Gloria in Excelsis

The Holy Family is shown in this stained-glass window from St. Stanislaus Kostka, New Carlisle, depicting the Nativity.

Provided by Father Robert Garrow
Grow Closer to God in the New Year

BY JENNIFER BARTON AND CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

Around the close of the year, many feel inspired to start fresh with new commitments, resolutions, or personal pursuits. While these usually focus on physical health, financial habits, or academic interests, there are also numerous opportunities for deepening one’s spiritual life. To assist those interested in embarking on new paths towards holiness, here are some suggestions to prayerfully consider in 2023:

Attend daily Mass every day in January. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, which means that receiving Jesus’ body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament should be a top priority. If you do not already attend daily Mass, consider doing so for the first month of the year and reflect upon the ways your heart and mind grow during that time.

Commit to a weekly holy hour. If daily Mass is not a possibility—or even if it is—it is essential to spend time in silent prayer with the Lord. Relationships depend upon communication, reliability, and time. Give God your time, listen to His voice in the Scriptures, and take the risk of trusting Him. Nothing given to God is wasted and He will never be outdone in generosity.

Read (or listen to) the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Known for its exceedingly popular “The Bible in a Year” podcast, Father Mike Schmitz will soon be giving listeners an opportunity to dive into the Catechism beginning January 1st. He emphasized, “after the Bible, the Catechism is the most important book for Catholics.” Over the course of 505 days, Father Schmitz will lead listeners through the entirety of the Catechism, presenting the essentials of the faith and why they matter for deepening one’s relationship with Christ and His Church. A companion reading plan is available at ascension-press.com. Both “The Bible in a Year” and “The Catechism in a Year” podcasts are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Hallow, and more.

Begin praying the Liturgy of the Hours. Participate in the daily prayers of priests and religious around the world by signing up in the Divine Office. Accessible in book format at wordofline.org/pray or your local Catholic bookstore, online at divineoffice.org, or via the app Lbreviary, praying the Hours allows one to bring the Psalms and liturgical life of the Church into your regular routine each day. This is a beautiful tradition to begin with families, especially for establishing consistent times for prayer together.

Consider starting — and finishing — a personal consecration to Jesus through Mary. Spiritual writers throughout the history of the Church have written about the importance of consecrating one’s life to Jesus with a special emphasis on His relationship with Mary. In 2014, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invited parishioners of the diocese to read “33 Days to Morning Glory” to help deepen their awareness of Mary’s role in salvation history and increase in devotion to her as their spiritual mother. While many did read this book, others admitted that they started but never fully completed the process. This year, consider completing this consecration or renewing one made previously on a significant liturgical date. Popular options are available from authors such as St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Father Michael Gaitley, and Father Boniface Hicks. Should one start this Dec. 31 and stay with it to the end, they would finish on Feb. 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

For additional Marian-themed ideas, genuinely reflect upon Our Lady’s words at Fatima to pray the Rosary every day and to honor the First Saturdays of the month by receiving communion, going to confession, praying the rosary, and reflecting upon these mysteries for fifteen minutes.

Bring Catholic art into your home in a new way. It is a beautiful tradition to have one’s home blessed after moving in. As the years go by, incorporating fresh, attractive reminders that the home is dedicated to the Lord can help elevate the hearts and souls of those living inside. A fun family project could be to build an outdoor Marian grotto or a shrine to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or a favorite patron saint that becomes a prayerful spot throughout the year and for years to come.

Explore the lives of the saints. A new website entitled “The Saint Challenge” offers 90-second daily audio reflections on specific saints. Each clip invites listeners to grow in holiness through the example and inspiration of Jesus or a favorite patron saint that becomes a prayerful spot throughout the year and for years to come.

Engage in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. Beginning in January, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, will be offering a 14-week retreat for laity on the principals of Ignatian spirituality. Participants commit to daily prayer and journaling with Scripture, as well as a weekly group session. Leader Sarah Lane states this program “would be a good New Year’s resolution for someone who wants a schedule and accountability for daily prayer, self-reflection regarding values, relationship with God and the Church.” As Ignatian spirituality “requires candid self-reflection and group sharing,” she recommends that participants already have a spiritual foundation on which to build. For more information, including registration, email Lane at sclane60@gmail.com.

When discerning new practices to incorporate into one’s schedule, it can be helpful to consider the methods one learns best (reading, listening, experiencing firsthand, etc.) and how God is specifically calling and guiding the relationship to go deeper. Find ways to grow by setting goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. Also consider asking a family member or friend to join in the pursuit! In the words of St John Paul II, “Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch!”
‘The Letter’ Shows How Theology and Science Stand Together in Pope Francis’ Encyclical, Laudato Si’

BY MICHELLE MCDANIEL

The 13th century Saint Francis of Assisi — the papal namesake of our 21st century Pope Francis — was a man who cared deeply for the earth. In 2015, the Holy Father continued the Franciscan ecological legacy through his encyclical, Laudato Si’. It is not only the first papal letter to directly address the dangers of climate change, but it is also the first to call upon different religious traditions to “care for our common home.”

