Bishops OK restructuring, sex abuse study funding, new statements

Bishop John M. D’Arcy comments on the meeting after returning

Baltimore (CNS) — As the U.S. bishops concluded the public portion of their Nov. 13-16 fall general meeting in Baltimore Nov. 14, they approved several new statements and a restructuring and downsizing of their national conference.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy, returning from Baltimore Nov. 16, met with the media at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Of the highlights of the meeting, Bishop D’Arcy said of the restored Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling it “a beautiful church with balconies left and right and back — that was one of the highlights.”

He added, “As far as business was concerned, there was a document on pastoral care of those with a homosexual orientation that respected their dignity greatly but also asserted the church’s position of the homosexual act as disordered.”

One of Bishop D’Arcy’s concerns is the recovery of the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. “Finally there was a report from the Archbishop of New Orleans — Archbishop Hughes,” Bishop D’Arcy said. “The cost of schools and churches and parish property in New Orleans — the loss was $210 million, and the insurance is paying half.”

On Nov. 13, the first day of their meeting, the U.S. bishops allocated money for a further study of the context and causes of clergy sexual abuse.

Among the texts they approved were:

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TV Mass reaches 20-year milestone

By Vince Labarbera

This month the TV Mass observes its 20-year anniversary of live telecasts from Fort Wayne and South Bend over NBC stations WISE TV, Channel 33, and WNDU TV, Channel 16, respectively. Every Sunday morning, usually at 10:30, thousands of individuals make up a TV audience recently estimated to number nearly 20,000 viewers in the combined Fort Wayne-South Bend areas.

The initial TV Masses were celebrated on Nov. 30, 1986 — the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the church year — by Bishop John M. D’Arcy in Fort Wayne and by the late Auxiliary Bishop Joseph R. Crowley in South Bend. The televised Mass was begun “to reach every person with the message of Christ,” said Bishop D’Arcy at that time. “The purpose of this Mass is to bring Christ into the living rooms of all our people.”

He said the 27-minute Mass “can never replace the parish Mass, but through this effort we will be able to reach those who do not go or cannot go to Mass.” Bishop D’Arcy mentioned in particular those in hospitals, nursing homes and living alone, unable to attend church.

From its inception, priests of the diocese have been invited to lead the weekly TV Mass occasionally and to bring about 20-30 members of their congregations along to participate in the live liturgy. Many parishes also furnish an organist or instrumentalists, choral groups, cantors, proclaimers and servers. In total, about 2,080 Masses have been televised from the two cities during the two-decade period involving about 1,040 priests (most more than once).

In addition, members of the Knights of Columbus, Fort Wayne, and St. Joseph Valley Chapter, South Bend, have worked as hospit

WASHING TO SHRI NE DEDICATES NEW DOME

The dedication of the new Redemption Dome mosaic in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception took place Nov. 16 in Washington, D.C. The mosaic, featuring 12-foot figures and four scenes of redemption, contains 2.4 million tiles and is 3,780 square feet in size.
Bishop highlights busy days at Baltimore conference

SOME DAYS IN BALTIMORE

A week of reflection and prayer in Baltimore had many high moments. We celebrated Mass at the first cathedral in this country, the cornerstone was laid by John Carroll, the first bishop, whose jurisdiction became 38 states. He did not live to see this magnificent cathedral, which is now a basilica, and the place where the historic councils of Baltimore were held; places and times when the church, in solemn assembly, worked out the early road of the church. It is completely restored under the leadership of William Cardinal Keeler, who entered in solemn procession with a walker as a result of a recent automobile accident in Italy. The church was restored to its original beauty. It was a privilege to pray there.

It is a Neoclassical church designed by Henry Latrobe, who was the architect of our nation’s capitol. Bishop Carroll said he wanted an American church. We prayed and gave thanks to God for it was 200 years, close to the day, when this cathedral was dedicated, after John Carroll had gone to God. Cardinal Francis J. Stafford, a Baltimore native but now working close to Pope Benedict XVI, was the delegate of the Holy Father and the celebrant of the Mass. One could only think of the presence of Christ during these 200 years. God has blessed our country with a strong Catholic faith and life.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

I went a day early and took part in a seminar on young people. This was a result of a study out of which came a book called “Soul Seekers.” A study of religious sociology, it measures the way young people practice their faith. At the risk of oversimplification, it seems that Catholics do not do well; or, more accurately, when Catholics truly engage the young people, the time in and form good pastoral ministries — ministries which do two things: 1) engage the young people and 2) educate them and then good things happen. Pope John Paul II has proved this; I think with the World Youth Day. But the criticism is that we do not do enough of such serious efforts. We do not put the time, energy and resources into reaching teenagers. So, despite some significant successes, we fail on a wide scale compared to other religious groups — such as Mormons and Baptists — in effective ministries to young people.

The study is also critical of the mega-churches and their failures, but it is the Catholic part that troubles me. We have a good discussion on this with those who work with young people and I will be talking to Cindy Black, director of our youth program to Catholic teenagers, to see how we can learn from this study and do better.

THE JOSEPHINUM SEMINARY AND JAKE RUNYON

The time in Baltimore is filled with breakfasts — but also lunchenons and dinners. We meet all day so when different groups want to have some time with bishops, they usually select a breakfast. I celebrated Mass each morning at 6:30 a.m. and was in line for a couple of these meetings at 7:30 a.m. The two breakfasts I attended were by Catholic College and Pontifical College Josephinum. The Catholic Charities breakfast recounted the good work they had done for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The lunchon with some of the faculty and students at the Josephinum, where our young men study, was particularly enjoyable. In addition to a few words from the rector, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, two students spoke to us about the seminary. One was our own Jake Runyon. Jake is an exemplary student at the Josephinum and, as part of his curriculum, he spent a summer at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, where, under the excellent leadership of Father Bill Scholler and Father Dan Scheidt, he became very much engaged in various parish ministries, including work with young people. Through the good example of Father Scholler, he found the value of bicycle riding. A fine athlete, he has turned to riding a bicycle to stay in shape, of course. Nothing like Father Scholler, who rides hundreds of miles every week and once cycled across Spain in a spiritual pilgrimage. Jake is a member of the huge Tippmann family and will, we hope, be the second priest from that family after Father Larry Tippmann.

On my return, I was very proud of Jake and his commitment to the Josephinum. It seems to be a wonderful seminary with a strong academic program and a fine atmosphere of prayer. I believe they have 20 or 30 more students than they had a year ago.

Bishop requests prayers for papal trip

Let us all make an extra effort this week to pray for the coming visit of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to Turkey. This is a visit of love and communion. Pope Benedict XVI is the successor to Peter. Constantinople, its ancient name, is the See of Andrew, who was the brother of Peter. In going there, the pope wishes to strengthen the bond between East and West, between the Bishop of Rome and the historic Eastern Orthodox Churches, whose mission, sacraments and tradition we share. This was a great hope of Pope John Paul II that, in his lifetime, these two ancient churches could reach full communion.

