**Another step to beatification**

**Files on healings attributed to Venerable Father Solanus Casey taken to Rome**

**BY ROBERT DELANEY**

DETROIT (CNS) — Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenweber headed to Rome Oct. 14 with what many hope are the details of the miracle that finally advances the sainthood cause of Capuchin Father Solanus Casey to the next step — beatification.

“I have three cases that look promising, for which I have some medical records,” said Brother Wollenweber, vice postulator for the sainthood cause of the famous Capuchin who served at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit and at Capuchin-run parishes in several other states.

He will deliver the reports on the three healings to Capuchin Father Florio Tessari, postulator general for all Capuchin sainthood causes.

“We’ll need people’s prayers so that we’ll have good success with this,” Brother Wollenweber said.

Father Casey spent several years of “retirement” at the St. Felix Seminary in Huntington, 1946-1956.

Many astonishing healings were attributed to Father Solanus’ prayers during his lifetime (1870-1957), and his virtue was recognized when he was declared venerable in 1995 by the late Pope John Paul II.

But the next step on the way to being declared a saint, beatification, requires certification of a miracle attributable to his intercession after his death.

This past July and August thousands of people in Detroit and other cities where he served took part in novenas praying for his beatification.

Brother Wollenweber said the postulator general will turn the cases over to medical experts for their investigation into his life. A miracle attributed to his intercession must be approved before beatification, the next step to sainthood.

**WORLDWIDE ROSARY**

About a hundred people, including young Colin MacDonell shown above, gathered around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Corpus Christi Church in South Bend, praying and celebrating Worldwide Rosary Day 2007. The Oct. 7 celebration was part of an international effort, involving faithful from over 140 different countries, all praying the rosary.

**Diocese to host noted bioethicist Oct. 28-29**

**BY ROBERT DELANEY**

Bishop John M. D’Arcy is inviting priests and Fort Wayne area healthcare professionals to the 5 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Mass will be followed by a light supper and talk by Father Tad Pacholczyk at the nearby Grand Wayne Center at 6 p.m.

A Catholic bioethicist and neuroscientist and Today’s Catholic columnist, Father Pacholczyk serves as the director of education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He will be speaking on end-of-life decisions: proportionate vs. disproportionate care, including nutrition and hydration.

Father Pacholczyk last appeared in Fort Wayne in December 2005 when he spoke at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., in downtown Fort Wayne.

Father Pacholczyk received a doctorate in neuroscience from Yale University, did post-doctoral research at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and advanced work at the Gregorian University in Rome in the areas of dogmatic theology and bioethics where he earned two more degrees. He has testified before Congress and numerous state legislatures.

There is no charge for the presentations, which are being co-sponsored by the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Healthcare professionals who wish to attend are asked to register by Oct. 22 by responding to: Bishop John M. D’Arcy, POB 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, telephone (260) 422-4611, fax (260) 969-1383, or e-mail mschott@fw.diocesefwsb.org.
TODAY’S CATHOLIC

The ordination of a priest is an act of God’s love

BISHOP JOHN M. DARCY

Two for the priesthood

On Saturday, Oct. 27, I will have the privilege of ordaining to the priesthood two young men, both natives of our diocese, who have been serving as transitional deacons, and who have finished their academic pastoral, spiritual and human preparation at the Pontifical Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. As I have said previously, the ordination of a priest is an act of God’s love — not primarily for the priest, but for the people whom he will serve. For the bishop, this brings a sense of joy and immense gratitude, as well as a conviction about his own unworthiness.

It will be a joyful day with priests coming from all parts of the diocese. For those who have never been to an ordination, it will be a catechetical experience as well as a kind of retreat. Deacon Jason Freiburger grew up on the south side of Fort Wayne. He is a graduate of Bishop Luers High School, and studied at Purdue University where he majored in things like accounting and business. He studied at both the St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and the Josephinum. He has served his diaconate at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, where he has been involved in their extraordinary program of ministry to teenagers.

Deacon Bob Lengerich is a son of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, attended Elkhart public schools for 12 years and the same seminaries as Deacon Jason. He has served his diaconate at St. Pius X Parish, Granger.

Both have served as deacons in large sprawling suburban parishes. They have served with exemplary parish priests, Father Bill Scholer and Father John Kuzmich. One hopes that having young priests in parishes with so many young people will be an inspiration to more young men from these parishes to consider the priesthood. Indeed we have candidates from the seminary from both of these parishes, and we hope for more. We are expecting a large crowd at our historic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and I know it will be a joyous occasion.

Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, and served previously with distinction at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla.

Found in compliance

Recently, we had our annual compliance audit. What is this about? In the year 2002, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops put together a document entitled Charter for the Protection of Children. It followed what was probably the most painful experience of the Catholic Church in its long history in this country. It requires the visit of auditors to make sure that each diocese is following the charter. This involves many things, such as, a diocesan review board, screening of all employees, and training of teachers and those that serve the young people in education in the schools and in other ministries. It also involves careful screening of the candidates for the priesthood. I am pleased to announce that our inspector, Steve Chenoweth, found us to be in compliance. This continues our perfect record, but we also learned of ways we can even do better in the future. I am especially grateful to Cathie Ciciello, Cathie, with a MBA from the University of Notre Dame and a masters in Christian spirituality from Creighton University and the mother of three children, is the director and coordinator of our safe environment efforts to follow the charter and be in full compliance; she did a magnificient job of preparation and was much helped by Father Bob Schulte, Mari Raatz, Maureen Schott and our department of catechesis and the school office.