“Threats to the earth and the cry of the poor cannot go on,” Pope Francis says.

To pen the encyclical, he met not only with theologians to discuss the ethics and responsibilities of Catholics, but also with scientists and researchers to learn how best to tackle the practical elements of climate care.

PBS’ 2022 documentary, The Letter, brings Pope Francis’ encyclical to life by following six people’s journeys as they travel to the Vatican to meet with the Pope. Each was affected in their own ways by the same problem: climate change.

Many critics of this Laudato Si’ argue that the Pope should keep politics out of the pulpit. But through true stories and chilling videography, PBS shows that climate change is not merely a political issue to be debated by pundits — it is a human issue that affects our communities and environment.

Speaking about the diverse group that Pope Francis assembled to take on hyper-consumption and wasteful practices, the Holy Father says “it’s like a choir. We have to sing together.”

While the documentary contains many beautiful scenes throughout, it begins with a grim depiction of current ecological affairs. An African town floods with the ocean, whose ever-mounting waves leave more and more homeless, year after year. The first story is told by a refugee who has been called by the Vatican, who engulfs us in his story of hope and despair.

As the documentary goes on, we also see the climate crisis in India, Brazil, and Australia, and we hear from residents of each country. Each was hand-selected by the Vatican to assist in giving a voice to those who are powerless, who are so often the first victims of climate disasters.

The documentary is extremely well-made on all accounts, from the storytelling to the cinematography. It is a moving film with heart-wrenching stories. The global nature of climate change and the significance of one’s actions on others cannot be missed in the stories shared of people who have seen the destruction firsthand, but who have the courage and strength to stand up against it.

The cinematography not only showcases the expansiveness and intensity of the destruction but also reminds you of the incomprehensible and precious beauty of the earth.

The stunning videos of other continents and even under the sea expand the world beyond our small corner and remind us that its beauty is beyond our comprehension, yet they also make the world seem smaller and more real. Through that juxtaposition, The Letter shows the great need to protect the earth, not simply because it is something to be admired but also because it is ours to care for.

It was clear through the images and stories that change needs to happen — and soon. The Letter works to inspire people to care for the earth in a way that best serves to their unique talents and passions and gives new insight into why Pope Francis wrote this important letter to each of us.

out the government getting involved.

The Michigan Supreme Court had concluded its 5-2 ruling in a 2020 lawsuit filed by owners of two businesses who said that based on their religious beliefs, they could not, respectively, host a same-sex wedding or provide services to a transgender client who was going through sexual reassignment surgery.

The first business was Reach World Events Center in Sturgis, Michigan, and the second was UpRooted Electrolysis in the Upper Peninsula. The businesses sought a determination that “sexual orientation and gender identity” are not protected under the state’s 1976 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act which protects against discrimination based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, and marital status.

They asked the court to rule that the Michigan Department of Civil Rights was wrong in a 2018 memo interpreting these two categories as being part of the civil rights law.

But in its ruling, the state Supreme Court decision was that these two categories were indeed protected classes under that law.

In a July 29 statement regarding the ruling, the Michigan Catholic Conference said it would “usurp the Legislature’s role in the democratic process, prevent constitutional protections for people of faith, and place in jeopardy religious persons and entities who wish to serve others in the public square.”

The conference, which is the public policy arm of the state’s Catholic bishops, said the ruling did not specifically address whether enforcing the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act as reinterpreted would violate federal and state constitutional religious freedom protections.

The two justices who dissented from the majority said the ruling posed “constitutional problems relating to religious liberty.”

Parish Sues Over Its Right to Hire Staff Who Uphold Church Tenets

LANSING, Mich. (CNS) — A Catholic parish in the Diocese of Lansing has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court to protect its right to hire parish employees and staff for its grade school who uphold the tenets of the Catholic faith.

The filing follows a July 28 ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court that reinterpreted a state civil rights statute’s definition of sex to include gender identity and orientation without any exemption for religious organizations.

Filed on Dec. 5 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan-Southern Division, the suit names state Attorney General Dana Nessel, the Department of Civil Rights, and the Civil Rights Commission.

Becket, a Washington-based religious liberty law firm, is representing the plaintiff, St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan. Founded in 1857, it is the only Catholic parish in town. Its elementary school opened in 1924.

The state Supreme Court’s “new understanding” of the civil rights statute “would make it illegal for St. Joseph to operate in accordance with the 2,000-year-old teachings of the Catholic Church on marriage and sexuality,” Becket said in a statement.

“[This] threatens the school’s right to hire the staff who will faithfully pass on the tenets of the faith to the next generation,” it said.

In addition, St. Joseph “welcomes the public to its facilities,” so “it faces the risk of being held liable for discrimination because of its sincere religious beliefs about gender and marriage,” the law firm added.