Due to recent events, this trip is also fraught with danger. I ask every parish to pray for the safety of our Holy Father. The Knights of Columbus have taken this on as a special mission.

I have enclosed a special prayer and ask each parish to say it, or a prayer similar to it, as part of our liturgy for the weekend of Nov. 26. We pray for a successful mission and a safe return.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy

SPECIAL PRAYER

That the trip of Pope Benedict XVI to the ancient See of Constantinople, the church founded by the Apostle Andrew, may be beneficial and bring about closer communion between East and West, and between Latin-Rite Catholics and members of the Orthodox Church, and that the Holy Father will return safely to Rome. We pray to our Lord in the name of his servant. Amen.
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Pope, curial officials reaffirm value of priestly celibacy

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI and top Vatican officials, meeting to review the status of married priests, reaffirmed the value of priestly celibacy and said its importance should be highlighted among priests and seminarians.

At the same time, the participants examined the possibility of the return to active ministry of some priests who may have left the priesthood to marry but who now meet certain conditions, a Vatican statement said.

The pope presided over the three-hour meeting of more than 20 heads of Vatican congregations and councils Nov. 16.

“The value of the choice of priestly celibacy according to the Catholic tradition was reaffirmed, and the need for solid human and Christian formation was underlined, both for seminarians and for those already ordained,” a brief Vatican statement said.

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Archbishop Milingo, 76, married a South Korean woman in 2001 but at the request of Pope John Paul II left her and was reconciled with the Vatican. Last summer, however, the archbishop was reunited with his wife in the United States and founded a movement called Married Priests Now!

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tality greeters to welcome Mass attendees and help serve refreshments afterward.
“We literally could not have the telecasts without the vital assistance of many individuals,” said Vince LaBarbera, director of the Catholic Communications Office and the producer of the TV Mass in both cities. “On behalf of our many viewers from throughout the diocese, I want to thank our priests and dedicated volunteers for their spiritual guidance and able assistance,” he said.

Most of the volunteers are behind-the-scenes people. In South Bend, they include: Father Bernard Galic, pastor of Holy Family Parish and the vocation director for the diocese, who has hosted and presided at the TV Mass since its inception; Sister Agnes Marie Regan, OSF, co-hostess; Andy and Linda Knapp, music; and Paula Olen and Betty Zavor, volunteer crew.

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20-Year Anniversary Masses to last one hour in December

- Sunday, Dec. 3 — Bishop John M. D’Arcy — WNDU TV, Channel 16, noon-1 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 10 — Bishop John D’Arcy — WISE TV, Channel 33, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of service to the homebound, the sick and elderly of our diocese.

Teledvised Christmas Masses

- Midnight Mass — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — Bishop John D’Arcy presiding, WISE and WPTA TV simulcast, Channels 33 and 21
- Christmas Morning Mass — Fort Wayne — University of Saint Francis Chapel, Bishop John D’Arcy presiding, WISE TV, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (live)
- South Bend — St. Adalbert, Father Christopher Cox, CSC, presiding, WNDU TV — 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. (pre-taped)
Schiaivo’s brother joins legal, medical experts at end-of-life forum

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (CNS) — The presence of Bobby Schiavo, the brother of the Florida woman whose plight sparked a national debate on end-of-life issues, gave an added edge to the dialogue at a recent Seton Hall University forum exploring the moral, legal, medical and personal aspects of end-of-life decisions.

The mid-October forum was the first in a new lecture series titled “A Question of Clarity,” co-sponsored by the university and the Order of Malta and aimed at clarifying the position of the Catholic Church on today’s most debated moral issues.

Schiavo said his sister, Terri Schiavo, was disabled but not brain dead. Bobby Schiavo, who was with his sister after her feeding tube was removed by court order, recalled the “horrifying” consequences of that action. “My sister was killed,” he said. The family’s “only intention” was to “take care of her,” he said, pointing out there was much confusion on the matter among Catholics.

Pope speaks of religious freedom in meeting with Italian president

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When a nation fosters its fruit and religious freedom, society reaps the fruits of justice and peace, Pope Benedict XVI told Italy’s president, the former archbishop of Naples. “The freedom that the church and Christians demand does not jeopardize the interests of the state or other groups in society and it does not aim at authoritarian supremacy” over these entities, the pope said.

Religious freedom, he said, is the condition in which Christians are able to “carry out that precious service the church offers” to all nations, such as giving “the light of faith, the power of hope and the warmth of charity,” he said. The pope met Nov. 20 with the newly elected president during a two-and-a-half-hour, pomp-filled ceremony in the Vatican.

The former Communist Party leader was accompanied by a large entourage of government officials including the former national secretary of the Italian socialist party, Democrats of the Left, Massimo D’Alema.

Irish court rules constitution does not protect embryos outside womb

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — The Irish Constitution’s protection of the unborn does not cover embryos outside the womb, ruled the High Court in Dublin. In its Nov. 17 decision, the court rejected the case of a woman seeking to have three frozen embryos returned to her “in order to achieve the wishes of her estranged husband.” The court ruled that the constitutional protection given to the unborn did not apply to embryos that were frozen or in vitro.

The woman had argued that under the Irish Constitution her embryos had a right to life. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin expressed concerns about the decision. “From a first consideration of the judgment, it would appear that the decision casts doubt concerning the level of protection which the constitution affords to human life at its earliest stages,” the archbishop said in a statement. “It is to be hoped that this issue will receive full consideration in any eventual appeal to the Supreme Court and that the general protection of every human life at all stages of its development will be vindicated.”

U.S. Catholics invited to 2008 eucharistic congress in Canada

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia said U.S. Catholics are invited to participate in the 49th International Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Quebec City June 15-22, 2008. Cardinal Rigali, who is the U.S. national delegate for the congress, extended the invitation Nov. 14 in a brief talk at the fall meeting in Baltimore of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Earlier that day Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, a Baltimore native who is now a high Vatican official, spoke to the bishops about indulgences and renewal of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Cardinal Rigali said Pope Benedict XVI has expressed a strong desire to “have a true international assembly” for the eucharistic congress, involving “people from all over the world.” “The church in Canada sees the eucharistic congress as a real opportunity for renewal of eucharistic devotion, and hence renewal of Catholic life,” he said.

