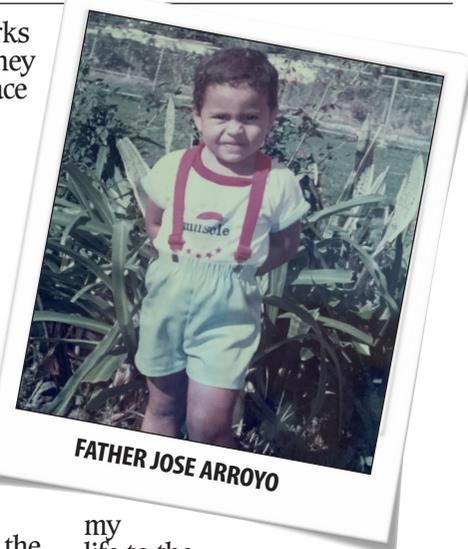
asked her at that time (I was 31 then) how old she was. She said, "52", and I smiled, and in the same voice she used while teacher and principal, she asked, "And what is so amusing about 52, John?" My response as I ducked for cover was, "Gee, I thought you were at least that old when I had you in grade school!" She said, "You may not get to say your second Mass, John", as we both laughed. Long story I suppose, not the usual role model expected, maybe, but bless those dedicated sisters of those days and the great amount of good they did for

the Church! Their good works surely went with them as they now have a very special place in heaven.

Father Jose Arroyo

Pastor, St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City

As a teenager, I had an excellent pastor who was not only intelligent, but had a missionary zeal. He understood the Church as being universal and he knew that he was comfortable in his native Colombia. However, he wanted to bring hope to the Catholic Church in Puerto Rico after a hurricane devastated the east coast in the late 1980s. He eventually served most of his priestly ministry outside of his native country and became "all things for all people" to those he was called to serve. He was my pastor for 14 years and had a great love for consecrated life. Although he was a diocesan priest, he wanted religious sisters to serve the parishioners of different age groups. We had three convents of three different congregations. One group served single mothers and their babies and preschoolers; another group served children within the catechetical program, the youth, and did foreign missions; the last group worked with the elderly and homebound. All this to say that my pastor and the religious sisters had a great impact on the way I live my faith and the way I appreciate the life of the Church. They all accompanied me directly and indirectly, along with the lay faithful of my parish. I can say that I am indebted to them, and it is thanks to their witness and encouragement that I am a priest of Jesus Christ!

**FATHER JOSE ARROYO**

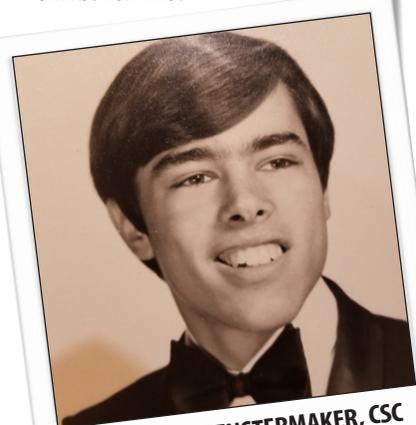
my life to the possibility of a vocation dedicated to Christ and His Church. Thank you, Nate, for guiding me to Jesus and laying the foundations for the priesthood!

**FATHER STEPHEN FELICHIA****Father Stephen Felichia**

Parochial Vicar, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

A priest must have his head screwed on straight, and a heart for love of the Lord. My uncle is Father Greg Holicky (a retired priest of the Diocese of Gary), and my earliest memories of him were of a man who knew everything, a mind that never forgot a single fact, and had placed itself entirely at the service of the Church. A truly beautiful mind. And I remember thinking, "A priest has to be smart." A priest was smart. That was key to the identity. A priest placed the power of his very mind at the service of the Almighty. That was inspiring. I wanted to be similar. I wanted to perfect the higher powers of my human nature and make of it an offering to the One who had given me whatever I had.

But I wouldn't have moved on so noble an idea without the heart of my father, Bob Felichia. My priesthood is a spiritual fatherhood. And I learned what a good father was by watching my dad raise me and my sisters. His heart holds love, formed by the Word of God. And my dad's heart shone upon his children. To be a good priest, you must be a good father (isn't that

**FATHER JIM FENSTERMAKER, CSC****Father Jim Fenstermaker, CSC**

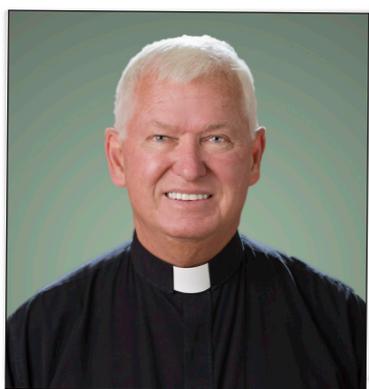
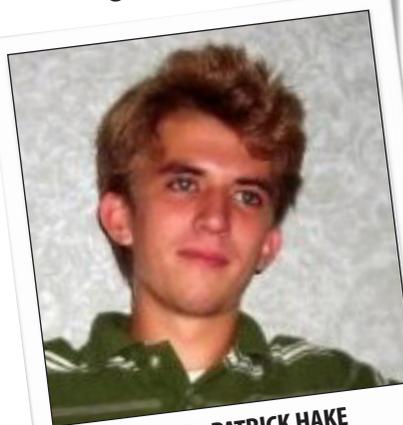
Pastor, Holy Cross, South Bend

While the witness of the Holy Cross brothers and priests at my high school in New York City caused me to begin considering religious life, it was the joyful witness of a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn who sparked my desire to become a priest. As chaplain at a sports camp I attended the summer before my junior year, he made liturgy and prayer come alive for me, and I eventually decided that I would like to do the same for others as he did for me. I am so grateful for the joint witness of those Holy Cross religious and this diocesan priest who led me to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Father John Delaney

Pastor, St. Jude and Sacred Heart of Jesus, South Bend

When I was young — now many years ago — our parish priests were seemingly

**FATHER JOHN DELANEY****FATHER PATRICK HAKE****Father Patrick Hake**

Pastor, St. Peter, Fort Wayne

The person who helped me most in my vocation would have to be Nate Proulx. He was the leader of St. Vincent de Paul Life Teen pro-

gram when I was in high school. He helped me discover my vocation by first helping me to discover who Christ was. I am very grateful for his constant dedication to serve the youth by always leading Bible study on Wednesdays and helping out on Sundays at Life Night. I think what really helped me to encounter Christ was his witness of joy in the Lord. God worked through Nate to help me encounter Jesus, which radically opened

what they call us). I have a great one. I model my mind (to the best of my ability) on that of my Uncle Greg. And I model my heart on my dad. To know and to love. I still strive to know as my uncle, and to love like my dad. The good of my priesthood is inspired by those two men. Any imperfection is my fault alone.