“Michigan’s redefinition of sex threatens St. Joseph’s right to create and maintain a parish and school environment that reflects its Catholic faith,” Becket Law Firm said.

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The Michigan Capitol in Lansing is seen on Nov. 30, 2021.

Chief Dadá Borarí from the Maró Indigenous Lands of the Brazilian Amazon; Arouna Kandé, a climate change refugee from Senegal; U.S. scientists Robin Martin and Greg Asner; and teenage climate activist Ridhima Pandey of India participated in the making of the documentary “The Letter.” They are seen inside the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican on Aug. 26, 2021. The film tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss with Pope Francis his encyclical “Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home.”

First off, Becket said, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects the right of religious groups — “including churches and their schools” — to operate in accordance with their religious mission “free from government interference.”

“The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently articulated this principle, most recently in Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru” it said, referring to a 2020 ruling that held religious institutions must be free to make internal management decisions “like deciding who will teach and lead the religious community” with-

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC
WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) — Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Donald J. Kettler of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and named as his successor Holy Cross Father Patrick M. Neary, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Oregon.

Bishop Kettler, who has headed the Diocese of St. Cloud since 2013, turned 78 on Nov. 26. Gun law requires bishops to submit their resignation to the pope at age 75.

Bishop-designate Neary, 59, has been Holy Redeemer’s pastor since 2018. He was District Supervisor of East Africa for his religious order, Congregation of Holy Cross, from 2011 to 2018 and before that was District Superior of the McCauley Formation House in Nairobi for a year.

The changes were announced on Dec. 15 in Washington, D.C. by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican Nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Neary’s episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of St. Cloud, Minnesota Catholic Diocese will be Feb. 14. Vespers will take place on Feb. 13.

“No one is more surprised than I am to be asked to serve as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud,” Bishop-designate Neary said in a statement. “Yet I have always trusted that Christ has guided me through every stage of my life as a priest. I look forward to meeting everyone who is a part of this diocese, my new family.”

“I especially ask God to help me build on the legacy of Bishop Kettler and all the clergy and personnel who serve in the diocese with zeal and devotion,” he added. “Please pray for me that I can be a faithful and loving servant to all of you.”

Bishop Kettler said his newly named successor “is tremendously blessed with his experiences as a pastor, seminary rector, formation director, and missioner. I am very appreciative that he said yes to the call to serve the people of this diocese as their bishop, and I welcome him warmly to central Minnesota.”

The retiring bishop, a native of Minneapolis, had headed the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, for 11 years when Pope Francis named him to succeed Bishop John F. Kinney of St. Cloud, who retired at age 76.

Bishop-designate Neary was born on March 6, 1963, in La Porte, Indiana, to Jacob and Marybelle Neary. He is the first of five children and has five sisters. His family belongs to St. Joseph Parish in La Porte, where the Neary siblings attended St. Joseph’s Grade School.

He graduated from La Porte High School in 1981 and entered the undergraduate seminary with the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, he spent a semester at Anahuac University in Mexico City, where he learned Spanish.

He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 with a Bachelor’s Degree in History. After completing his novitiate year in Cascade, Colorado, Bishop-designate Neary began his studies for a Master of Divinity in 1986 at the Jesuit School of Ministry at Los Gatos, California. In 1988, he spent the entire year at the congregation’s seminary in Santiago, Chile, where he practiced his Spanish.

He professed perpetual vows with Congregation of Holy Cross on Sept. 1, 1990, and was ordained to the priesthood at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on April 1, 1991, by the late Auxiliary Bishop Paul E. Waldschmidt of Portland, himself a Holy Cross priest.

In 1994, Bishop-designate Neary was assigned to the University of Notre Dame and worked in the Office of Campus Ministry, primarily ministering to Latino students at Notre Dame and serving as ROTC Chaplain.

In 2000, he was appointed Associate Rector at Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame and in 2004 was named Rector of Moreau Seminary for a six-year term.


When he finished his term as Rector, Bishop-designate Neary was assigned to the congregation’s seminary in Nairobi, Kenya, for two years to train a new team of formation personnel and build up the seminary program.

He began his service in Nairobi in June of 2010. The following year, he was named District Superior of Holy Redeemer Church in East Africa and moved to the district headquarters in Uganda.

There, he served two three-year terms as District Superior and as provincial superior of seminarians in East Africa in January of 2018. Since July of 2018, Bishop-designate Neary has served as pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland.

The Diocese of St. Cloud encompasses 16 counties in central Minnesota. It includes 131 parishes grouped into 29 area Catholic communities and a Catholic population of approximately 125,000 people.

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis said in a statement that he looked forward to collaborating with Bishop-designate Neary as “he joins the bishops of our state in providing pastoral leadership after the heart of Jesus.”

The archbishop cited the newly named bishop’s experience in consecrated life, seminary formation, including ministry outreach, and parish leadership in making him “a fitting successor to Bishop Donald Kettler, who will long be remembered as a humble and generous shepherd.”