A year ago at the meeting of the bishops in Baltimore, a professional from the John Jay School of Criminal Justice said the efforts of the bishops to respond to this terrible crisis and the corrective measures taken and also the sociological investigation into what happened were “unmatched.” Is the preparation difficult and demanding? Yes. Is it necessary? Yes. Is it a good thing? Yes. Total watchfulness is necessary to prevent such a plague from ever falling on us again. It is for the protection of our beloved children.

Medical moral questions

Some anniversaries

To celebrate the Eucharist at the parish anniversaries is especially joyful. The parish is the center of church life. A family of families as Pope John Paul II called the parish. I was at the 140th anniversary of St. Joseph, Roanoke, recently, on a Saturday evening. The church was filled, and the fine relationship between the pastor, Father Kenneth Sarrazine, and his people was evident. I blessed the stained glass window from the old church; I was most impressed by the love of the people for this parish, so rich in tradition.

I also celebrated the Eucharist for the 50th anniversary of St. Henry’s Parish, Fort Wayne. It was especially moving that Father Robert Hoevel was with us. This parish was built by Father Hoevel’s family. Once called Hoel Wells, Father Bob became pastor of a parish and of a church where he had played as a young boy. Formerly made up of farmland, it is now on the edge of the city of Fort Wayne.

Father Daniel Durkin has brought about a strong revitalization of this parish. He has been very much present at the Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy every day, visiting class-rooms and supporting our excellent principal, Mary Scheiber. He also takes care of

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U.S. bishops to consider new liturgical music statement

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops will consider approving an updated version of a 35-year-old statement on liturgical music when they convene Nov. 12-15 in Baltimore for their annual fall general meeting.

The proposed document, which like the original is named “Music in Catholic Worship,” deals with many of the issues the 1972 statement addressed. But it also promises to have within three years a directory of liturgical songs for use in U.S. parishes.

The planned directory is an outgrowth of the 2001 Vatican instruction “Liturgiam Authenticam” (“The Authentic Liturgy”), which called on each bishops’ conference to compile a “directory or repertory of texts intended for liturgical singing.”

News about the directory appears in the first appendix of the proposed statement.

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“Catholic grade schools and high schools sometimes have students from several parishes and a variety of faith traditions, who should ideally help all of their students to become singers,” it says.

“Singing should be a regular part of the school day. ... In this way students will be introduced to music they will sing throughout their life, and they will be better prepared for the eventual role as adult members of the worshipping assembly.”

It cautions against the use of recorded music with limited exceptions: an outdoor procession and, “when used carefully,” in Masses with children.

On some of the practicalities of liturgical music, the proposed document says:

• “Choir and ensemble members should dress in albs, choir robes or other clean, presentable and modest clothing. Cassock and surplice, as clerical attire, is not appropriate for choir vesture.”

• “Professional directors of music ministries and part-time pastoral music ministers should each receive appropriate wages and benefits that affirm the dignity of work.”

• “Churches and other institutions should budget sufficient funds for the purchase of music necessary for the proper celebration of the liturgy. They also have a legal and moral obligation to seek proper permissions and to pay for reprinting of published works when required.”

• “The acoustics of a worship space should be resonant so that there is no need for excessive amplification of musical sound in order to fill the space and support the assembly’s song. The use of sound-absorbing building materials should be avoided, it adds.

Members of the parish choir sing during a special Mass marking the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of the Isle Church in Shelter Island Heights, N.Y., Sept. 9. The U.S. bishops will consider approving an updated version of a 35-year-old statement on liturgical music when they meet Nov. 12-15 in Baltimore.

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Infertile couples have options other than hi-tech

BY CAROL GLATZ

ROME (CNS) — Married couples seeking help in overcoming infertility or recurrent miscarriages should know that there are less invasive and possibly more effective methods than assisted reproductive technologies, said a number of participants at a Rome conference on fertility.

Costly methods such as in vitro fertilization and other high-tech reproductive technologies are not the only option out there even for non-Catholic couples desperate to have a child, they said.

Some 13 specialists in gynecology, obstetrics, moral theology and bioethics spoke at an Oct. 12 conference titled “Fertility: Catholic Vision,” sponsored by Rome’s San Carlo General Hospital and the Pontifical Regina Apostolorum University’s bioethics department.

Many people mistakenly think just because the church does not condone artificial reproduction — methods that bring about reproduction outside the marital act — that it does little to help those coping with infertility, said Dr. Maritaria Ciccarone, head of San Carlo’s center for the study and prevention of infertility.

But many Catholic doctors and institutes are at the forefront of offering ways to combat the underlyings causes of infertility, making it “possible for couples to (improve) fertility in Catholic clinics and have results,” she told Catholic News Service.

Another conference speaker, Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, head of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry, told reporters that Catholic couples don’t have that knowledge, don’t have strategies to help pregnancies be maintained. “And so they are usually just told to go away and try again,” she said.