Father Terry Coonan

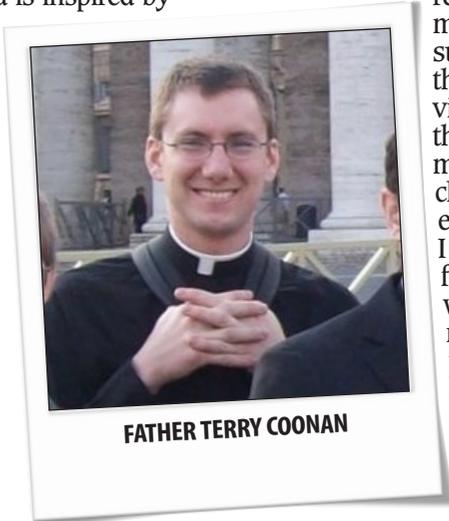
Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

When I was in high school, I definitely heard from a few people that I would be a good priest. I definitely remember one young priest saying that our family, having four sons, could give the Church one or two priests. While I quickly brushed it aside verbally, it did indeed plant a seed in my heart that slowly grew into an awareness of God's calling me to give my life in this way.

However, another important part for me listening to that call was the support from the rest of the Catholic community. My family's love for their faith, as well as their respect for and appreciation of our parish priests, was very important to me feeling open to that vocation for myself. But even if I didn't have them, I would have had the generous support of my youth group (adults and peers), my college buddies, and my mentors who had given me advice over those years of discernment. In college, my buddies threw a surprise farewell party for me and Father Chris Lapp, which meant a lot to me and I'm sure to him too. I also remember old girlfriends being happy for me – a sign of a good dating relationship, I wager! But seriously, the support of fellow

Catholics was essential, particularly their manifest appreciation for their parish priests.

As a more private person, I was shy about sharing my vocational discernment with others. When I did open up to certain people, I needed, and received, affirmation and support from those individuals. Given the space to make a free choice was essential, and I am grateful for all those who helped me along that path to secondary and priesthood.



FATHER TERRY COONAN



FATHER THOMAS ZEHR with Youngest Brother Samuel

Father Thomas Zehr

Pastor, St. Mary, Huntington

I think one of the most important pieces of vocational discernment is simply being open to however the Lord might be calling you. We all would love God to whisper (loudly and clearly) into our ears and He says, "Thomas, I want you to be a priest!" But that's not typically how He speaks. He very often speaks THROUGH others. By listen-

ing to how someone might be speaking about you, whether by a simple compliment, an affirmation, a word of direction or correction, that could actually be the Lord's words being spoken through another. This is certainly the case with me. I always point to a few sources of my vocation to the priesthood; my solid Catholic family, being homeschooled and having regular prayer time as a family, my high school youth group, the priests at my parish, and finally the voices of many people who simply said, "You know what, you could be a great priest." Simple words like that eventually made me consider the possibility of priesthood more seriously. We can't always see what others might; for my case, they saw how God was working in me better than I could. While not every word spoken to you is going to be a direct message from God, it is worth listening to the voices of good, holy people in your community that simply want the best for you and for the Church. Be open. Be receptive to the Lord's words, however unique, however scary, however crazy. God does crazy good things with crazy people who are willing to follow Him!

Father Andrew Curry

Pastor, St. John Bosco, Churubusco; Immaculate Conception, Ege

I grew up on the Polish and Hungarian west side of South Bend and attended Holy Family Catholic Parish. For the first 20 years of my life, our church was in the basement of our school. Msgr. Bernard Galic was the pastor of my youth. He was there when I received First Communion, Confirmation (by Bishop Sheets), and he was our pastor even when I was ordained and then had my first Mass, which was in the new church built just after the

year 2000. I remember Msgr. Galic always shaking hands after Mass, and when I shook his hand, I always had a strong sense that the priest represents Christ.

In my youth, my family discovered the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugorje. This sparked a love of Mary in my life. I've read a lot of books and articles on Medjugorje, and when I read these in my youth, it made me think of being a priest in this same Eucharistic and Marian spirit.

When I was in middle school, I remember Denis Nolan coming to my parish to talk to the youth about Mary. He was the first layman I had ever heard talk with such passion and articulation for Jesus and Mary. I remember thinking at that moment that if I ever were to be a priest, I'd want to be like him. He wasn't even a priest!

In many ways, I have never sought God. I was just put in the presence of so many good Catholics, and to me the Church's thought and teachings all made sense. In my youth, I did not have a desire to be a priest even though I loved the Catholic faith and the theology of the priest-

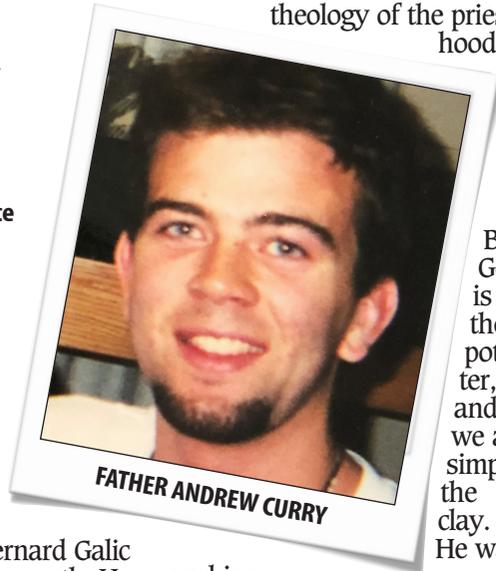
hood. weekend retreats that were inspiring. I desired to have that kind of joy in my heart and to share the Christian faith in an authentic and life-giving way.