Evidence of alleged cure credited to Cardinal Newman sent to Vatican

BOSTON (CNS) — Evidence of an alleged miraculous cure in the Archdiocese of Boston attributed to the intercession of Cardinal John Henry Newman has been sent to the Congregation for Saints’ Causes in Rome. The Roman postulator of the cause, Andrea Ambrosi, was assigned by the archdiocesan tribunal in Boston to oversee the process, which involves the package of documents, which contained two copies of the evidence. He flew from Boston to Rome and handed over the package Nov. 14 to congregation officials at the Vatican. The package, containing the sworn testimonies and the medical evidence of the healing of Deacon Jack Sullivan, 68, of Marshfield, was sealed during the closing session of the tri- bunal Nov. 9. Deacon Sullivan had a severe spinal disorder, but was restored to full mobility in 2001 after praying for Cardinal Newman’s intercession. The package was approved in brown wax, tied with red ribbon and secured with the wax seal of Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley of Boston.

Last Catholic women’s college in Massachusetts to admit men

WESTON, Mass. (CNS) — Regis College is currently the only Catholic women’s college in Massachusetts, but that is going to change. In a move that some are calling regrettable but necessary, the Regis College board of trustees has voted to admit men to the undergraduate program beginning in the fall of 2007. The decision comes after years of declining enrollment and financial troubles. According to Mary Jane Newman, sent to Vatican

Catholic and Anglican bishops attend a historic joint meeting in Leeds, England, Nov. 14. The unprecedented meeting brought together 30 Catholic and 40 Anglican bishops who prayed together and held discussions. The event was chaired jointly by Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, head of the Anglican Communion, and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor of Westminster, president of the English and Welsh Catholic bishops’ conference.

Catholic and Anglican bishops meet in England

Musallam of Holy Family Parish in the Gaza Strip, which passed along the papal donation. The priest said that besides the donation of the papal money, after he spoke to parishioners about the situation in Beit Hanoun, the weekly offering, which normally amounts to about $25, was increased fivefold as parishioners reached deep into their pockets to help their fellow Gaza residents whose homes and roads had been destroyed by Israeli missiles. The money was used to prepare 100 food baskets which also included about $25 in cash for needy families in Beit Hanoun, Father Musallam said in a telephone interview. Inside each basket parishioners inserted a note, telling the recipients that Gaza Christians supported them and were willing to help them, he said.

Retired Bishop Moreno of Tucson dies at age 75

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS) — Retired Tucson Bishop Daniel M. Moreno, 75, died at his home Nov. 17, hours after returning there from a Phoenix hospital where he had undergone surgery for bleeding in his brain. His funeral Mass was held Nov. 21 at Tucson’s St. Augustine Cathedral, followed by burial in Holy Hope Cemetery.

Bishop Moreno, the child of Mexican migrant farm-workers who emphasized the importance of education, had been one of the first Hispanic bishops in the United States. He worked with his father, Antonio Moreno, in Catholic high schools and packing warehouses while attending school in Fullerton, Calif. Bishop Moreno had cited his prostate cancer and Parkinson’s disease as reasons for his retirement in 2003 at age 72, three years before the age at which bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignations to the pope. After serving as bishop of El Paso (2001-2004), Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, a former auxiliary bishop in Chicago, became bishop of Tucson.

U.S. bishops’ Catholic Communication Campaign announces art contest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic Communication Campaign of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is inviting students in first through sixth grades to participate in a national art contest asking them to illustrate how Jesus would deliver the good news to contemporary society.

For submissions, contest rules and deadline for entries are at www.CatholicCommunicationCa mpaign.org. Barbara Ryan, CCC’s director of development, noted that last year more than 1,600 students from across the United States submitted artwork “that demonstrated that children see Jesus as part of their ordinary experiences.” According to Ryan, she would like to see Jesus at a computer, sending e-mail, calling or text messaging on a cell phone.” She said in a statement announcing this year’s contest.
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Bishop Dwenger teacher honored

FORT WAYNE — Maryellen Dyne Pfeffenberger, along on many of their favorite leaders in Indianapolis on Nov. 9. The conference said, “The service received funds Oct. 22 in Southampton Parish.

James Kelly honored at Indiana Conference for Catechetical Leaders

INDIANAPOLIS — James E. Kelly, a catechist at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven, was the recipient of the St. Catherine of Siena Award at the Indiana Conference for Catechetical Leaders in Indianapolis on Nov. 9.

The award is given for outstanding leadership and ministry in catechetics.

Kelly has served several schools as principal and several parishes as DRE and pastoral associate. He has developed new programs, new ways of ministering and utilizing technology as a tool.

A press statement from the conference said, “The service Kelly has poured into the church is a model for stewardship. He has humbly, and sometimes invisibly, demonstrated his love of youth and love of the faith in every possible way open to him — creatively and innovatively. Presenting a team concept for the RCA program in 1984 was visionary.

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St. Bavo hosts Service of Lessons and Carols

MISHAWAKA — The annual Service of Lessons and Carols will return to St. Bavo Parish Dec. 3, with carols sung by the Marian High School Liturgical Choir and scriptural lessons proclaimed by lectors from Mishawaka’s Antioch Youth Group. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

Joe Higgenbotham is director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo, and is also conductor of Marian choirs. He started the tradition at St. Bavo, which has been well-attended. “We had very favorable comments last year,” he said.

The service, which consists of nine readings and 18 carols, was an idea originally conceived in 1880, by Anglican Bishop F.W. Benson of Truro, in Great Britain.

“Some of the ladies from the liturgical choir (all of whom have since graduated) made a pro-life CD about three-and-a-half years ago that was well-received,” Higgenbotham said. “(We) have been doing even more to promote it so we hope to have a full church this year.”

The Marian High School Liturgical Choir practices for the Service of Lessons and Carols with director Joe Higgenbotham at the piano. The Service of Lessons and Carols will take place Dec. 3 at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka at 7 p.m.
Bishop D'Arcy cited as Faith Leader of Year

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Famously attributed to Edmund Burke is the keen insight, “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing.” Citizens for Community Values (CCV) is a living illustration of the opposite.

Formed 11 years ago by Dr. Joseph P. Sergio, Mike Hannam, Dennis Staffelbach and Mike Edwards, the group has had an impressive string of victories. Eleven years ago, there were 32 sexually-oriented businesses in the South Bend-Mishawaka area. Today there are six. CCV’s advocacy also prevented others from being established. This is the reverse of the national trend where pornography is proliferating.

Two recent victories were highlighted at the group’s Nov. 15 Awards Benefit Dinner. The first was the revocation by the Indiana State Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) of the Glo Worm’s liquor license as well as the physical demolition the Glo Worm, Quarterback Lounge, Treasure’s and the Kitty Kat strip clubs.

Additionally, Bob Urbanski, chairman of the local ATC, resigned, arguably due to CCV chairman of the local ATC, Rev. Timothy Rouse is a Democratic city councilman and was awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award. Master of ceremonies Juan Manigault praised Rev. Rouse: “Inspired by faith and governed by his principles, Rev. Rouse led the loving opposition to the CCV goals of making sure our city is not affected by the works of evil.”