FertilityCare physicians instead will try to zero in on the cause for the miscarriages, Carus said. In her presentation, Carus pointed to the example of one client who had suffered nine miscarriages before she went to the British FertilityCare clinic. After FertilityCare specialist diagnosed and treated a hormonal imbalance, the woman went on to have two separate pregnancies; she has two healthy boys.

There is a real need to get published work on the effectiveness of NaPro technology in treating couples,” she said in her talk.

But so far attempts at publication have been met with rejection, “often meeting the response that this approach is too Catholic,” she said, and therefore not “appropriate or applicable in mainstream fertility medicine.”

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Pope appeals for release of two priests kidnapped in Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI appealed for the release of two Catholic priests kidnapped in Iraq. The priests, both members of the Syrian rite, were abducted in Mosul by unidentified gunmen Oct. 13. Reports from Iraq said a ransom was being demanded for their release. The pope, speaking to pilgrims at a noon blessing Oct. 14, said the latest kidnappings were part of a daily stream of bad news from Iraq, where attacks and violence “are shaking the conscience of those who care for the good of this country and peace in the region.” The priests abducted in Mosul are being threatened with death, he said. “I appeal to the kidnappers to quickly release the priests. In repeating once again that violence does not solve tensions, I raise to the Lord a heartfelt prayer for their liberation, for all those who suffer violence and for their relatives,” he said. Syrian Patriarch Archbishop Basile Casmoussa of Mosul, who was abducted briefly in 2006, expressed his prayers for the two priests.

Pope says liturgical music should evolve with the times

ROME (CNS) — The church’s “ancient treASURE” of liturgical music should not remain frozen in time, Pope Benedict XVI said, when he worked with appropriate modern-day adaptations, Pope Benedict XVI said. Sacred music and singing are a “reassuring and integral part of solemn liturgy” that “stir hearts and lift them” to such heights that one can experience, in a manner of speaking, the same intimacy of the life of God,” he told staff and students of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music. During an Oct. 13 visit to inaugurate and bless recently restored areas of the institute, the pope recalled Pope John Paul II’s observations that sacred liturgical music has three defining characteristics, “holiness, true art, universal-ity,” enabling it to be offered “to any people or type of assembly.” The Second Vatican Council affirmed that the church’s sacred musical tradition “is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art,” Pope Benedict said, quoting from the council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Catholic, Orthodox finish work on document on church authority

RAVENNA, Italy (CNS) — Despite concerns about Russian Orthodox representatives, the international Catholic-Orthodox theological commission finished work on a document about church structure and authority. In a state-ment issued at the end of the Oct. 8-14 session in Ravenna, the commission said it had completed work on its document, “The Ecclesiological and Canonical Consequences of the Sacramental Nature of the Church: Ecclesial Communion, Conciliarity and Authority in the Church.” The document will be published before the end of 2007, a participant told Catholic News Service. It examines the biblical foundations for seeing the church as a sacramental presence in the world and how responsibility and authority are exercised on the local, regional and universal levels. The commission’s Oct. 14 press statement said the next phase of the dialogue would focus on “the role of the bishop of Rome in the communion of the church in the first millennium.”

Vatican suspends priest after hidden camera films sexual advances

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican suspended an official from his job and opened an investiga-tion after the priest was secret-ly filmed making advances to a young man. The official, Msgr. Tommaso Stenico, insisted that he was not gay. In a statement Oct. 14, he said he was only pretending to be homosexual in order to research a suspected gay cam-paign against priests. Msgr. Stenico, 60, is one of three section chiefs at the Congregation for Clergy. He is the host of a cate-chetical TV program, has written many religious books and has his own Web site. The scandal erupt-ed in early October when the Italian network La7 broadcast a program on gay priests. One seg-ment, filmed through a hidden camera, showed an appointment between a Vatican monsignor and a young man, in which the priest leads the young man to his Vatican office and insists that he doesn’t think homosexual acts are sinful. “You’re cute, You’re totally cute,” the priest says, sitting down next to the youth on a couch.

Cardinal tells bishops, chaplains they must protect human rights

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church and its members serving in the military must be on the front line of protecting human rights, said Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re. “The church, bearer of the human, moral and spiritual values without which it is imposs-ible to build a just and humane society — a family of fam-i lies — must be on the front line in supporting a correct application of humanitarian law in every circum-stance,” said the cardinal, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops. The cardinal spoke at the Oct. 12 opening of a two-day course in humanitarian law offered to mili-tary ordinaries and chaplains from around the world. Military ordi-naries are bishops responsible for the pastoral care of Catholics in the armed forces. The course brought together about 80 partici-pants from more than 30 countries and included speakers represent-ing other religions and other Christian communities, as well as experts on international relations and on humanitarian law.

Father Deiss dies; was liturgical composer, Vatican II consultant

FRANKLIN PARK, Ill. (CNS) — Holy Ghost Father Lucas Deiss, a liturgical music composer and a liturgical consultant at the Second Vatican Council, died Oct. 9 in his native France. He was 86 years old. A funeral Mass was to be cel-ebrated Oct. 13 at Saint Michael’s Mission in Larue, France. News of Father Deiss’ death was released by World Library Publications in the Chicago subur-burb of Franklin Park, which pub-lished his earliest works in the United States. World Library once sponsored “Deiss Days” in U.S. dioceses. Pope Paul VI selected Father Deiss to coordinate the Lectionary psalter following Vatican II. Father Deiss’ music was in the popular vanguard shortly after permission was granted for Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular in the 1960s. Among his compositions were “All the Earth,” “Keep in Mind,” “Grant to Us, O Lord” and “Priestly People.” His music was among the first in World Library’s collec-tion to be made available for dig-ital downloading on iTunes and similar services.