I discovered Franciscan University in Steubenville because Chris Derda (now Father Chris Derda in the Diocese of Kalamazoo) put together a caravan to a weekend conference for youth. I later applied to Steubenville because I wanted this kind of joy and articulation of the faith. It was there that my desire for priesthood grew, and doubts started to fade. Having all the young men around me who were learning the faith and were open to being priests made me realize that as a priest, I would not be lonely. I also found the philosophical and theological studies fascinating, which broke the barrier of me thinking that studies needed to become a priest would be too long.

Studying St. John Paul II and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger made me want to be a priest, to be like them and to share their thoughts. I was in seminary when Ratzinger was elected pope and it was a major moment of vocation confirmation for me.

My mom and dad are the foundation of my vocation ... good people with lively faith. They loved their family, their work, their parish, and their Christian friendships and retreats. I had a great childhood on the west side of South Bend, but I think it all would have been different had they not learned about the Blessed Virgin Mary and not started a weekly Sunday evening rosary prayer group with their friends and families.

Praised be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!



FATHER ANDREW CURRY

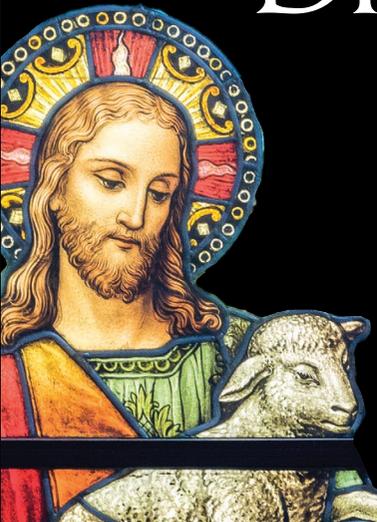
But God is the potter, and we are simply the clay. He was

working.

I remember sitting in math class at Saint Joseph High School thinking that the best thing I could do with my life would be to give my life to the Church. Near the end of high school, I went on a couple of

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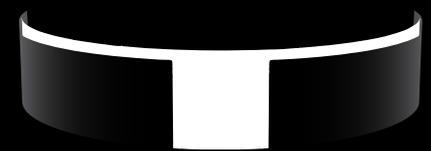


- The main reason young men do not consider the priesthood is because they have never been personally asked.
- If 3 different people invite a man to consider the priesthood, he is 5 times more likely to apply to be a seminarian.

Pray for specific men you know to consider the priesthood — then personally invite them to do so.

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Msgr. Michael Heintz, PhD

Seminary Academic Dean and Director of Intellectual Formation, Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Maryland

My own vocation story is rather unremarkable, but there were several important individuals who made a profound difference (though probably without realizing it at the time). I grew up at St. Thomas Parish and Grade School in Elkhart. As a child, I would often pray in church before school started. I was in awe of the priests who were at the parish in my childhood: Msgr. Bill Lester, Father Donald Muldoon, and Father Bill Hodde. I saw something in them that I desired. I would often see them in church praying and I found that very edifying (or perhaps as a child, simply mysterious). When I was in high school at Marian, Father Bill Schooler was the chaplain, and he also had a profound impact on me – in God's providence, I am now privileged to live with him and assist him at St. Pius X when I am home from seminary. During my high school years – and I cannot recall precisely when or what prompted me – I started walking to church (we only lived several blocks from St. Thomas) each evening for the 5:15 Mass. Daily Mass became a feature of my life during high school. Being formed by the rhythm of the Church's liturgy was also a pivotal feature of my vocation story.

In the end, nothing remarkable – no visions, locutions, no radical reversion or conversion – just the slow, steady workings of grace accomplished by God through chosen instruments whose priesthood was being lived out with fidelity, zeal, and joy.

Father Anthony Steinacker

Pastor, SS. Peter and Paul, Huntington

After high school, I began working full-time at a local grocery store. After a few months, I was made the Assistant Manager of the Produce Department and got to meet and work with many wonderful people. While stocking the shelves and replenishing the displays, I had the opportunity to interact with many customers and I developed a good rapport with them.

This went on for about five years. Then, during one of my evaluations, a member of upper management requested that I participate in a manage-



MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

ment seminar, as they wanted me to become an Assistant Manager of one of their stores. I thought that this was a great opportunity and something I would be interested in, because again, I enjoyed working with everyone and they saw me as a faithful and loyal employee.

About the same time, a frequent customer whom I interacted with on occasion, came up to me and said, "You look rather happy", to which I responded, "Thank you, I am! I was just asked to be in a special training program for future management." Their facial reaction seemed rather puzzled, and they replied, "So you're not going to become a priest?" My reaction was probably even more puzzled as I responded, "A priest? Where did you get the idea that I was going to become a priest?" As the conversation went on, she explained how all the qualities, characteristics, work ethic, etc. that she saw me demonstrate here at the store would help to make me a good priest also. That interaction caused me to seek out my parish priest, Father Bill Kummer, who said,



FATHER ANTHONY STEINACKER

"I think you would make a great priest too, and you might just be the only priest who knows the difference between

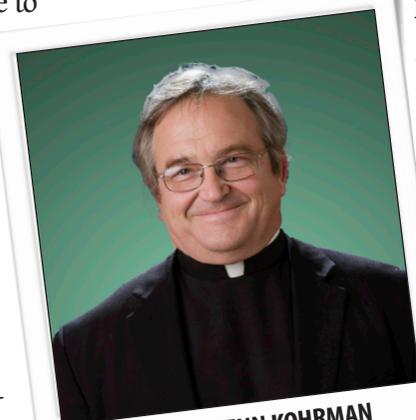
a turnip and a rutabaga!"

Obviously, more conversations had to take place, but it was through one person's insight that planted the "seed" that helped to grow my vocation to the priesthood.

Father Glenn Kohrman

Pastor, Holy Family and St. John the Baptist, South Bend

Life is a mystery, and my call to be a priest has been a great gift to me. My parents instilled in me my faith and the need to seek out one's call.