Attorney David A. Wemhoff was recognized as the CCV Citizen of the Year for his critical role in skillfully defending and advancing the CCV cause before the South Bend and Indiana State ATC commissions. Wemhoff “worked closely with CCV leaders to finally get our evidence heard all the way to Indianapolis and brought home key victories for the families of our community.”

Manigault noted.

Larry Gates was honored as CCV Business Leader of the Year. Gates was lauded for his generosity, ethics, thoughtfulness and his leadership as a member of the board of directors.

Tom Uebbing was cited as CCV Volunteer of the Year. He was recognized for his “faithfulness as a member of the CCV Intercessory Prayer Team,” volunteer efforts and for promoting a culture of life though his articles in the secular and Catholic press.

In his address to participants, Dr. Sergio described how research has determined that sexual addiction in males is caused by neurotransmitters released in the brain upon viewing pornography, which produce a “high” similar to cocaine.

Dr. Sergio commented that people these days know that seatbelts save lives, that illegal drugs are harmful, but do not necessarily know that porn is harmful and cannot tell you why. One of CCV’s goals is to close that awareness gap to decrease the demand side of the equation.

With the “sexualization of America” through the media, especially the Internet, the U.S. faces the enormous challenge of both eliminating the outer invasion of sexually arousing material and the need to develop and strengthen inner self restraint and purity of heart, Executive Director Patrick Mangan underscored in his presentation.

Mangan announced expanded mission and vision statements and the CCV goals of making sure South Bend enforces its adult business ordinance now that legal challenges have been withdrawn, passing a statewide ordinance regulating sexually-oriented businesses and a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.
CULINARY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND

BY KAY COZAD

The season of Advent has arrived once again and is a time of anticipation and reflection as the faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our savior. It is also a time when family and friends gather from far and near to renew and strengthen their bond of love. One significant way families return to their roots during the holiday season is in the preparation and sharing of traditional cuisine. The tastes and aromas rekindle fond memories and knit more deeply the relationships of generations and continue to connect us to our ancestry and those who have gone before us. There is a belonging in the act of cooking and breaking bread together. Ethnic culinary traditions preserve the family heritage as recipes and preparation styles are passed from generation to generation. But the melting pot of cultures that exists in this country and the passage of time and new generations has made them our own. Today’s Catholic offers “Wassail recipe” and “Mexican tamales” as inspiration to our Christmas traditions. Wassailing.Melissa Clevalier, parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne shares that, “For years I have made wassail on Christmas Eve when we get together with family, friends and neighbors. I’ve always claimed that the wassail I make is the best wassail.” Wassailing pertained to St. Wenceslaus and lent a religious significance to the Christmas carol “Here We Go A Wassailing.”

Wassail recipe

- 64 ounces cranberry cocktail
- 46 ounces unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 5 teaspoons whole cloves
- 1 whole orange peel

Combine cranberry cocktail, pineapple juice, and brown sugar in a large pot. Arrange cloves on cheesecloth along with cinnamon sticks broken in half and orange peel (scored or cut into strips) and draw into a satchel. Add satchel to juice mixture and simmer on low for 10 minutes. Add rum if desired and enjoy. Keep on lowest heat all throughout the day to fill your home with the aroma of the season.

Mexican tamales

St. Vincent de Paul Church member Cristina Ray and her grandmother share a rich Mexican heritage and were very close. She and her entire family have enjoyed the tradition of preparing tamales together for their annual Christmas Eve feast for years. Tamales are a Mexican dish made of chopped meat and crushed peppers, highly seasoned, wrapped in corn husks spread with masa, and steamed. She remembers, “My grandmother, Panfila Zepeda, was born in Cuero, Texas, in 1929. She was raised in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and with her sister had been preparing the tamales at Christmas because this was their family tradition growing up. My mom, the oldest of 14, says it brings the family together because of the whole process in making them. She said before they had the masa available they had to crush the corn themselves and mix it up. So it really was a process to prepare the tamales. My family and I have had the opportunity to share this great multigenerational family tradition during the holiday season for many years.”

Christmas at the
University of Saint Francis

Celebrate Christmas in the Castle
Enjoy Family Christmas Events at the University of Saint Francis

This year, eight areas of the historic Bass Mansion will be beautifully decorated for Christmas, Open Friday through Sunday, the first two weekends of December, the Castle will also feature a model train display and musical performances.

Additional events this season at the university include a Living Nativity, the annual Lighting of the Lake and the Star of Bethlehem 2006 planetarium show.

For complete event times and ticket information, visit www.sf.edu.
“My grandmother passed away this past February, and this will be my first Christmas without her. She was an amazing lady, a mother of 14 and grandmother to over 30 of us. A member of Sacred Heart Parish, she was very strong in her Catholic faith and stressed the importance of that to us while she was here. We had the opportunity to gather at her home every year a few days before Christmas to prepare tamales.

“The best part of this tradition was being together with all of my aunts and cousins. My grandma would oversee everything to make sure we were all doing things the right way. Some of my aunts would clean the corn husks and soak them, some of us would spread the masa on the corn husk, and others would put the meat inside and wrap them up. Then usually an aunt or grandma would put them in the pan and get them ready for cooking.

“I have to admit I wasn’t so good at helping out because I would put too much of the masa or meat and a lot of times my family would give me a hard time, but that didn’t matter as long as I can remember and know that even though Grandma wouldn’t be here this Christmas she would want us to continue the tradition. She was so giving and opened her home to everyone. She made sure that any guest in her house was fed.”

Ray feels the loss of her grandmother deeply this season and knows the holidays will be especially difficult for her entire family. But she cherishes the memory of the special times the family gathered to prepare tamales in the past and feels this year her grandmother will be in their hearts as they carry on the tradition.

**Polish kifles**

Kate Kujawski proudly shares a Polish heritage with both her mother and father’s families. She recalls the many years that her mother Claire Kujawski, a longtime member of St. Andrew’s Church, went to Poland to visit her family and bring back special Polish cookies for friends and family. These cookies allowed in though not the youngest, four children, of whom Kate is the youngest, though not allowed in the kitchen, would watch in wonder as the grandmother, was born in South Bend in a predominately Polish area where English was a second language. She moved in with her daughter’s family in 1969, after her husband passed away.

“The process of making the cookies, called kifles (pronounced kee-fles), was a two-night ordeal, because the dough was refrigerated overnight,” says Kate, adding that they made dozens and dozens of them. The two women mixed and baked together for hours in the hot kitchen where their double ovens were heated to 375 degrees. The four children, of whom Kate is the youngest, though not allowed in the kitchen, would watch in wonder as the dough rolled out. The delectable aroma of baking cookies filled the air for days.