Holy Cross Father John L. Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, congratulated Bishop-designate Neary on his appointment to head the St. Cloud Diocese and assured him of his prayers.

“Soon after being assigned in 2010 to the Holy Cross formation house in Nairobi, Kenya, Father Neary wrote that, though he arrived with little understanding of the culture or language of the country, he felt called to ‘go anywhere that I am needed,’” Father Jenkins said in a statement.

“Now,” he added, “the Holy Father has determined that Father Neary is needed in St. Cloud,” where he “will serve well the people of God.”

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**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Living Nativity and Advent Prayer Service Held in Huntington**

Dozens of people braved the cold to take part in an Advent Prayer Service with a Living Nativity at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington on Sunday, Dec. 18. Along with the actors, there was a camel, pony, llama, and goats for attendees to interact with as part of the event.

**Bishop Dwenger Students Hold Live Nativity to Raise Funds for Charity**

A drive-through live Nativity was held at Bishop Dwenger High School on Saturday, Dec. 3. Students collected a free-will offering for Women’s Care Center and raised $781. Clubs and groups that participated this year were Student Council, Spirit Club, the Girls Softball Team, Spanish Club, Choir, Band, and S.E.A. Club. The Girls Softball Team members were shepherds with the live animal petting area with sheep and goats.

**Queen of Peace Parish Holds St. Nicholas Breakfast**

More than 70 children enjoyed pancakes, mini doughnuts, and a hot chocolate bar at the annual St. Nicholas Breakfast at Queen of Peace parish on Saturday, Dec. 3. After breakfast, the children wrote letters to Santa, took photos with Santa, made crafts, and enjoyed time playing and spending time together.

**Wreath Laying**

Kendallville Knights of Columbus Council 7839 hosted a Wreaths Across America ceremony at St. Gaspar del Bufalo’s Catholic Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 17. As part of the ceremony, 16 members of the Rome City American Legion Honor Guard performed a 21 Gun Salute and played Taps. Father Louis Fowoyo of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church led prayers and then blessed the wreaths.
**Pope Reveals He Prepared Resignation Letter in Case of Impairment**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) —** Pope Francis said he wrote a resignation letter in 2013, his first year in office, to be used in case he became physically or mentally impaired and unable to fulfill the duties of the papacy. In an interview published on Dec. 18, the day after his 80th birthday, Pope Francis said that during the time that Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone was Vatican Secretary of State, a position he left in October of 2013, he gave a resignation letter to the cardinal. “I signed it and said, ‘If I should become impaired for medical reasons or whatever, here is my resignation. Here you have it,’” the pope told the Spanish newspaper ABC. Pope Francis joked that now that the letter’s existence has been made public, someone will go after Cardinal Bertone and say, “Give me that piece of paper!” But he also said he was certain Cardinal Bertone gave it to Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who succeeded him as Secretary of State. The interviewer also noted that Pope Francis had named several women as secretaries or undersecretaries of Vatican offices, but that he had not appointed a woman to head a dicastery. Pope Francis responded that he has been thinking of appointing a woman to lead “a dicastery where there will be a vacancy in two years.” He did not say what office that was. “There is nothing to prevent a woman from heading a dicastery in which a laywoman can be a prefect,” the pope said.

**Jordan to Develop Tourist Village Next to World Heritage Baptism Site**

**AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) —** Jordan began Christmas celebrations by unveiling a project that could attract Christian pilgrims annually to the officially recognized site of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Now, modern-day visitors can spend only a couple of hours there due to a lack of accommodations and services. A $300 million six-phased building project to establish a biblical tourist village located adjacent to this UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site seeks to address that, while respecting the spiritual integrity of the holy site itself. The goal is to see this possibly completed for the 2,000th anniversary of Christ’s baptism. Catholic and other Christian leaders welcomed Jordan’s plans to transform the Baptism Site into one of the world’s leading Christian pilgrimage and spiritual destinations.

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**News Briefs**

### Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial in Place in Newtown, Connecticut

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### Heisman Winner is Much Loved, Respected Alum of D.C.-Area Catholic Schools

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Caleb Williams, the star quarterback at the University of Southern California who won the Heisman Trophy on Dec. 10, earlier made his mark at two Washington-area Catholic schools he attended for middle school and high school. Before graduating from Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., in 2020, Williams attended St. Pius X Regional School in Bowie, Maryland, a D.C. suburb. “We know our alumns as students, as St. Pius X students have been absorbed into the Gonzaga student body,” said Gonzaga principal Robert J. Conley. “We’re still proud of what they’ve accomplished.”

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St. Nicholas Celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul School

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the feast day of St. Nicholas, the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School cafeteria staff and St. Nicholas himself spread an abundance of Christmas cheer on campus by serving a St. Nicholas lunch and delivering handmade goodies to staff members.