FATHER GLENN KOHRMAN

My uncle, Father Don Isenbarger, was a great example. He loved his people and did a great job of being around even though there were a lot of nieces and nephews. When I was at Purdue, ultimately ending

up with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, the priests on campus were outstanding examples and gave me some great counsel, particularly Father Theodore Rothrock and Father Richard J. Wiesenberger as I discerned entering the seminary after my engineering coursework was finished.

Show Gratitude For Your Priest

How do you show someone you appreciate them both as a person and for the role they fill in the community? Priests do so much for us as faithful Catholics and have what might be the hardest job in the world, and the most fulfilling, bringing the sacraments to the faithful members of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Working with parish secretaries and priests, Today's Catholic compiled some suggestions for ways that parishioners can express their gratitude for and support these faithful men who said yes to God's calling in their lives.

— The greatest thing we can do for our priests is to pray for them – daily, specifically, fervently.

— Ask your priest directly what you can do for him. Every parish has unique needs, be it financial, volunteering, specific items, etc. Every priest is different, so not all of them will need or want the same things.

— Be aware of dietary needs or restrictions before giving gifts of treats, particularly at Christmastime. The priest may be diabetic or focused on his personal health, and is likely to receive an abundance of sweets, which are sometimes passed on to parish staff members who also may need to avoid these foods.

— In lieu of gifts at holidays or anniversaries, ask him if there is a charity organization that he would rather have you give money to in his name.

— Women can join a Seven Sisters Apostolate, a women's group that covers a parish priest in prayer seven days a week, or start one if your parish doesn't already have one (or two, depending on how many priests you have).

— Send him a Christmas card with an end-of-year donation rather than using the collection envelope. This can be very meaningful and shows that you took extra time to show your appreciation.

— Compliment him on a specific thing he's done in the parish or an aspect of his homily that touched you. Priests need to know that they are making an impact with their people.

— Be respectful of his time. After Mass is not the best time to begin a lengthy conversation or bring up something that is important to you. He may have other people waiting to greet him and/or your important issue could get lost in the things going on around him. Instead, make an appointment to sit down and speak with him one-on-one.

— Ask him if he has any prayer intentions that you can add to your prayer list. He

might be dealing with something that needs extra prayers. Let him know that you're praying for him.

— Follow through with your promises. If you said you would be willing to do something around the parish, it is important to complete the task.

— Let a priest know if you are in the hospital and/or preparing for surgery. By law, hospitals can't give out this information, so please have someone inform them so that they may pray for you.

— Keep a smile on your face and a positive attitude. As one secretary said, some days are better than others and your priest needs to have your support on both kinds of days.

— Get into the trenches to help where and when you can, especially by inviting people to Church through the RCIA process.

— Send written notes of appreciation. This is something that a priest can look back on through the years and remember fondly.

— Don't leave things in church without asking permission, even prayer cards or other religious articles. Take ownership of the church space as if it were your home.

— Refrain from comparing him to the previous priest or the priest before that one. Everyone has a different focus and a different way of doing things and he is trying to manage things the best way he can.

— Keep private matters confidential. Priests deal with sensitive matters, and it is important to respect people's privacy, including your parish priest.

— If you know his private phone number, do not share it with anyone. If someone needs to reach him, direct them to the parish office.

— When in doubt, call the parish office. The secretary or the priest himself would be more than happy to answer your questions about how you can best show him your appreciation and support.

Most importantly:

— Ensure that your children receive their sacraments.

— Bring them to Mass every week and form them in the Faith, helping your spiritual father lead others to our Heavenly Father.

Solanus Vocation Society Supports Calls to Priesthood, Religious Life

BY MIRIAM BARRY

The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society provides financial, personal, and prayer support to the seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Through its work and prayers, the society aims to encourage more generous responses to Christ's call for laborers in the vineyard, raise awareness of the need to pray for the men and women who have taken the first step in responding to His voice, and express appreciation for their gift to the Church.

The society takes its name from Blessed Solanus Casey, a Franciscan friar who spent his final earthly years at St. Felix Friary in Huntington. The group invokes his intercession and promotes him as a recent example of holiness from within the diocese. The simple yet profound virtue which quickly put Blessed Solanus Casey on the path to canonization can inspire more men today to lead similar lives of priestly service.

Previously connected with the national Serra Club, the society operates in Fort Wayne, while a Serra Club chapter, which originally served the entire diocese, continues an active ministry in the South Bend-area. According to Aaron Kennerk, current President of the Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society, the benefit of separating to form a group in each city is that "you're getting both sides of the diocese, really making sure that they feel the love, that we are praying for them, and anything they need, just let us know."

The society functions as a nonprofit organization which assists the seminarians monetarily as well as spiritually. Along with the St. John Paul II Fund and annual Pentecost Collection, it contributes to the educational costs of the young men studying to become priests of the diocese. When ordained, they also receive a gift from the society to support their future ministry.

Formerly based at St. Joseph Hospital in downtown Fort Wayne, the society now utilizes the spiritual center at St. Vincent de Paul Parish for their meetings. The group gathers monthly, typically on First Fridays, for Holy Mass followed immediately by lunch and a guest speaker. The featured priest or seminarian shares his vocation story, and as the men speak, Kennerk notices that they visibly "light up with the joy of the vocation they have been called to and they chose to say 'yes' to."

The society boasts a membership count in the thirties,

composed of primarily retired Fort Wayne residents. It is slowly expanding and looking to continue growing, because, as Kennerk states, "the more relationships we can create with them, so that they can feel more and more supported, I think, the better."

One pivotal aspect of these relationships comes through spiritual sponsorships. Sponsors intentionally pray for a particular seminarian with whom they have been matched. Quiet, prayerful support is the backbone of the group's mission, and "spiritual sponsorship is another step of individualizing the seminarians and having a one-on-one person committed to praying for them." The society further fosters friendships with the seminarians by hosting biannual Christmas dinners to meet them and their parents and express gratitude for their study, prayer, service, and witness to the diocese.