Kate remembers her astonishment at the quantity of cookies produced each year by the matriarchs of her family, but she knows it was well worth the effort when family and friends would arrive. The Kujawski’s traditional kifle cookies were offered as gifts and gratefully accepted by neighbors, coworkers, family and friends. “But...” Kate says, “We still had enough for all the people who stopped by during the holidays.” And that fellowship, she adds, gave expression to the festive atmosphere of the season of giving.

**Kifle Cookie Recipe**

1 package yeast
2 cups sifted flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
1 egg
Greased baking sheet

Put sifted flour into a large mixing bowl. Mix in yeast. Cut in sour cream with pastry blender until crumbly. Add egg and sugar. Mix well. Pour into a ball. On lightly floured board, knead until smooth, five to ten minutes. Divide dough into three equal parts. Wrap in wax paper. Chill in refrigerator overnight.

On a board sprinkled with confectioners’ sugar, roll each part of dough into a 1/4 inch thick circle. Cut into eight pre-shaped wedges. Pour 1/4 cup of sugar into the middle of each wedge. Roll up into crescent shape. Bake in 375-degree oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven. While cookies are still warm, place them on a wire rack. Sprinkle with confectioners’ sugar. Makes two dozen cookies.

**Italian Feasts of the Seven Fishes**

Kathy Denice, member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, married into a family in 1963 deeply rooted in the Italian culture. Each Christmas Eve she and her husband Nick would join his entire family to participate in the Feast of the Seven Fishes. The tradition began, she says, in Italy when as a poor community the families would save their meat for Christmas day. Her husband’s family populated the coastal side of Italy and had access to a variety of fish while those in the interior feasted on some fish and more vegetables. Denice’s mother-in-law, Eleanor, hosted the feast in the family home, until the family dispersed.
Parishes and universities announce penance, Advent programs for the season

By Jenny Murray

The following Advent penance services and Advent programs was compiled by the Office of Catechesis, which requested information from parishes and Catholic institutions across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Updates and brochures in PDF (portable document format) may be found by visiting the Office of Catechesis’ Web page at www.diocesefwsb.org/OC/

Advent penance services
Fort Wayne and Allen County
• St. John the Baptist, Fairfield Ave. — Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.
• St. Charles Borromeo, Decatur — Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.
• St. Jude — Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.
• St. Patrick, Arcola — Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

North of Fort Wayne
• St. Gazpar, Rome City — Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.
• St. Michael, Waterloo — Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. This will also include Taizé style prayer.
• St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

South and west of Fort Wayne
• St. Joseph, Bluffton — Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m.
• St. Robert Bellarmine — North Manchester, Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.
• St. Mary, Huntington — Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.
• St. Bernard, Wabash — Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.
• St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.
• St. Mary of the Lake, Culver — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

South Bend and St. Joseph County
• Church of Loretto, Saint Mary’s College — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.
• Christ the King — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.
• St. Matthew Cathedral — Confessions: Dec. 18-22 at 7:30-8 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

East of South Bend
• St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart — Saturday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.
• St. Joseph, LaGrange — Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m.

South of South Bend
• St. Mary of the Lake, Culver — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Catholic-Lutheran Advent programs around Fort Wayne
• Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers — Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd., Fort Wayne. Catholic and Lutheran clergy and choirs will be participating. Stay for refreshments afterwards.
• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Advent prayer service sponsored by the youth on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.
• St. Jude — Anointing service on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 p.m.
• Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception — Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Music performed by choir, brass quartet and harp.
• St. Joseph, Brooklyn — Choir Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

Most of the Advent programs will also include Taizé style prayer. Children are invited at 5 p.m. to pet the animals gathered to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Singing of “Silent Night” as the Nativity comes unfolds will be at 6:30 p.m.

Advent programs around South Bend
• Christ the King, South Bend — Madrigal Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Cost is $20. To register, call (574) 272-3115.
• St. Pius X, Granger — Advent Lessons and Carols on Sundays, Dec. 5, from 7-8 p.m.; — Taizé prayer, a contemplative prayer service on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7-9 p.m.
• Saint Mary’s College — Advent of Justice on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel
• Advent vespers at Church of Loretto at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 23. On Dec. 19, vespers at O’Grady Center.
• Lessons and Carols at Church of Loretto on Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m.
• Advent Lessons and Carols on Saturdays in December.
• Solstice Prayer in O’Grady Center on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

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**Biscotti con Pignoli (Pine Nut Cookies)**

- **1 whole large egg**
- **3 large egg whites**
- **1/2 cup sugar**
- **1/2 tablespoon almond paste**
- **1 cup all-purpose flour**
- **1 teaspoon orange juice**
- **1/2 teaspoon almond extract**
- **2-3 ounces pine nuts**

Yield: approximately 2 dozen cookies

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. In the top of a double boiler, mix
   - 2-3 ounces of pine nuts
   - 1/3 cup sugar
   - 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
   - 1 cup all-purpose flour

3. Grease and flour a baking sheet and place teaspoons of dough, well spaced, on it.
4. Place pine nuts on each piece and press gently into the dough (about 6 or 8 pine nuts per cookie).
5. Let the dough rest on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then place pine nuts on each piece and bake until golden brown.

**Polish Christmas Bread**

Barb Geiger, parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, grew up one of five children of Valeria and Buck Buchanan. She remembers, “My mom was Polish. My grandfather actually stayed away on a boat from Poland to New York City when he was 17.” One of 13 children in a farm family in rural Minnesota, Valeria’s responsibility was to help her mom (Geiger’s grandmother) with baking. “Mom was notorious for her baking but she never used a recipe when she made bread and rolls,” says Geiger. She and her four siblings were introduced to baking early on. Christmas was always a festive family event with freshly baked breads, cookies and many other goodies. Geiger recalls many happy holidays when she and her mom made her dad’s traditional Scandinavian Lefse, a thin fried mix of mashed potatoes and whipping cream.

As the Buchanan children grew up and married, Valeria made her specialty wreath coffee cake for each of her children to enjoy on Christmas morning. As her grandchildren married, they also were sent home with the tasty treat. When Valeria died in 2003, there was no sweet wreath coffee cake for Christmas morning breakfast, and for Geiger it just wasn’t the same.

The next year Geiger’s brother, Dick Buchanan decided that he would put his own twist on the missed Christmas morning treat and presented each family with one of his special “monkey breads” on Christmas Eve. Last year, brother and sister joined forces and produced 10 special monkey breads for the children and grandchildren of Valeria. Geiger, who is an accomplished baker in her own right, says, “Now thanks to my brother, we all still enjoy a Christmas treat with thoughts of mom, and family Christmases of the past and the future.”