Muslim leaders send letter to pope proposing theological similarities

WASHINGTON (CNS) — For the first time, more than 100 senior Muslim leaders from around the world sent a letter to Pope Benedict XVI and other Christian leaders proposing theological similarities as a basis for peace and understanding. “Finding common ground between Muslims and Christians is not simply a matter for polite ecumenical dialogue between selected religious lead-ers,” said 138 Muslim leaders in a letter released Oct. 11 in Washington. Christians and Muslims “make up more than 55 percent of the world’s population, making the relationship between these two religious communities the most important factor in con-tributing to meaningful peace around the world,” they said. “If Muslims and Christians are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace.” As Muslims, “We say to Christians: ‘Two we are not against them and that Islam is not against them — so long as they do not make the slightest criticism on account of their religion, oppress them and drive them out of their homes,’” they said.

World Jewish leaders meet with pope, discuss anti-Semitism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI welcomed the new leaders of the World Jewish Congress to the Vatican. Ronald S. Lauder, elected president of the congress in June, said his talks at the Vatican Oct. 8 focused on interreligious dialogue and on anti-Semitism in a number of European countries. While the congress issued a press release after the meeting, the Vatican sim-ply released Lauder’s statement. He had met the officers of the congress, which represents Jewish commu-nities in more than 50 countries. The congress’ statement said Lauder, a former U.S. ambassador to Austria, told the pope that “the anti-Semitism that we are attrib-uted to Redemptorist Father Tadeusz Rydzyk, founder and director of Poland’s Radio Maryja, ‘should not be tolerated anymore.’” Lauder called on the pontiff to take action against those with a “Christian doctrine” who do damage to the close and positive relationship between Christians and Jews.” Father Rydzyk, whose radio sta-tion ranks fifth in Poland’s nation-al ratings, repeatedly has been accused of making anti-Semitic remarks.

Connecticut bishops stand on emergency contraception draws criticism

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Connecticut bishops’ decision to permit emergency contraception for rape victims at Catholic hospi-tals in the state without requiring an ovulation test is prompting a firestorm of criticism. The criti-cism comes just weeks after the emer-gency contraception marketed as Plan B actually does and on whose extent church officials should allow the state to mandate what services it provides. On both those issues, the Connecticut bishops and/or the Catholic Bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops and/or the Connecticut bishops. The congress’ statement said that “Jewish leaders from around the world” were “pleased to meet with Pope Benedict XVI and other religious leaders” at the Vatican. The congress’ statement said that “Jewish leaders from around the world” were “pleased to meet with Pope Benedict XVI and other religious leaders” at the Vatican.

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Serrans to attend conference, plan for 60th anniversary

SOUTH BEND — Four officers of the Serra Club of South Bend will participate in the Great Lakes Conference of Serra USA this weekend in Bay City, Mich.

The Serrans include George Rosink, past president and governor of District 57; Richard Wasoski, president-elect of the Serra Club; Norlin Rueschoff, Serra treasurer; and Richard Dornbos, past president.

Speakers at the conference will include Bishop Robert J. Carlson, bishop of Saginaw; Molly Neville, vocation director and parish life director of Monterey, Calif.; Bishop Daniel E. Flores, newly-appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Father Joseph E. Fessey, strong, mad, character, spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ and the church and service to others. Each recipient will receive a $50 bond and a special award certificate. — EJD

Holy Cross College food drive Nets 3,725 packages of food for charity

NOTRE DAME — If college students truly live on macaroni and cheese, the students of the Holy Cross College (HCC) dining hall should see a big spike in attendance for the next few weeks. At a donation rate that averaged almost seven cans per student and faculty, HCC crocks must have donated most of their personal food stash to the Catholic Charities Annual Food Drive.

Faculty sponsor Doris Van Auken states, “The response to such a great community need was truly amazing. I was speechless. I congratulate all the students for their kindness and generosity.”

Student groups and dormitory floors have been encouraged and challenged to compete with one another to see who could donate the most food. The winner was James Dornbos, an accounting major, who turned in 284.8 cans/person.

“However,” Van Auken continues, “the real winners in this food drive were the many families that will benefit from all the students’ generosity. Children will not go to school or bed hungry, and parents will feel the satisfaction of providing for their families.”

Decio honored by IUSB

SOUTH BEND — Two outstanding community leaders in both the Elkhart and South Bend areas, Arthur Decio and Robert J. Deputty, were honored with the prestigious Chancellor’s Medal by Indiana University of South Bend.

Decio, a trustee emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, has also devoted more than 24 years of service spearheading a program to establish the IUSB Elkhart Center, ultimately raising more than $4 million in private donations.

Decio is also one of the most prominent Catholic laymen in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and for many years played an outstanding role in promoting the Annual Bishop's Appeal. — EJD

St. Anne-Joachim Society luncheon Oct. 26

SOUTH BEND — The St. Anne-Joachim Elderly Society of St. Matthew Cathedral will hold its traditional Mass and luncheon on the last Friday of the month, Oct. 26.