Annual Christmas Food Drive at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church Helps Those in Need

Members of the St. Louis Besancon Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society spent time on Saturday, Dec. 10, packing boxes for their annual Christmas Food Drive. Boxes are delivered to parishioners who are homebound, grieving, in need, and those who just “need an extra hug” every year.

Jesse Tree Service Held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Every Advent, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School students participate in a Jesse Tree Service. The service, held on Friday, Dec. 2, allowed students to focus on Jesus’s family tree, bringing to life the preparation God had to bring His Son, Jesus, into the world on Christmas.

Students Raise Money for Fort Wayne Rescue Mission

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School students collected more than $1,600 for the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission by selling bracelets. R.E.A.C.H (Rescue Everyone Always with a Caring Heart) was the message on the bracelet. Principal Lois Widner and the creator of the bracelets, 8th-grader Natalia Kleinricht, are seen here on Dec. 12 holding the check for the Rescue Mission.
Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe Celebrated Across the Diocese to Honor Patroness of the Americas

St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, reenacted the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego on Monday, Dec. 12. Mary is played by Jeanelly Hernandez, and Juan Diego is played by Uziel Gutierrez.

Juan Diego reveals the image of Our Lady to his bishop after being asked for a sign so that all may believe.

At right, Father Kevin Bauman rejoices with the parish on the special feast day of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe.

The offertory gifts are brought up by Jaime, Beatriz, and Emily Nuñez.
Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe
Celebrated At St. John’s, Goshen

The Hispanic community of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with several activities and Mass on the feast day, Dec. 12. The evening began in a darkened, standing-room-only church where several parishioners reenacted the apparitions of the Virgin de Guadalupe to Juan Diego in Tepeyac, Mexico, in 1531.

Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, an indigenous peasant who was canonized in 2002, had a habit of walking along the path by Tepeyac Hill to the monastery of Mexico City to attend Mass. The first apparition occurred on Dec. 9 when Juan Diego, portrayed by Fermin Cortez, heard music and saw a beautiful lady who called his name and said, “Know for certain, least of my sons, I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, the true God through whom everything lives — the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth. It is my earnest wish that a temple be built here in my honor. Here I will demonstrate, I will manifest, and I will give all my love, my compassion, and protection to the people.”

The site where Our Lady was requesting a church be built reportedly had an Aztec temple upon it and was where hundreds of human sacrifices had been performed. Juan Diego shared with Bishop Zumarrago, portrayed by Ronaldo Munoz, what the Virgin told him and the bishop listened politely but was unconvinced.

The next day the Virgin de Guadalupe, portrayed by Sarah Lozano, appeared again to Juan Diego and repeated her request. Juan Diego went back to the monastery and this time the bishop asked for a sign. Juan Diego reported that to Our Lady and she advised him to return to her the next day and she’d provide a sign.

In the meantime, Juan Diego’s uncle Juan Bernardino, portrayed by Arturo Cervantes, was very ill and he asked Juan Diego to bring a priest to him so he could confess and receive the Viaticum. On Dec. 12, Juan Diego set out to do so, avoiding Tepeyac Hill because he was ashamed that he hadn’t returned to Our Lady the day before as she requested. But Our Lady appeared to him and told him she had healed his uncle and Juan Diego should go to the top of the mountain and pick flowers. The earth was dry and brown and only cactus grew there, but when Juan Diego arrived, he saw Castilian roses that were foreign to Mexico. He gathered them in his tilma, a poncho-like garment, and brought them to the Virgin de Guadalupe who told him to bring them to the bishop. When Juan Diego brought the roses to the bishop, he saw not only the flowers but also a beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe imprinted upon the tilma. The bishop asked forgiveness for doubting and by Christian norms that year an adobe structure was built atop Tepeyac Hill.

After the reenactment, the Guadalupano dance group, in the costumes of the Aztec and Mayans, but many bearing images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, performed. The dance was in joy and celebration of Our Lady bringing them to Jesus. The whole church shook with the pounding of the drums and stomping of feet.

After the dance, Father Royce Gregerson celebrated Mass. During his homily, he mentioned it has been 492 years since the apparitions, how her apparitions helped convert many indigenous people to Christianity, and how that conversion put an end to brutal, barbaric human sacrifices. Father Gregerson said Mary’s mission is to bring people to her son, Jesus, and that is done most perfectly in the Eucharist.

According to Pastoral Associate Johnny Evangelista, Father Gregerson also spoke about the necessity to foster Hispanic vocations to the priesthood and religious life — especially because the population in the United States is 50 percent Hispanic. Despite that, Father Gregerson said there are not a lot of vocations from the Hispanic community. Father Gregerson said they need to foster and do a better job of encouraging vocations. He also spoke about the importance of Hispanic youth attending Catholic schools and universities to study theology so there can be more Hispanic personnel in church staff positions across the United States to qualify them for lay positions such as pastoral associates and directors of religious education. Father Gregerson also mentioned the need to foster more holy families and guard our families from distracts from the Church. After Mass, there was a dinner served in the parish center that featured Mariachi music.
NEW ALBANY, Ind. — The stained-glass window stands in the area where it was installed in Holy Trinity Church in New Albany in 1890. It still radiates the sunlight, creating a kaleidoscope of green, red, orange, and yellow. It still welcomes all who come, whether to rejoice or to sit in peaceful silence. Yet the 132-year-old window hasn’t seen the light of day since 1975, when a devastating fire destroyed Holy Trinity Church.