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Dencie family moved away. Now her children gather in her home to carry on the tradition into the future. With a few adjustments, such as fish sticks for the grandchildren and spaghetti with invisible sauce, the gatherings include games, laughter and chatter, and inevitably turn to memories of Gram. “My mother-in-law never drank, but on the Feast of the Seven Fishes she would finish the meal with coffee and anisette liqueur. She called it ‘holy water,’” recalls Dencie with a smile and adds how much family meant to Eleanor. The feast consisted of a series of courses that included antipasti, artichokes, pasta, mussels, pesce with vegetables (fish with vegetables), salad, grapes, fruit and nuts, dolce dessert (assorted cookies and cannoli), and espresso served with “holy water” anisette. The Italian tradition not only brings this loving family joy every year but reminds them all of their rich heritage and those who have gone before them.
**Pope reaffirms the value of priestly celibacy**

On Sept. 24, Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of Zambia attempted to consecrate four married men as bishops without a mandate from the Roman Curia, apparently out of a desire to redefine the marriage law of the Church. His action led to immediate exile and the automatic nullification of any actions of consecration to which he has given rise. In a Nov. 26 editorial column, Today’s Catholic editorial board calls the actions of Archbishop Milingo, called together the cardinal and archbishop heads of the Roman curia, the offices through which the pope governs the church. The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on the possibility of ordaining priests who had married to active ministry in the Church. The result of the gathering was a reaffirmation of the value of priestly celibacy for the Latin Church. The enfoldings of these recent events makes it worthwhile to point out the myths associated with priestly celibacy that are implicit in the remembrances of Archbishop Milingo and are readily believed in the culture.

- **Myth:** The shortage of priests in the church is the direct result of obligatory celibacy.
- **Study shows that all major Christian denominations are in the midst of a clergy shortage. In fact, the shortage in the Catholic Church is actually less severe than in mainline Protestant denominations where ministers are married. The Orthodox Church, in which marriedpriests are permitted, is feeling an especially acute shortage of priests. The reason for the shortage is greatly speculated upon. Some say it is because of the widespread breakdown of family life in the West. Some say that it is because of the debilitating materialism, which has taken hold of us. Whatever the cause, what seems certain is that celibacy is not the cause of the shortage nor is the relaxing of the law of celibacy the solution to the shortage.

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**Clarification**

It is our hope that this collaboration with a wide array of African partners will halt the spread, and enable the recovery from two destructive diseases that threaten the wellbeing of so many people and ultimately to save lives. CISP is about preventing people falling into abject poverty. And perhaps most important, these efforts are organized on a regional, cross-national basis in an effort to combat diseases that do not respect borders.

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*Ken Williams is the director of Catholic Relief Services.*

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**The fight to save bananas and cassava in Africa**

In many African countries, bananas and cassava aren’t simply a healthy addition to one’s daily diet. They are key to survival. When bananas grown in Africa, for example, are a starch staple much like plantains and are the major source of carbohydrate to millions of poor people. They are cooked and mashed to make a vital meal. In most countries, there is no room for any kind of abuse of a child, but the solution to safeguarding against abuse has nothing to do with the abrogation of celibacy. If Archbishop Milingo and his ilk get their way, the church would be robbed of a most powerful and precious gift, a gift which enables priests single-heartedly to give themselves to the church as a husband gives himself to his wife. In response to the disobedience of the archbishop, our Holy Father has rightly called priests to cherish the gift of priestly celibacy.

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**Innovative program, C3P, targets plant diseases that threaten key sources of food for millions of poor Africans**

BY KEN HACKETT

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**Reader responds to Prister’s ‘The very human side of Charlie Weis’**

I would like to start by saying that I have never met Mr. Weis, but I think I have a better understanding of him after reading the account of his daughter Hannah. Any man who states that Mr. and Mrs. Weis, have been “dealt a bad hand” in describing their daughter Hannah, has no understanding of the blessings that come with special needs children. A child is a gift from God, and all children are perfect in his eyes.

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**Today’s Catholic’s welcome letter readers. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address for verification.**

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Poking fun at the pope: Satire sparks debate over limits of humor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italians have a long history of satirizing the papacy, but recent gibes at Pope Benedict XVI and his personal secretary have ignited a national debate over the limits of humor.

A running sketch on a popular Italian TV show portrays the white-haired pope as a capricious egotist who complains about always having to wear white and giggles as he types out excommunication edicts.

A radio comedian has the pope shooting pigeons above St. Peter’s Square — because they “bother people who have to work” and tossing candies down at children.

Meanwhile, another radio show impersonator has found a comic target in the papal secretary, Msgr. Georg Ganswein, who comes off as a vain lightweight — he dreams of being a circus acrobat, but worries that it might mess up his hair.

In mid-November, the Catholic newspaper Avvenire decided it had seen and heard enough. It said the parodies of the pontiff and his secretary were vulgar and grotesque and in some ways represented a cheap shot at the church.

Citing a sketch that showed Pope Benedict preparing to deliver an Angelus talk, Avvenire editorialist Bernardo Fasola said the pope “appears as a hysterical man flanked by cardinal-altar boys, worried about having enough good lines to deliver, out of control, his fingers swollen with big rings.”

“What does this have to do with the real pope? Nothing. If satire makes governments fall, in order to ridicule it, this operation has failed,” he said.

In his TV impersonation, Maurizio Crozza’s pope speaks in a thick German accent and worries about being overshadowed by his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

At one point, exasperated by the comparisons, he asks his aides, “Did John Paul II know how to do this?” and proceeds to tap dance across the floor and juggle three oranges.

In another show he launches a dove as a sign of peace. When it falls with a thud on the ground, he shrugs and remarks, “It must have bad bird flu.”

The radio spoof on Msgr. Ganswein plays on his popularity in the Italian media and his reputation as the most scrupulous and handsome member of the pope’s household.

In the Italian comedian Fiorello’s version, Msgr. Ganswein plays at curling in St. Peter’s Basilica and talks about opening a restaurant inside the Vatican — the “Last Supper,” where you order one fish and it serves 20 people.

The real Msgr. Ganswein told an Italian reporter he’d never heard the radio show or seen the TV spoof of the pope, but thought such transmissions were

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**THE SUNDAY GOSPEL**

**Christ the King**

**Jn 18:33b-37**

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**READINGS**

**34th week of ordinary time**

**Sunday:** On 713-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 18:33b-37

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1-6LK 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:1-19 Ps 96:10-13LK 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3, 7-LK 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5MR 4:18-22

**Friday:** Rom 21:4-11, 21-22 Ps 84-3, 6-LK 21:33-36

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7LK 21:34-36

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**CATEQUIZ'EM**

**By Dominic Campisano**

On Nov. 21, the church remembers the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. This quiz looks at the presentation.

1. What was the presentation? a. The occasion upon which Jewish children were brought to the Temple and dedicated to the Lord, with sacrifices. b. It was a ceremony named for the presents received by a new born child, for example the gifts of the Magi. c. It is unknown because much of the Jewish background has been lost.

2. In which book of the Bible do we learn about Mary being presented? a. In the Gospel of Mark b. In Revelation c. In none of them

3. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned in the Book of James. What is that? a. It is the same thing as the Letter of James. b. It is an apocryphal (non-Biblical) text. c. It is a fifth Gospel, about to be released by Benedict XVI.