This group focuses on a traditional outreach to the elderly members of the parish, both men and women, and also provides a spirit of comradery to those in attendance.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of the cathedral, launched the program several years ago and has encouraged all seniors of the cathedral to participate in the event. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., and a luncheon will follow in the basement rooms. — EJD

Fair Trade Coffee House

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a Fair Trade Coffee House 8 p.m.-midnight on Oct. 21 in the Bass Mansion on the campus. No charge.

Also in the Bass Mansion that evening from 8-9 p.m., there will be an informational meeting about a young adult pilgrimage to World Youth Day 08 in Sydney.

Bishop Luers announces scholarship, placement exam

FORT WAYNE — The 13th annual Bishop Luers High School scholarship/placement exam will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The exam will be completed by noon.

The test will be given in the school cafeteria. Students are asked to bring $10 to take the test and two No. 2 pencils. All eighth grade students are welcome to attend.

The test is to determine placement for the 2008-2009 school year and to test students on academic merit in order to award financial scholarships.

There will be a parent-to-parent meeting from 8-9 a.m. on Nov. 3 with coffee and doughnuts in the library for any parents interested.

Please call the Bishop Luers High School development office at (260) 466-1261 for more information.

Diocese awarded Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was awarded $4,800 by the National Office of Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This award will provide a stipend for an intern serving the diocese during the school year, which began in August and ends in May.

Kristin Bjorkman, a senior at University of Saint Francis, has been selected to serve as this year’s CCHD intern.

Bjorkman attended a three-day training in Washington, D.C., and has learned that the mission of CCHD is to eliminate poverty by addressing its root causes. CCHD provides the tools necessary to break the cycle of poverty by funding projects that empower, educate and employ the poor through organizing, teaching and economic development.

Two projects in the diocese are funded at the national level, and Bjorkman will be working with these groups. TAP (Transforming Action into Power) has organized residents in a South Bend community to collectively address, social concerns such as gang violence, rising utility costs and immigration.

Vince Fort in Wayte has created job training and employment opportunities for the homeless through the expansion of the maintenance and construction crew and the opening of the Village Place Outlet Store. Four other projects have been funded at the local level.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is founded on the principles of Catholic social teaching and is fighting poverty at its core in the diocese.

“Kristin is the second intern to serve our diocese, and we welcome her to her new position. I am looking forward to working with her to increase local awareness and strengthen the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in our diocese,” said Ann Helmke, diocesan director of CCHD.

Yearlong celebration marking 100th anniversary of Church of the Immaculate Conception begins Oct. 21

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College will begin a yearlong celebration Oct. 21 honoring the people of God and the Church of the Immaculate Conception, which has served as a place of worship for 100 years.

The celebration will begin with a special eucharistic liturgy at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. At 2:30 p.m. that day, a Centenary Organ Concert will be offered in the chapel. It is sponsored by the Wabash Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Attendants will include Sisters of Providence and guild members.

A number of events will be planned, including a dinner, Oct. 21; and a performance by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 22.

Other events planned include an Advancement concert with the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) Chorale and Madrigals children’s choir, Dec. 8; SMWC performance of The Quilters and quilt display, Feb. 22-24; SMWC Chorale and Madrigals concert, April 20; art exhibit in Providence Center and SMWC LeFe Art Gallery, April 26-30; and St. Mary’s Day and choral performances by SMWC, May 17-18.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, an incorrect number was given in last week’s “About us” about the possible merger of St. Jude Parish, South Bend, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Mishawaka.

The article reported that Sacred Heart Parish has 70 households. That is incorrect. The parish actually has 77 households. When nearby St. Mary of the Assumption Parish was closed, 70 households from St. Mary joined St. Jude Parish, increasing the St. Jude census to between 675 and 700 households.
**Bishop Dwenger Saints march on**

BY MARY BRISCOE

FORT WAYNE — The sun reflects off the brass instruments. The white feathers atop the shakos blow gently in the breeze. The guard stand poised at the ready with their barrage of flags. The timing judge waits on the goal line with his arm raised and stop watch at the ready. The Bishop Dwenger Marching Saints are ready to take the field for another 13 minutes filled with sound, color and motion.

The fans in the stands welcome the Saints with a rousing response to the caller’s request — “Are there any Saints fans in the stands today?”

Beginning in June, the students and staff begin working on the music and marching for the two parade performances, the Three Rivers Parade and the Peru Circus Parade. Then, at the end of July and on into August, the group meets for two weeks of band camp. This is held at Bishop Dwenger High School (BDHS) for 10 days, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. During this time, the students begin to learn the music and the drill (how to march and where to stand) for the upcoming competition season.

After band camp, practice continues three nights a week for three hours each night.

Saturdays are filled with warm ups, rehearsals, Mass and rosary, travel time and competition. Saturdays are also filled with traditions, fire ups, band parents organizing props and food, and, hopefully, lots of sunshine.

Every Friday home football game, the marching band remains at school, has a short rehearsal, inhales dinner, dresses in their uniforms, loads their instruments in a box truck, then gets on a bus and heads to Zollner Stadium to lead the fans in several rounds of “When the Saints Go Marching In.” The band and cheerleaders have worked together to create rousing cheers to help the fans fire up the team. Then at half time, the band provides entertainment for the crowd by performing their fall show. During the third quarter, the band gets a break and a chance to hang out and socialize with their classmates. After the game, the band returns to BDHS, unloads the truck, gets out of their uniforms and heads home to prepare for a full day of Saturday competition.