The restored window was unveiled atop a metal, church doorframe-like structure, along with a nearby sculpture called “When I Was Hungry and Thirsty”, as the new entryway to Holy Trinity Heritage Park in October.

“This entrance way is all we had hoped it would be,” said Mark Casper, Agency Director for St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities (SECC) in New Albany, during the unveiling ceremony. “We are excited to share this with all our community.”

The entryway and sculpture are the agency’s latest efforts in enhancing the former Holy Trinity Parish’s property, which it was gifted in 2011.

‘A Miracle’

Upon receiving the property and former parish rectory, the first line of business was restoring the 1850 rectory for use as SECC’s headquarters.

Casper told The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. That task was completed in 2013. Next, SECC began a project to turn the former church grounds next to the former rectory into a community park. “New Albany doesn’t have many green spaces,” said Casper. “We envisioned a place where kids could run around or people could sit in a peaceful surrounding.”

Preparation for the project included a trip to Indianapolis to research the former parish and church at the archdiocesan archives. “We were shocked to learn that some of the windows had survived and were stored just a few blocks away [from the soon-to-be park] at St. Mary’s Parish in New Albany, Casper recalled. After the fire, Holy Trinity Parish was merged into St. Mary.

“When I finally saw them, they were terribly dirty,” he said. “They were still covered in soot from fire.”

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About 40 percent of the pieces had to be replaced, said Baldacci. She identified the glass as having come from the Kokomo Opalescent Glass company, which was able to produce exact replicas of the type and color of glass used in the original window.

The window was taken apart... each piece soaked in water for four weeks to loosen the soot and grime. Then the “jewel-toned colors and design came through,” said Baldacci, explaining that the three conjoined rings represent the Holy Trinity. “It was just stunning.”

The window was then reassembled and re-leaded, soldered, glazed for weatherproofing, then “laboriously, meticulously” cleaned again. It was then sent to Louisville to be encased in a wooden frame with tempered glass for protection from the elements.

“It should be another 80 to 100 years before it will need to be restored again,” said Baldacci. Once framed, the window was sent to Heck Metal Works, owned by members of St. Mary of the Knobs Parish in Floyd County. “We wanted something that would make it look like you were walking into the church,” Casper explained.

Creating the 11-feet by 14-feet entryway frame for the window “was a labor of love,” said Ben Heck, Owner of Heck Metal Works. After “thinking and praying about it,” he decided to do the project as a donation to SECC. “We’ve been fortunate over the years,” he said. “We’ve seen the good...
works that St. Elizabeth does, and we’ve benefited from their good works. This was a way to give back to an organization that has given so much to us and the community.”

Bare Metal Inc., in New Albany and Keoter Construction in Floyds Knobs also contributed to the project. “It seems it does take a village,” Casper noted at the unveiling. “We are blessed to be part of such a giving and caring community.”

‘Passionately Speaks to Our Mission’

The park’s new entryway structure honors Holy Trinity Church — the first Catholic church built in New Albany. But Casper also wanted a “signature piece of art” to honor the works and mission of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. “When we were discerning what that piece would be, we wanted something that it would be interactive,” he explained. “And we wanted something that so passionately speaks to our mission.”

It took more than two years for the new entryway and sculpture projects to come to fruition. But Casper noted at the unveiling ceremony that “great art takes time, and patience is a virtue.”

He extended an invitation for all “to stop by and spend some time in Holy Trinity Heritage Park. As the [hymn] says, ‘all are welcome in this place.’”

Medical Mission Trip Highlights

Diocesan Support of Sister Parishes

BY ERIC PEAT

One tooth at a time. That’s how Father Brian Isenbarger recently grew in his understanding of the state of medical care in Aguanqueterique, Honduras. The parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne accompanied a group of 10 doctors, dentists, nurses, and pharmacists — most of them his parishioners — on a week-long medical mission trip in November. Their destination was the Honduran town of St. Vincent de Paul’s sister parish, Immaculate Conception. Monday through Friday, the group worked at a clinic, ministering to the medical needs of the community.

“There were lots of teeth extractions,” recalled Father Isenbarger, noting the effects of too much soda on teeth in an area where water is undrinkable. “We extracted an average of four and a half teeth per person, with a maximum of 12. We ended up seeing more than 500 people in the course of the week.”

For Father Isenbarger, whose many talents do not include performing dental surgery, this meant handing out parasite medications and taking the temperatures and weights of patients. He also tended to the spiritual health of the people of Aguanqueterique by saying Mass in Spanish several times.