4. The age at which Mary was presented is believed to have been a. three years of age b. 13, when she was nominally a woman c. at the age she had her first child, so probably 17

5. Where was the feast first observed? a. In the West b. In the East c. In Ireland

6. When was that? a. A.D. 96 by the 8th century b. After the Reformation c. Only since being authorized in the post-Reformation period

7. Philip de Mezieres was a supporter of the feast. Who was he? a. St. Philip, one of the first deacons b. A French knight who has served in the East c. The leader of the 34th Crusade, which sacked Constantiople

8. When did he campaign for the recognition of the feast? a. In the 1700s b. In the 1500s c. In the 1700s just before the French Revolution

9. What happened in 1727? a. The observance of the feast was permitted in the West b. De Mezieres was burned as a heretic for supporting Joan of Arc c. The French won the World Series

10. Though various popes had differing ideas about the feast, this pope eventually made it universal: a. Sixtus IV b. St. Pius V c. Sixtus V

11. When was that? a. In the 12th century b. In the 16th century c. In the 18th century

12. In the East, the Presentation of The Theotokos is one of these: a. The four precepts of the church b. The 12 great feasts c. The icons mandated to be placed on the priest’s vestments

13. What is “Theotokos”? a. It means small Jewish girl, so refers to Mary b. It means God-bearer c. It is the literal translation of Miriam, “golden haired”

14. When do the Eastern churches celebrate the feast (also called The Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple)? a. On the same date as the Western Churches, Nov. 21 b. On Aug. 30 c. The date varies each year, as they use a different liturgical calendar

15. The name of the feast should not be abbreviuated to “the Presentation,” Why? a. No reason for it, it is just church policy b. To avoid confusion with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord c. Because once you shorten words you’ll be saying things like “okay” and “Pope Benny” at Mass.

ANSWERS: 1.a, 2.c, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b, 6.a, 7.b, 8.a, 9.a, 10.c, 11.b, 12.b, 13.b, 14.a, 15.b
All truth and goodness, no matter where found, come from God
Sports

Fans help drive success of Marian volleyball

BY ELMER J. DANCH

MISHAWAKA — Girls volleyball at Marian High School has been an exciting sport all season and the women athletes take a lot of pride in their efforts as their record shows.

Marian fans packed the gymnasium to watch them play. By winning sectional, regional and state championships, the Lady Knights reached the championship round of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) tournament and faced another powerful Catholic prep team in Indianapolis Roncalli. They stormed to win the first two games, but a feisty Roncalli team rallied to win the next two to tie the match and then went on to win the third game 16-7. “It was a battle that taught our young Marian squad the value of being at a state championship contest,” said coach Dave Anderson.

The Lady Knights will graduate only two seniors, Emily Libertowski and Meeghan Miller. “So look for them to be hungry to be at the finals again next season,” Anderson said.

St. Jude earns Green League title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Coach Annette Sage-Schrader and the seventh grade girls’ volleyball team from St. Jude School in Fort Wayne served up a perfect season for 2006 by posting an 8-0 record and winning the Green League CYO title.


“Our girls started to prepare for this season’s tournament last year after our second-place finish in the 2005 CYO tournament,” said Sage-Schrader. “The girls are very supportive of each other, both on and off the court. They gained confidence in their skills and offered thanks at each practice and game to the Virgin Mary, St. Jude and St. Sebastian (patron saint of athletes).”

“This season Sage-Schrader implemented a new offense and defense, which allowed the girls to focus on and develop their particular strengths. She felt very fortunate that this was a ‘very athletic team.’ Most of the starters could be placed in at least two positions on the court and could do any job requested of them.”

Assistant coaches for the St. Jude team were Chad Schrader, Vicky Miller and Jeff Mickelmi. Anne Bobay, Suzie Charais, Kristina Dammeyer, Julie Freistroffer, Adrienne Korson, Claire Laushe, Katie Leew, Maddie Mayers, Tina Miller, Libby Monner, Katherine Rutledge, Aubrey Schrader, Madeline Terrell and Lindsey Wolff made up the winning roster. Each of the St. Jude players also achieved academic high honors or academic Jude players also achieved academic high honors or academic honors during the first quarter of the 2006-2007 school year.

Speaking on behalf of the entire coaching staff, Sage-Schrader concluded, “We have enjoyed watching this team develop over the last three years. They are truly a wonderful group of young ladies with bright futures.”

CYO closes books on football season

FORT WAYNE — With the close of the football season, this year’s eighth grade class will be moving on. These eighth graders have showed a Christian attitude.

Those chosen were Dan Vandergriff, Dan Rodenbeck, Peter Wiala, Drew Lierhr Kellogg, Andrew Magsam, Eric Sorg, Steven Kiermaier, Jacob Turner, Alex Stronczek, Nick McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, De’Angelo Fincher and Gabe Mendora.

Coach Joe Wharton from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, could not choose just one. He nominated identical twins, Mike and Nick McCarthy.

“I still can’t always tell these two apart. Mike and Nick have identical skills. They have identical skills. They are amazing. They will do very well at the next level.”

The twins have not yet decided to attend Bishop Luers or Bishop Dwenger next fall. Coach Andy Lebamoff from St. Vincent said he could not begin to single out a player or two. “We won as a team and lost as a team,” Lebamoff said. “I do not pick our most valuable player, but let the team vote before the banquet.”

Lebamoff added that all of his players will be attending Bishop Dwenger next year.

USF SENIOR LINEBACKER SNAGS SECOND NAIA PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOR University of Saint Francis (USF) inside linebacker Brian Kurtz has been named NAIA National Defense Player of the Week for the second time this season for his play in the Cougars’ 21-20 win at Geneva College on Saturday, Nov. 11. USF wide receiver Jeremy Dutcher was NAIA Offensive Player of the Week twice in 1999. USF QB Jeremy Hibben was selected once in 2000 and once in 2001. Kurtz and Dutcher are the only two players in MSFA history starting in 1995 to earn the honor twice in the same season.

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Suffering to joy

Diocesan author speaks out

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Raquel Hanic could be just another person in the pew next to you during Sunday Mass. For parishioners of St. Jude and Queen of Angels Churches in Fort Wayne, she actually is. And that is part of why her story is so potent. Looking at the mother of three, wife of 19 years, cradle Catholic from Fort Wayne, no one would surmise the painful history beneath the surface.

That is until the publication of Hanic’s book, “My Daddy Never Died: Journey from Suffering to Joy,” through the Queenship Publishing Company. In this slender but harrowing volume, Hanic recounts her story — sexual abuse as a child, followed by the tragic death of her father, being raped when she was 15, and years of addiction and destructive behavior, culminating in feelings of total abandonment and despair.