Director Christine Russell chooses the music for the fall show and collaborates with drill writer Jon Bay. The drill is every step, every movement each member of the marching band makes in correlation to the music. The other staff members and volunteers who assist are John Moss, Todd Thurber, Caree Keppal, Ali Stronczek and Danielle Rush with the band, and Geoff Goetz and Shane Hapner with the guard. And of course, there are the Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters.

The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters are a parent organization responsible for the fundraising aspect of the music program. They staff the concession stands, and the students sell various products. Parent and alumni volunteers also build props, fit and clean uniforms, move the props and equipment, feed and snack the students and staff, sew flags and drive semis, mini buses and box trucks.

The Marching Saints have competed on Saturdays in September and October. They earned a Gold Rating at Indiana State School Music Association District competition, thus they earned a chance to compete at the ISSMA Regional competition in mid-October.

Nancy R. Hellyer, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, drew enthusiastic applause as ironworkers were signaled to hoist the final piece of steel, a 50-foot-long 6,500-pound I-beam, into place at SJRMC’s new hospital in Mishawaka. SJRMC staff and board members as well as over 30 Sisters of the Holy Cross and Mishawaka Mayor Jeff Rea made up a crowd of over 100 that came out to participate in the “Topping Out” ceremony held Oct. 10.

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Secular Franciscans embrace Gospel while living in the world

**BY JENNIFER MURRAY**

FORT WAYNE — August 26, 2007 was one of the best days of Kathy Harpel’s life. On that day, she asked to be Franciscan, a decision that now makes her one of the Holy Family Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans in Fort Wayne. This community helps lay Catholic men and women to embrace the Gospel while living and working in the world.

Like many Catholics, Harpel had no idea that religious communities were available for lay people. Catholics know about Franciscans and Benedictines and Carmelites, but they often believe these orders are only available for priests and vowed religious. However, there are communities out there for the lay person who hungers for a deepening of the faith with persons with similar yearnings.

Harpel wanted to share her story so that other Catholics could learn about the Holy Family Fraternity.

“I think it needs to get out that we’re here. It seems like it’s a hidden up thing. I’m just really glad … (about the article) so people see it’s available, something they may be interested in,” she said.

The Holy Family Fraternity meets once a month on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis, in the campus ministry building. They begin and end with prayer.

The members continue to learn more about the community they have joined and the Franciscan ideals that have formed. They also select different saints or topics to study throughout the year at their monthly meetings. At the close of the meeting, the members join in the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the church’s prayer, the same prayer that priests and religious promise to pray each day.

When the members get together, they are forming a spiritual family in which the Holy Family is very appropriate because we are very close, just like a family,” said Cyndy Kaufman, the minister (similar to a president). The members support one another through prayers and kindness to one another.

The focus of this family is always Christ and his Gospel message. Through prayer, they are finding the strength and courage to follow him. Through study, they are learning how to take those difficult teachings of the Gospel and putting them into practice in their daily lives. And through the community of the Holy Family, they are finding the support and love they need to grow closer to Christ.

Before monthly meetings, many of these Franciscans join in service projects such as helping Bishop Luers with their food drive or writing letters to Congress about an issue. In August, the Franciscans gathered for a food drive to help the homeless community in Fort Wayne. This community helps lay Catholic men and women to embrace the Gospel while living and working in the world.

At this point, if the inquirers are interested, they become candidates. There is an admission ceremony and then they continue to meet monthly with the formation director. They study the Secular Franciscans more in depth, learning about St. Francis, the Gospel life and many other topics by reading a book titled “Catch Me a Rainbow Too” by Lester Bach, OFM, and discussing what they learn. This part of the formation generally takes 18 months.

Kathy Harpel knew she wanted to become a Secular Franciscan from the first meeting she attended.

“I was looking for my niche to serve God … I went (to the meeting), and it was what I was looking for. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I have not missed a meeting since,” Harpel said.

As eager as Harpel was, two years of formation seemed like a long time before becoming a member. However the two years went by fast.

“It was very interesting learning about the life of St. Francis and St. Clare. … It’s like it opened up a whole new world for me. Everything I was looking for was right here in this fraternity,” Harpel added.

During the two-year process, she developed a deeper knowledge of the things of God. “It helped me better understand the faith. It deepened my spirituality, my love for the Lord. It taught me kindness and the love of the Lord. I have opened up a lot,” she said. “We go to church, and it is such a joy to go to the celebration of the Lord. … Mass has taken on a whole new meaning for me.”

Finally on Aug. 26 the two women, Harpel and Bertels, made their profession and were welcomed by the members of the Holy Family Fraternity.

It is within this community that Harpel could say with such joy in her voice, “Oh, the love of the Lord has grown in me so much.

For anyone interested in learning more about the Holy Family Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans, please contact Cyndi Kaufman at (260) 424-1803 or kauf57@yahoo.com.

**Transitus celebrations recall the death of St. Francis**

**BY JENNIFER MURRAY**

Franciscans gathered around the world to remember the death of their spiritual father, St. Francis, on Oct. 3. This celebration is called the Transitus which means “passing.” For Catholics, the death of a saint is cause for celebration because of the sure belief and hope in the Resurrection. This is why the feast days of the saints normally commemorate the day of their death in this world, which is also the day of their reception into the eternal life.