Once a year, St. Vincent de Paul parishioners are afforded such a chance to support their sister parish in person with a mission trip. “This opportunity is notably unique, it isn’t exclusive. Across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, there are a handful of parishes that help support sister parishes in other countries. Many of them in impoverished and underdeveloped regions of the world, including Honduras, Haiti, Uganda, and Bangladesh. Support for sister parishes comes in a variety of forms. For many parishes, it includes frequent prayer intentions in the General Intercessions at Mass. Others take up second collections throughout the year to address specific financial needs of the sister parish, such as building a new school or rectory. For St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, which supports a conscience in Uganda in regular monetary donations are exchanged for touching stories and photos of what the financial help has accomplished.

In Granger, St. Plus X’s sister parish is etched into the church’s very identity, both literally and figuratively. Parishioners embraced St. Joseph in Kyenenga, Uganda, as their sister parish in 2001, when Monsignor William Schooler was installed as pastor of St. Plus X. Monsignor Schooler’s longtime friend, Father Larry Kanyike, is pastor of the Ugandan parish, and he welcomed Monsignor Schooler on a visit for the dedication of their new church in 2012. This parish relationship is reflected in a mural on the northern wall of the St. Plus X sanctuary, where St. Charles Lwanga, a Ugandan martyr, is depicted alongside other significant saints.

In such impoverished nations, the church often takes on an added importance to the community. In fact, Father Isenbarger described Immaculate Conception as “the social and spiritual hub of the town” in Aguanqueterique. According to Betsy Quinn, Director of Stewardship and Development at St. Plus X, the financial assistance that her parish has provided through the years has only amplified the St. Joseph clergy’s commitment to the people they serve.

“Father Bill has visited Father Larry in Uganda two times,” remarked Quinn. “On both occasions, he saw the need for our support with his own eyes. When he visited, Father Larry described the dedication of his new church, Father Larry was featured on the front page of the local newspaper. The article showed that Father Larry still wears worn out shoes and drives an old car. Unlike other dignitaries who receive funds from the United States, Father Larry invests every penny into his parishioners.”

Father Isenbarger witnessed a similar display of dedication to parishioners from Father Angelo Falzon, Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Honduras.

“We had a rough time getting down there,” said Father Isenbarger, explaining that their luggage with medical supplies got delayed when they switched airlines, forcing them to use leftover medical supplies in the town until it arrived. The most moving part of the trip for me was when I was in the airport with Father Falzon trying to get the situation sorted out. He just started weeping, saying, ‘These poor people need their medicines.’”

St. Vincent de Paul’s financial support is bringing more than just medicine to the parishioners at Immaculate Conception. It’s funding a new retreat center with a well, a generator, and two dozen rooms — a far cry from the parish’s current retreat center, which consists of four cinderblock pavilions. However, Father Isenbarger was quick to note that the happiness of the Hondurans he met was not tied to their material goods and resources.

“They’re such a joy-filled people,” Father Isenbarger said of the locals. “In many ways, they are happier than we are.”

Provided by Father Brian Isenbarger
He, the Eternal Light of the World, is Born

Many survivors were taken to Babylon, the capital of their Babylonian Empire, where they languished for four generations and beyond. The land and the people, who had been bound and compelled to live in an atmosphere greatly unfriendly to their religion, scornful of all that they cherished.

At long last, this enforced exile ended, but returning to the Holy Land was a hollow achievement. The land was poor and unproductive. Misery reigned.

For much of this time, personal and social abuse defined this misery. Despair, deprivation, and rage were everywhere. The prophets, such as the author of this writing, saw deprivation in another dimension, gnawing distress within human hearts longing for genuine peace, hope, and a sense of strength and worth resulted from sin.

This piercing anguish was not inevitable, believed the prophet. Relief followed realizing the reality of the almighty God of Israel, the source of all peace, joy, and hope, and by living accordingly. Nothing else worked.

For its second reading, the Church offers a passage from the Gospel of John. John’s writing is a profound meditation on the theme of the light of the world. He is everything. He is life. He is everything.

Reflection

No holiday in this society, or in many others, equals Christmas, not Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July, or Memorial Day.

When all the celebrations have ended, and all the gifts have opened, it is possible to pause and ask if Advent had any effect on me? Am I closer to the Lord? Does Jesus, born 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, live in me, in my body, words, and thoughts?

Usually without much thought, many people during this season, and on this day, proclaim their dedication to Christ and their belief that the Precious Blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary, rescued them from eternal death. But that is the truth, the way, and the life, by wearing red coats, or shirts, or

scarves, or caps.

Red is the Christian color, symbolizing Christ, crucified for the salvation of all. Red has no reference whatsoever to a baby, boy, or Bethlehem, yet it is the primary color of Christmas.

Celebrating this unique day, ask why is Christmas so special? Do we wear the Christian red sincerely? Is Christ truly my Savior, and Lord, born for me in my time?