On their birthdays and at Christmas, the society mails cards to each seminarian. In his speech at the most recent meeting, Father Brian Isenbarger mentioned his appreciation for these communications from the society during his years of study. Many seminarians have shared that receiving mail, especially from children, greatly encourages them as well. Kennerk's four- and five-year-old children write birthday cards for those he sponsors. He highlights the value of these homemade greetings. "They love it! Because when you're in school with a bunch of college students, you don't get that as much, and you miss your family." Kennerk adds that the seminarians frequently respond with gratitude and assurances of their prayers for the sender and for the whole diocese.

From Kennerk's perspective, "getting the letters really helps them know why they're doing this, because they're saying yes to God, but they're also doing it for us." In view of their complete self-sacrifice to serve the diocesan community, "why wouldn't we want to feel called to reach out to them and say, 'hey, thank you for what you are doing?'"

Forming personal relationships with seminarians also promotes openness to and understanding of discernment and, in Kennerk's view, their

witness to families "helps potentially foster more vocations" in children and young people.

In addition to the support society members offer the seminarian students, they encourage vocations to the religious life. The organization co-sponsors a diocesan women's vocations poster which displays the daughters of the diocese who are in formation either for consecrated virginity or with a community of sisters. The posters prompt prayers for these women in their discernment

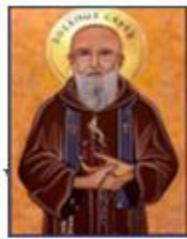
and invites other young ladies to consider this vocation. Of the laity's consciousness of religious life, Kennerk points out, "more awareness that that's also something women go into is powerful, and you almost need more things like posters to tell them, because you don't see that on a daily basis."

While several orders of religious sisters work within the diocese, their presence is less visible than that of priests, and most Catholics rarely interact with religious brothers and sisters. In the past, the society

regularly hosted dinners for religious, but as the number of sisters able to attend declined, these events ceased. Following this change, Kennerk commented, "We turned our focus more toward the diocesan priests that we have and the seminarians, but we still hold the sisters close to us in wanting to find ways, when we can, to support them."

The society does this primarily through prayer, and Kennerk urges that "we desperately need more people to pray for vocations. And not just for the priesthood. Yes, it's a focus of ours, but not just for the priesthood."

This earnest hope for an increase in answers to God's calling both to the priesthood and religious life is the heart of the society's work.



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National Vocations Awareness Week

How is God calling You?



Discerning your vocation?

Here are a few tips from the Congregation of Holy Cross' Office of Vocations:

- 1 Prepare your heart.** Begin not by asking but by knowing God. Attend regular Mass and Confession, reflect on Scripture, pray, and offer service.
- 2 Ask the question.** Ask for the desire to receive the answer so that when it comes you might embrace it.
- 3 Listen for God's call.** Waiting for an answer takes patience, but God makes his will known to those who seek it with sincere hearts.
- 4 Address fears and questions.** It is in answering God's call that we find our greatest joy. If you think you may be called, follow the QR code below to learn more about the process of discernment or to reach out to a Vocation Director.



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Watching 'The Crown'

What would it be like to watch your life play out on the small screen, episode after episode?

It's something I've been thinking about while watching Season 4 of "The Crown" on Netflix in anticipation of the release of Season 5 on Nov. 9. (Yes, I do realize that Season 4 first released in November 2020, but Baby No. 3 has put me officially about two years behind on pretty much everything!)

In Season 4, the gap between history and present day is growing ever smaller, and we begin to encounter more well-known individuals that have been alive and active in living memory: Margaret Thatcher, Princess Diana, a maturing Prince Charles, a toddling Prince William. The show is so well produced and so intriguing that I often find myself spending significant chunks of time down the Google rabbit hole after an episode. "Ok, Google, did Queen Elizabeth really talk at such lengths with intruder Michael Fagan?" (No.) "Did Diana Spencer really pass the Balmoral Test with flying colors?" (Yes.) "Were Nerissa and Katherine Bowes-Lyon placed in a mental hospital and then completely ignored by the royal family?" (It's complicated.)

Watching semi-fictionalized accounts of very real individuals is both fascinating and frustrating. "Don't do it, Charles!" I might have screamed at the TV when he proposed, followed by a louder, "DON'T DO IT, DIANA!" as

she donned her famous ivory puffy-sleeved wedding gown, moving herself one step closer to the fateful 1997 collision in the Parisian tunnel. It's easy for us, with our benefits of time, omniscience, and distance from the character, to be able to applaud decisions that we now know to be wise and click our tongues at those that we now know to be poor. I have found myself wondering if any of those portrayed in the series have watched it and what their reaction might be if they had.

"Ok, Google, did Queen Elizabeth watch 'The Crown?'" (Yes, she did, and reportedly enjoyed it. Prince Philip did not.)

What would it be like for each of us to watch our own lives unfold before us? Major successes and joys celebrated; major defeats and sorrows endured. What rating would we give ourselves, in hindsight, for the decisions we've made, the way we responded during certain crises, or the way that we treated another human being? How many times did we opt for "Bad Choice Road," as the "Breaking Bad"/ "Better Call Saul" franchise framed it? How many times did we lose our patience over something small? How many times did we opt for something else — anything else — before prayer, worship, or reading Scripture?

If we were able to watch the series of our life, surrounded by our friends and family, would we be proud of what was on the screen? Would we be embarrassed? Gratified?



GUEST COMMENTARY

GRETCHEN CROWE

Ashamed? How often would we try to give ourselves or our behavior a pass? It would be a most public examination of conscience.

And maybe that's not a bad thing, having our life before us for honest appraisal? After all, we know that we are to be judged on our actions here on earth — that the Lord himself will separate the sheep from the goats (cf. Mt 25:32).

Pope St. John Paul II once wrote: "Deceived by the loss of the sense of sin and at times tempted by an illusion of sinlessness which is not at all Christian, the people of today too need to listen again to St. John's admonition, as addressed to each one of them personally: 'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,' and indeed, 'the whole world is in the power of the evil one.'"

Will our lives ever likely be projected before us while we live, à la "The Crown"? Most likely not. But maybe we should live like it one day might be.