In Fort Wayne, the Transitus was celebrated at the chapel of the University of Saint Francis, while in Mishawaka, the event took place in the chapel at St. Francis Convent. Both were open to the public.

At the University of Saint Francis, the students and faculty sat alongside the Franciscan Sisters and the Secular Franciscans (lay people who live out the Gospel and Franciscan values in their everyday world).

In Mishawaka, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration welcomed Franciscan friars from the nearby Conventual Franciscan Novitiate as well as Franciscan friars from the Chicago area.

Members of the local Immaculate Conception Secular Franciscan Community were also present and hosted a reception afterwards. They joined the sisters on Thursday morning, Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis, for Morning Prayer, Mass and breakfast.

At the Fort Wayne celebration, the congregation joined together in the evening prayer, which was interspersed with readings from St. Bonaventure on the moving account of St. Francis’ death. According to this story, St. Francis gathered all his brothers around him as he lay dying and spent his last moments comforting them with the words, “Goodbye, all my sons, in the fear of the Lord! Remain in him always … I am hurrying to God, to whose grace I entrust all of you.”

Then he asked that the Gospel of John be read to him and so every year on this night the Franciscans listen to same words the dying Frances heard:

“Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.”

Then Jesus knelt and washed the feet of his disciples. So Francis, even in his death, sought to imitate his Lord and master, by showing his love for his followers in death as in life, serving instead of being served, comforting instead of seeking comfort.

According to St. Bonaventure, “One of his brothers and followers saw that blessed soul under the appearance of a radiant star carried up on a shining cloud to be borne aloft straight to heaven.”

This symbolizes the light of Christ, which shone outward from the heart of St. Francis in his life and in his death. During the celebration, each of the participants solemnly walked up to the altar with a candle in their hand and lit it from the single candle burning there and then carried it back to their seat where they sang Mary’s Canticle.

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At the chapel at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, the celebration of Transitus included the students and faculty who sat alongside the Franciscan Sisters and the Secular Franciscans.

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Bishops

The dignity and the responsibility of the ordination, which confers the gift of the Holy Spirit and permits the exercise of certain sacrificial powers for the service of the faithful, is exemplified in the rite of ordination. Those ordained as either bishops or presbyters (priests) share in the ministerial priesthood and apostolic ministry of Christ. The ministerial priesthood represents Christ before the community of the faithful and the name of the whole church, especially when celebrating the Eucharist (CCC 1552). I was preparing for what can only be described as an awe-inspiring sacrament: to be set apart for the service of the church as a “sacramental priest-victim” with Christ.

Priests and deacons

I was eagerly looking forward to becoming a coworker, a sharer in this function of the bishop’s ministry as a presbyter or priest, and was inspired by the example of St. John Marie Vianney, who experienced and overcame many difficulties in his vocation preparing for the priesthood and later as a priest. Academic difficulties and critics were overcome through his trust in the Lord. In accepting a call to orders, he made a total commitment to Jesus Christ. He committed himself to faithfully proclaim the word of God, celebrate the Eucharist and act as a mediator of salvation with reverence and counterface parishioners as a holy servant of Christ through a life of prayer, fasting and penance.

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Reflection and connection

• How do you view holy orders today? What aspects of holy orders puzzle you or are difficult for you?

Evangelizing action challenge

For interior renewal

Challenge yourself to read the life of St. Francis de Sales, St. John Neuman, St. Francis of Assisi or one of the many ordained saints who served the people of God.

For reaching out to others

Consider becoming a member of a parish committee to promote and support vocations to holy orders. Take the time to thank those who serve you. Pray for them and let them know you appreciate them.

For transforming society

Join the prayer for the clergy in promoting the study of Scripture, the story of the church, the study of Catholic teaching in faith and morals, and religious practices that support Catholic life.

Closing prayer

Lord, we thank you for raising up men, called by the Spirit, from the universal priesthood of the faithful, to be bishops, priests and deacons in service to your church. Bless them so that with St. Paul they may be enabled to say, “Be imitators of me as I am of Christ...” (1 Cor 11:1). We ask this through Christ Lord. Amen.
Catholics honor priests in nationwide event Oct. 28

CHICAGO — On Sunday, Oct. 28, Catholic parishes throughout the United States will show support for their priests with prayer, celebration and dialogue. The last Sunday of October is designated as Priesthood Sunday, a one-day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

“The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood,” said Father Richard Vega, president of the National Federation of Priests’ Councils (NFPC). NFPC represents more than 26,000 U.S. priests.

Priesthood Sunday was established in 2003 to provide a way for Catholic communities to express appreciation for the devoted priests who serve them so faithfully despite recent negative attention in the media.

Such a celebration is increasingly relevant in light of the declining number of priests in the U.S. Only about 4,000 of the 19,000 parishes in this country currently have more than one priest. Many priests serve two or more parishes by themselves.

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, Priesthood Sunday celebrations and the opening of a dialogue between priests and parishioners are encouraged.

Priesthood Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but some dioceses and parishes may celebrate at a different time to coincide with other planned events.