The walk back to the faith, also recounted in the book, was an arduous one, marked by lessons learned and relearned, time of growth followed by time of great pain followed by growth.

Hanic explains: “Not only was God healing me, but he was purifying me. He was getting rid of all those coping mechanisms, all those self-defense attitudes and the way I behave because of what happened. I became this person because of these events, and then he had to peel it back, and peel it back, and peel it back, which hurt.”

It was in the midst of this journey, while praying in the St. Jude adoration chapel, that Hanic felt that God was prompting her to share her story. She recalled Jesus asking, “Would you share your story if one soul was saved?”

Initially — and for some time after that — Hanic says she was “resistant” to the idea. “I wasn’t on board at all,” she says, “We all have these masks and facade, and we want people to think a certain way about us. And I finally felt that I had accomplished that — that I was respected, that I was a good mother, that I was a good wife, and I have a good job. By doing that, people would know everything.”

But Hanic went along with the idea, telling God that he would have to handle everything, as she was not a writer and knew nothing about the publication process. And according to Hanic, that’s what God did, leading her every step of the way, through editors, to a publisher, to endorsements.

“Deep down, I was hoping someone would say, ‘You know, this is out of line,’” Hanic admits. “That admonition never came, but the publication of her book did.

Reaction to “My Daddy Never Died” has been strong. Hanic worried about what her own family would think — her mother and grandparents are still living — but says everyone has been very supportive, noting that she thinks the book is hard for people who were so close to her but didn’t know what was going on and couldn’t help someone they loved in the midst of her struggle.

Outside of her family, Hanic says the healing impact of her book is already apparent. Her family has been strongly supportive. And for those who have been spared the experiences of abuse and addiction, Hanic hopes that her story will increase people’s love for the church and the sacraments. She says that, with all the news in the world of priests who have acted badly, it is especially important to support the good ones. “They helped me. My church helped me,” Hanic says. “My Jesus healed me through the hands of priests.”

But so, as Hanic found a new father figure in the church and its priests after the death of her father, she has also found that the pain and growth of her journey continues well after putting her story in book form, suffering the death of her youngest brother after completing the book and finding healing again, this time through the Christ Renews His Parish program at Most Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne.

It’s all part of the same healing, saving journey for Raquel Hanic, and she still feels as strongly as ever that sharing it is important to support the good ones. “They helped me. My church helped me,” Hanic says. “My Jesus healed me through the hands of priests.”

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Raquel Hanic signs a copy of her book for her grandmother, Evelyn Escobedo, at a recent book signing at Abba House Christian bookstore in Fort Wayne. Despite the personal and confessional nature of her book, Hanic says her family has been strongly supportive.
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**MISC. HAPPENINGS**

Drama department presents ‘Grieve’ Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers High School Drama department will present “Grieve” in the café on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $7 and can be purchased from any cast member or by calling (260) 456-1261 ext. 3134. Doors open at 7 p.m. Enter the building through door #5 from the parking lot.

The Advent of Justice Notre Dame — As Advent approaches Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns and Saint Mary’s Campus Ministry and Justice Education will sponsor an evening with Father Ed Foley, OFM, a liturgical theologian at The Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago at 7 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 29, in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall on the Saint Mary’s campus. Father Foley will offer a reflection on liturgy and justice within the season of Advent. Dr. Margie Pfeil of the Notre Dame Theology Department and Sean Wendlinger of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will respond before opening the floor for discussion.

SAJES announce holiday plans Fort Wayne — The Fifth Annual Catholic/Lutheran Advent Vesper service will be Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd. Pre-service music will begin at 4:45 p.m. featuring a combined adult choir from area Catholic and Lutheran congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

Foresters plan Christmas party Fort Wayne — The National Catholic Society of Foresters, St. Antoinette Court 870, is holding a potluck Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish School basement. For information call (260) 447-2357.

**FUNDRAISERS**

Madrigal dinner supports youth Fort Wayne — The National Catholic/Lutheran Vespers service will be Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd. Pre-service music will begin at 4:45 p.m. featuring a combined adult choir from area Catholic and Lutheran congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

**DEVOTIONS**

First Sunday rosary for families Fort Wayne — The first Sunday Rosary for families will be Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel with Father Domonique Carbouneau and Sister M. Jane Carew attending.

First Saturday devotions Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will hold devotions of reparation for peace at St. Joseph, corner of Brooklyn and Hale, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Confessions at 7:15 a.m., meditation at 7:30 a.m., and the rosary at 7:45 a.m. with the Mass at 8 a.m. Breakfast and meeting will follow. First Saturday devotions are also held at St. Patrick, Arcola, St. John, New Haven and St. Rose, Monroeville.

Centering prayer South Bend — Centering prayer is held every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at Little Flower Chapel, 54191 N. Ironwood.

**TV MASS GUIDE FOR DECEMBER**

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The seed for St. Patrick Parish was planted in 1886 when a school of two rooms was opened in a house on south Calhoun St. near Williams St. It was established as a convenience for children who lived too far from the Cathedral School. This area was identified as “south of the tracks” and as Irish Town.

In 1889, Bishop Joseph Dwenger announced the establishment of St. Patrick Parish and the appointment of Father Thomas O’Leary, 32, as pastor. Father O’Leary served only three weeks and died of appendicitis. His replacement, Father Joseph F. Delaney, who would become a local and beloved legend, stayed on the job for 45 years.

Following the 1891 dedication of the present church, St. Patrick’s first school was built. It would later become St. Catherine’s Academy, a girl’s high school.

Thus began the golden years for St. Patrick’s. School enrollment soared, and in 1910, a Lyceum school was established, which included bowling alleys, a gym, kitchens and an 800-seat auditorium was built and became a social center in Fort Wayne where for the first time many non-Catholics enjoyed themselves on church property.

1918 found 639 students in the grade school, with a faculty of 18 Sisters of Providence. This was bread on the waters for the sisters, as over the years, 60 graduates of St. Patrick joined their ranks.

Sixteen others became women religious in other orders, and 35 sons of St. Patrick became priests or brothers.

In 1992, St. Patrick’s became a twin parish with St. Paul Parish, which was 24 years older than St. Patrick’s and had a predominately Hispanic membership. Eleven years later, St. Paul Church was suppressed and torn down, and the congregation moved to St. Patrick where it joined a smaller Vietnamese body and a dwindling Anglo membership.

Today, St. Patrick epitomizes the inner-city parish with Masses in three languages, weekend religion classes for kids, a food pantry and a parish with membership.

The statue of Christ with children of many races is an appropriate symbol for the outreach of St. Patrick Parish today. It is located where St. Catherine’s Academy and the convent for the Sisters of Providence once stood. The print is from an engraving made in 1913.

Dominating the scene in a quaint country churchyard, the crucifix offers solace to all.

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