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Of a Lesser-Known Gospel Story that is Pretty "Cool"

Recently I was talking to a group of young adult Catholics and mentioned a gospel passage that they said they had never heard. It is the Gospel of the temple tax and how Jesus told Peter to go catch a fish and, in its mouth, will be a coin that will pay the temple tax for Jesus and Peter. In a certain sense, it is one of the more charming Gospel passages and kind of "cool." It shows Jesus' sovereignty over creation and the rather interesting twist of finding money in the mouth of a certain fish from a large school of likely millions of fish. In the Holy Land today, when you have a meal near the Sea of Galilee, many of the restaurants serve "Peter's Fish" that is served with a coin in its mouth.

The Bible-study students before me, mostly in their early thirties, were perplexed that they had never heard of this passage. It is from Matthew 17:22-27. Let's take a look at this lesser-known story and ponder it.

First of all, it is likely a confusing passage to anyone who hears it proclaimed in the United States because the New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE), used for the lectionary in this country, makes what I would argue is an inaccurate translation of the Greek text. Here is the passage in question (the crucial section is presented in italics):



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"When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, 'Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?' 'Yes,' he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, 'What is your opinion, Simon? *From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?*' *When he said, 'From foreigners,' Jesus said to him, 'Then the subjects are exempt.'* But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you" (Matthew 17:24-27).

The NABRE translation makes little sense; kings do in fact collect taxes from their "subjects." Their subjects are not exempt from taxes, tolls, or censuses.

In contrast, the Greek

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Life is Short, Afterlife is Forever



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 20:27-38

This weekend, observed as the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church presents as the first reading a section from the Second Book of Maccabees.

Maccabees, First or Second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books date from a period only two centuries before Christ. They rose from a very dark period in the history of God's people.

When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East, died, his generals scrambled

to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt, an ancestor of Cleopatra. Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria.

A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly.

These two books of Maccabees lionized the pious Jewish martyrs who refused to forsake the one God of Israel.

This weekend's reading describes quite vividly the penalty Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god.

Heroism, therefore, is one lesson. Another is about the afterlife. The reading mentions the afterlife as a reward for holy living on earth. The afterlife as a doctrine was not well refined in the more ancient Hebrew writings. Thus, Maccabees expands the notion.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading. This work too was written when times were very hard for true believ-

ers, Christians in this case. The epistle is challenging, but encouraging. Regardless of whatever may lie ahead, it insists that disciples must hold firm to their bond with the Lord. Times may be bad, even terrifying, but they will pass. God and those devoted to God will be victorious!

St. Luke's Gospel, the source of the last reading, continues the theme of the afterlife. Its message is clear. Those persons faithful to God in this life will live with God triumphantly and eternally in the next life.

This reading also says that the ways of God are beyond our experience and our understanding. We are humans; nothing less, but nothing more. We are nothing less in that we can decide to live properly to receive as God's gift eternal life itself. We are nothing more in that we need God.

Reflection

War has tormented every generation of Americans since the Revolution. Americans

died in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various other military actions. While tensions usually preceded the wars, often a sudden event ignited them. People's lives forever changed.

Then came COVID. In early 2020, no one realized that human life would change because of it, but it did.

St. Luke wrote for believers who knew that catastrophe and death might well come to them because of persecution then underway.

The Gospel consoled and inspired them. It told them, as it now tells us, that human sin, turning away from God, brings upon people enormous injury and ultimate destruction.

If we follow God, we find the better way to life, to concord, to wholesomeness. God's law has proven its worth. No other human philosophy can make the same claim.

Finally, God's eternal reward,

awaiting the just, will never fade or go away. True believers move not to death, but they pass death as a milestone on their way to eternal life.

Life on earth is uncertain. Wars show this. All the epidemics that have infected people have too. Sin inevitably weaves a deadly web. We know "not the day nor the hour." In this "vale of tears," Christians must endure terrible things, but if they cling to Christ, the future is glorious.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8 15 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 Lk 20:27-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-4b 5-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

Let Us Double Our Seminarians!

It was fully my intention to have all of the Winona-Rochester seminarians stand at one point during my installation Mass homily. I had told the people that, in the words of St. John Paul II, “ecclesia de eucharistia” (“the Church comes from the Eucharist”), and since the Eucharist comes from priests, it logically follows that if there are no priests, there will be no Church. So I wanted everyone to see and acknowledge the young men in our diocese who are actively discerning a call to this indisputably important way of life.

During the ovation, something came to me as an inspiration. I hadn’t planned to say it, but I blurted out, as the applause was dying down, “Let’s double their number in the next five years!” A confirmation that this was perhaps from the Holy Spirit is that people, at every stop I’ve made so far in the diocese, have, with enthusiasm, echoed those words back to me. In fact, the leader of one of the Serra groups has told me that she and her colleagues have decided to take up the challenge.

We have 20 seminarians, at both the college and major theology levels, which is pretty good for a diocese our size. And we have a wonderful coterie of priests, both active and “retired,” who are busily serving our nearly 100 parishes. But those under retirement age number only around 60, and all of our priests are stretched thin. Furthermore, there will be no priestly ordinations in Winona-Rochester for the next two years. So, there is no question: We need more priests.

Now, bishops and priests do indeed have a key role to play in the encouragement of vocations. What draws a young man to the priesthood is, above all, the witness of happy, healthy priests. Some years ago, the University of Chicago conducted a survey to determine which professions were the happiest. By a rather large margin, those deemed

most content were members of the clergy. Moreover, a variety of surveys have demonstrated that, despite the troubles of recent years, Catholic priests report very high levels of personal satisfaction with their lives. Given these data, one recommendation I would make to my brother priests is this: Let people see it! Let them know how much joy you take in being a priest.

But I believe that lay people have an even more important role to play in the cultivation of vocations. Within the Protestant context, sometimes the son of a great preacher follows in his father’s footsteps so that one minister effectively begets another. But this, for obvious reasons, can’t happen in a Catholic setting.