READINGS

Sunday - Christmas Day
Ps 98/1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4; 6:8b; 16bc, 17 Mt 10:31-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:15-22 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: Jn 2:11-13 Ps 96:1-3, 5 Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:12-14; 12Ps 121:5 Mt 21:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18
a redeemer in the first place. Our celebration of Christmas is worthless sentimentality if we do not recognize our need for and dependence on the Messiah.

Each of us is plagued by Adam and Eve’s original sin, an act marked by disobedience and distrust of God. Ultimately our first parents chose to believe that they knew better than God who created them. In so doing, they led humanity on the trajectory to find it easier to defy God’s will than to do it. This is manifested anew each time we sin by following in their dark footsteps. And yet, Advent is our opportunity to recognize our desire to return to Eden, yearning for freedom given by God, “Thy people’s everlasting light.”

“The medicine,” referenced in the hymn, needed to restore humanity’s freedom will relieve humanity from the slavery to sin and death brought on by our first parents. God announced His plan to send a redeemer immediately after the Fall, in Genesis 3:15 — a verse known as the propoavangelium, meaning “the first Gospel” or first Good News of Jesus Christ. In that passage, God says the serpent will receive his first Good News of Jesus Christ. No other tune might express the season’s sentiments more than its traditional setting. There is even a Mass setting composed to echo the hymn’s famous, widely-used 1851 tune.

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To stand for the real meaning of Christmas, we must resist the temptation to be caught up in society’s belief that it is a one-day celebration. We can leave our decorations up for the duration of the Christmas season, thereby proclaiming a festival more meaningful and lasting than one passing day. We can send cards “late,” hold gatherings after Dec. 25, and listen to carols well into January, because for believers, Christmas is more than just 24 hours.

Father Gregory Nazienzen offers a pattern for our praise. He writes, “Christ is born, glorifying Him from heaven, go out to meet Him. Christ is born, earth; be exalted. Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth; and that I may join both in one word. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, for Him Who is of heaven and then of earth. May our words and works in these coming days redound to the glory of Him who, out of love, made our humble human estate His home, that each of us, around the world, might better know Him and love Him.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seeks a Full-Time Facilities Manager
(Beginning in May of 2023)

The Facilities Manager at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish/school in Fort Wayne is responsible for maintaining the parish/school and school buildings and grounds. The Facilities Manager performs and supervises tasks related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, security, environmental, safety, custodial, and event coordination. This position requires a team player attitude, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, attention to details, and project coordination.

The candidate:
Must have good interpersonal skills and familiarity with the Church as an organization.
Must have knowledge of the Catholic Faith and be a participating Catholic in good standing with the Church.
Must have a GED or High School Diploma and a minimum 3-5 years of experience working in the facilities management field and supervising others.

For more information and to apply, visit: https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=D1280

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Epiphany Candlelight Choral Festival
MISHAWAKA — The Epiphany Candlelight Choral Festival resumes this year at St. Monica Church, 222 W. Mishawaka Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. Admission is canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Choirs from St. Monica, St. Bavo, and St. Joseph will be featured with all of the choirs singing together as the finale. Assembly participation is part of the fun. A reception will follow in Columbus Hall. Contact St. Monica Parish Office at 574-2247 or krohrer@stmonicamish.org for information.

Epiphany Concert at St. Therese Church
FORT WAYNE — In celebration of the Christmas Season, an Epiphany Concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Rd. The concert is free and open to the public. Under the direction of Music Director Beverly Rieger, the concert will feature guests Allen Goebbert, organist; David Ling, violinist; Lexie Signor, trumpet; and Renee Gonzales, vocalist.

Return/Book Study
SOUTH BEND — Are you looking for a successful strategy to help your adult child/children return to practicing the Catholic faith? Gather with fellow parents to discuss the book, “Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church” by Brandon Vogt. This book study consists of six weekly sessions and will take place on Mondays from Jan. 9 to Feb. 13 at St. Therese Little Flower parish in South Bend. You can choose to attend either the 10 a.m. or the 7 p.m. session. The book study is free of charge (including the book) and is co-sponsored by Marriage & Family Ministry and Ablaze Mission. To register, visit www.ablazemission.org/return.

Cupertino Classic
SOUTH BEND — The annual Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at St. Joseph High School, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! All are invited to this free family-friendly event. Please pray for continued vocations to the priesthood. For more information, visit diocese-fwsb.org/cupertino.

Andrew Dinners Planned
FORT WAYNE — The Vocation Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men age 16-30 to come and learn more about seminary and the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP for the Fort Wayne dinner, Tuesday, Jan. 3, or the Mishawaka dinner, Friday, Jan. 6, by Dec. 21 with Christine: clonahoom-nix@diocesefwsb.org. Visit diocese-fwsb.org/discern for information.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
GRANGER — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain 18 men to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m. The event is invite-only due to seating limitations, but all are invited to watch the live stream provided by St. Pius X Parish at twitch.tv/spxgrangerlive.

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