Instead, priests, without exception, come from lay people; they come from families. The decency, prayerfulness, kindness, and encouragement of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles make an enormous difference in the fostering of a vocation to the priesthood. One of the most vivid memories of my childhood is of my father, kneeling in intense prayer after Communion one Sunday at St. Thomas More Parish in Troy, Michigan. I was only five or six at the time, and I considered my father the most powerful man on earth. That he was kneeling in supplication before Someone more powerful shaped my religious imagination profoundly and, as you can tell, I’ve never forgotten the moment. Both of my parents loved and respected priests and made sure that we kids had steady contact with them. Trust me, their openness of spirit in regard to priests affected my vocation deeply.

And please remember that non-family members can light the flame of a vocation as well. Study after study has shown that one of the most important factors in convincing a young man to enter the seminary is that a trusted



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

friend, colleague, or elder told him that he would make a good priest. I know that there are lots of folks who harbor in their hearts the conviction that a young man should enter the seminary, for they have noticed his gifts of kindness, prayerfulness, intelligence, etc., but they have never summoned the courage or taken the time to *tell him*. Perhaps they’ve assumed that others have done so. But this tragically misses an opportunity. I would say simply this: if you have remarked virtues in a young man that would make him an effective priest, assume that the Holy Spirit has given you this insight *so that you might share it with that young man*. Believe me, the plainest words you speak could be seeds that will bear fruit 30, 60, and 100 fold.

Finally, if you feel strongly about vocations, pray for them. In the Bible, nothing of moment is ever accomplished apart from prayer. God delights in our cooperation with his grace, but the work of salvation is, at the end of the day, His. So ask Him! Might I suggest a particular intercessor in this regard? Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, said that she entered the convent “in order to save souls and especially to pray for priests.” She also said that she would spend her heaven doing good on the earth. Let us, therefore, petition her intercession as we ask the Lord to double the number of our seminarians in the coming years.

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text is clear and does make sense. It speaks not of subjects and foreigners, but of sons and strangers. The Greek text is straightforward:

“... from their sons or from the strangers?”

The Greek word *huion* means sons or descendants (by birth or possibly by adoption); it refers to people sharing the *same nature* as their father. The Greek text is referring to people who are of the family or household of a king.

These sons (or members of the king’s family) are distinguished from *allogrion*, those who belong to another’s family and are thus subjects of the

king, or foreigners living in the land.

In light of this, I find the NABRE’s translation of *huion* as “subjects” to be odd. I consulted about two dozen other English translations of this passage and not one of them renders the word as “subjects.” They all translate it as either “sons” or “children.”

Secondly, it really is a charming Gospel! Jesus tells Peter to pull out the first fish he sees, and that in its mouth he will find the money necessary to pay the tax. What a wonderful story! It is a quiet miracle, one which affirms Peter’s faith in Jesus’ divinity and Sonship without confronting others who were not yet ready to hear or believe this.

The Father does exempt Jesus from the tax, but He supplies the money to pay it anyway. Hence the tax officials are spared a conflict because they are not yet ready to render an act of faith in Jesus’ divinity and status as the Son of God who is exempt from this tax.

Thus, He is merciful and prepares us for belief. Having granted the gift of faith, He sends confirmations to strengthen our faith little by little. He draws us in gently and clearly.

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Gospel for November 6, 2022

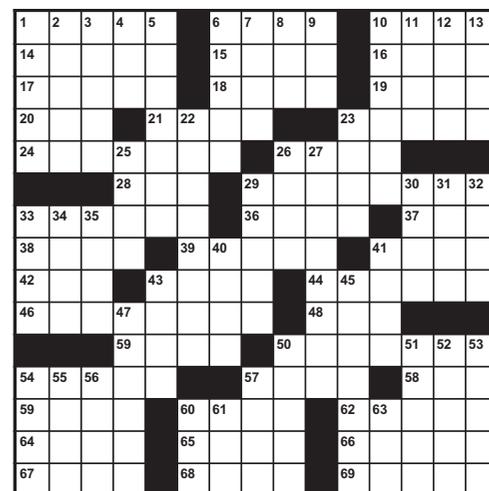
Luke 20: 27-38

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: A trick question. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| QUESTION | TEACHER | MOSES |
| DIES | WIFE | RAISE UP |
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| WOMAN | RESURRECTION | THIS AGE |
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ACROSS

- 1 It was thought to be the abode of unbaptized but innocent
- 6 Tide
- 10 LA problem
- 14 Like some halls
- 15 Mountain range
- 16 Garment of ancient Rome
- 17 Titled
- 18 The Immaculate Conception
- 19 British nobleman
- 20 One, to Pierre
- 21 Collars
- 23 Place where language was confused, in Genesis
- 24 Makes sorrowful
- 26 Follower of Hosea
- 28 Alphabet string
- 29 Teachings
- 33 Catholic vampire actor
- 36 Assess
- 37 Narrow inlet
- 38 PDQ
- 39 Unskilled laborers
- 41 Ding _____
- 42 Irish bishop-saint whose feast day is February 6

- 43 Units of electrical resistance
- 44 The Lord appeared to Isaiah on this
- 46 _____ Blood of Jesus
- 48 “Norma _____”
- 49 Taverns
- 50 Most temperate
- 54 Color of smoke if no pope is elected
- 57 Peter did this after he denied Jesus
- 58 502 to Caesar
- 59 Castor’s mother
- 60 Two of a kind
- 62 Accustom
- 64 Applied
- 65 Flat circular plate
- 66 More pleasant
- 67 Sicilian volcano
- 68 Deuce beater
- 69 Valleys

DOWN

- 1 Second pope
- 2 An ex of Donald
- 3 Acted like Marceaux
- 4 Honey insect
- 5 Peculiarity

- 6 Deadens
- 7 Periods of history
- 8 Berne’s river
- 9 Wood starter
- 10 Breaks the seventh commandment
- 11 Biblical kingdom
- 12 Barbarous person
- 13 “... they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with _____” (Mt 27:34)
- 22 Short text chanted before and after a psalm
- 23 The “B” of N.B.
- 25 Let go of
- 26 Saint of the Hundred Years’ War
- 27 Surpass
- 29 Rosary starter
- 30 Buck and switch ender
- 31 Waterfall
- 32 Wise
- 33 Sanctuary light
- 34 A kind of friendly
- 35 Very strong wind
- 40 Large flightless birds
- 41 First name in an 1857 Supreme Court decision
- 43 Hog sound
- 45 Faltering
- 47 Large homopterous insect
- 50 Certain works
- 51 Develop
- 52 Seductively beautiful woman
- 53 Rows
- 54 Marian color
- 55 For fear that
- 56 Capital of Yemen
- 57 Five virgins in Matthew 25
- 60 BC summer setting
- 61 Sometimes we have to come up for some
- 63 Naught

Answer key can be found on page 15

St. Mary Celebrates 125 Years Since the Dedication of the Parish



Photos by Nicole Hahn

The altar at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington is decorated for a special Mass to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the parish on Oct. 30.



Father Thomas Zehr poses with the altar servers following a special Mass to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington.



Father Thomas Zehr, pastor of Saint Mary in Huntington, and Father Tony Steinacker, pastor of SS. Peter in Paul in Huntington, are dressed up and taking part in the 1920s themed Trivia Night, an annual fundraiser for Huntington Catholic School on Oct. 29. More than \$10,000 was raised for the school.

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St. Charles Fine Arts Craft Fair

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo will have a craft fair in the school, 4916 Trier Rd., on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact scharlescraftfair@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Annual Snowflake Bazaar

HUNTINGTON — St. Mary's Rosary Sodality will host a Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Mary's gymnasium, 903 N. Jefferson St. Contact Mary Till at 260-385-4571 or mandmtill81@gmail.com.

St. Aloysius Craft Show

YODER — The second annual St. Aloysius Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Aloysius gymnasium, 14623 Bluffton Rd. Contact Amanda Freiburger at 812-325-8563 or saintscraftshow@gmail.com.

St. John Bosco Craft Bazaar

CHURUBUSCO — St. John Bosco Parish, 216 N. Main St., will host a craft bazaar on Friday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12,

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Freshly baked cinnamon rolls and coffee will be offered in the morning. Stay and enjoy a lunch of delicious homemade soup, sandwich, and chips, served all afternoon. Handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, and our famous hand rolled noodles will be offered for sale. A gently-used shop with many bargains will also be available. A raffle with a chance to win one of several prizes will cap off the event.

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar

AVILLA — St. Mary Parish, 232 N. Main St., will have a Christmas bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rental is \$20. Call Rose for more information at 260-318-2698 or Henrietta at 260-693-3454.

Mass for the Deceased

FORT WAYNE — Father Daniel Whelan will offer a Mass for the Deceased on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. at the outside altar in the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. If the weather is bad, it will be in the Resurrection Mausoleum. Following Mass, there will be

a procession in the cemetery while the rosary is prayed.

Fall Afternoon Retreat: Encounters on the Road

GRANGER — St. Pius X will offer a fall afternoon of retreat, Encounters on the Road, on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1-4:30 p.m. The retreat will conclude with a talk by special guest Meg Hunter-Kilmer, who has spent the past decade "on the road" helping people to encounter Christ through her unique itinerant ministry. Childcare is available to registered parishioners of St. Pius. Register online by Sunday, Oct. 30, at stpius.net/fallretreat. Contact Ashley Logsdon at aogsdon@stpius.net or 574-272-8462, ext. 122.

Open House at Saint Joseph High School

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave., will have an open house on Nov. 6, from 1-3 p.m. Guests will tour the school, learn about co-curricular opportunities, and meet students, faculty, and administra-

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Annual Rosary for the Poor Souls

MISHAWAKA — The annual rosary for the poor souls will be recited at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Mishawaka. The rosary will be recited rain or shine.

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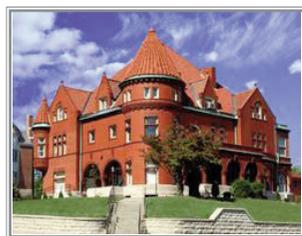
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counter claims that, over the summer, a "right to abortion" had been removed from the constitution by the Supreme Court.

"There was never a right to abortion any more than there was a right to segregation in the United States. Brown v. Board did not find that there was a right to segregation that was now being removed; it found that there was never a right to segregation."

"There was never a right to abortion; that right never existed."

He admitted, however, that ultimately arguments for the value of human life have their origins in a God who gave that life value.

"If you believe in the inherent human value of life, then you're going to have to acknowledge that we are made in the image of God. The single-most important sentence in human history is that man was made in the image of God."

Shapiro fielded questions from the audience, including a question posed by a reporter from Today's Catholic. When asked about how to open a dialogue with pro-choice friends, Shapiro spoke from personal experience, and said that it depends on what type of friendship you wish to pursue.

"If your friends are unable to take the fact that you are pro-life, then they're not very good friends. That's the first thing to recognize. And then I think you can have open and honest conversations with them if they're

capable of having those open and honest conversations."

He added that he has acquaintances with whom he "wildly disagrees," and they tend to avoid discussing hot-button issues. However, there are people with whom he disagrees "and we're able to have complex, interesting conversations on these topics. And I find those conversations worthwhile. You have to decide what kind of friends you have, and what kind of friends you want to have."

Another attendee asked about the potential for a nationwide constitutional pro-life amendment or other national legislation. Shapiro said that, while from a moral standpoint he is absolutely in support of national restriction of abortion, from a legal perspective he has serious doubts about

the longevity of national abortion restrictions. Rather, he recommends building support at the state level and that, at a time where there is enough momentum and support for legislation, bring the issue to a national level.

"The fight is going to continue. And it's going to continue beyond the

borders of Indiana and the borders of our towns. It's going to move out to other states – and it should. And then the march begins anew. Our job just got a lot more complicated, but also a lot more hopeful ... For the first time within living memory of [many] of us, we actually have the opportunity to save human lives at scale. That's an amazing opportunity, and we would be betraying our own destinies and our own purpose if we were to blow that opportunity."

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The mother and the widow of former Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (IN-02) receives a lifetime achievement award on behalf of Walorski at the Michiana Right to Life Jubilee. Right to Life representatives noted that Walorski, who died in a car accident in August, had a strong dedication to advancing pro-life causes.

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