Lay parish leaders are invited to visit www.priestday.org for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, and downloadable graphics, guides and posters. Requests for printed material may be directed to (888) 777-6681.

“Affirming and supporting our priests are some of the most important things that we can do as Serrans,” says Gary Davis, president of the USA Council of Serra International, the nonprofit organization coordinating Priesthood Sunday. The USA Council is responsible for disseminating information to parishes interested in honoring their priests on this very special day.

“Our priests give of themselves every day in so many different ways. It is an honor to recognize them in a manner in which entire parishes may join together in an outpouring of appreciation,” said Davis.

Priesthood Sunday is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation. Serra International is a worldwide Catholic organization of lay men and women dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. More than 12,000 members in over 300 clubs are active in the United States.

The USA Council is available at the number above or at www.serraus.org. The USA Council office is based in Chicago.
Lifelong discernment leads to the priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — October 27 will mark the day Jason Freiburger has anticipated all of his life. That’s the day his family and friends will join many others in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne at 7:30 p.m. to joyfully wit- ness his ordination into the priest- hood by Bishop John M. D’Arcy.

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His interest in the priesthood was sparked early in his life as he witnessed his parish priests, first at St. Aloysius, Yoder, then at St. Therese, Fort Wayne, exhibit great joy in their ministries. “I knew I wanted to be a priest as a kid,” says Freiburger. But by middle school he drifted from the calling as he began to dream of having a big family and a prosperous career. By the eighth grade he had landed a caddy job at the Fort Wayne Country Club and discov- ered a whole new world.

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During his studies at Purdue, he developed leadership skills as treasurer and then president of the Evans House where he lived. “I had the opportunity to grow and lead and come out of my shell,” he says. And with one semester to finish before graduation, Freiburger sought advice from family and friends about his future in a “numbers job,” as the earlier calling to the priesthood came once again to the forefront. “I didn’t want to regret not try- ing the priesthood,” he recalls.

Following contact with the vocations office, interviews with Bishop John M. D’Arcy, and rigor- ous testing, Freiburger was accept- ed into Boston College Seminary in the fall of 2001, where he stud- ied theology and philosophy for three years. He spent his final three years studying theology and gain- ing field experience at Pontifical College Josephinum, in Ohio,

where he says the seminarian pop- ulation was diverse and friendly. “The journey through the semina- ry has kept this young man dis- cerning his vocation every step of the way. “I was comfortable right away. But I wanted to make sure it’s a correct comfort. I want to be prepared enough that all falls in God’s will.”

In spring of 2006, prior to his diaconate ordination, Freiburger attended a silent retreat. During eucharistic adoration every night, he prayed for direction as to where might minister in the best way: the military, on mission or in the diocese.

“It took me two and a half days to quiet myself enough to hear God,” he recalls, adding “I had to be sure of my commitments ... to prayer, celibacy and to the dio- cese.”

His adoration experience seems miraculous as he says, “I said ‘Lord, do you want me as a dioce- san priest?’ and he said ‘Yes!’” Wanting to make sure he had not provided an answer for himself he quieted his heart once again and after a couple of moments of silence he heard, “And quit putting obstacles in your way.

“It was as close to a miracle as I would expect to get,” Freiburger says with a knowing smile.

Since that day he says he has had no doubt that he is on the right path. Following his ordination into the diaconate, Freiburger has assisted in various duties as well as working with the teens at St. Vincent de Paul Parish where he has served as deacon since 2006. He also served as deacon at the semi- nary and St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Grandville, Ohio.

His advice to anyone who may be interested in a vocation, “Give the seminary a shot after taking it to prayer and God says yes!” Perserverance (is important) along with being open to what God has planned for us.”

He looks forward to serving God and his people as a priest and says he is grateful for all the sup- port he has been shown from St. Vincent, St. Therese and his friends and family.

“There have been pictures, cards, banners, and they pray dur- ing the week at the Masses. So many are praying for my vocation and ministry,” he says humbly.

St. Vincent Parish is holding a pep rally/blessing for Deacon Freiburger on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the school’s activity center where the students will lead cheers and pray over him. The parish is also hosting a holy hour for Freiburger on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. during which his parents will present his chalice to be blessed.

JASON is surrounded by his parents, Margaret and Eugene, right, and grandparents, Bob and Helen, left, in his family home in Yoder.

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Faith calls Lengerich to serve as priest

BY DEB WAGNER

GRANGER — During his time in the seminary Deacon Bob Lengerich, 26, learned that God uses everything the Lord entrusts to a believer to bring out unknown talents.

Lengerich wants to share his own experiences of Our Lord, the Blessed Mother and the angels and saints with others. It is with this faith that Lengerich prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

There are several people who have contributed to Lengerich’s formation.

It was his parents who first taught him how to pray and were examples of Christian living through the sacrifices they made on his behalf and their continuous loving support. They provided for him a close, enriching family of two older brothers and a sister as well as fun-loving aunts, uncles and cousins who regularly provide support through prayer, cards and phone calls.

Lengerich was even encouraged early in life through the gifts of two religious sisters to dedicate his life to the Blessed Mother, which he formally did in the seventh grade. Religious and biologically sisters, Marice and Marcicia Petries, were from the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and served in Lengerich’s parish, St. Vincent De Paul in Elkhart, where he grew up. They eventually became his confirmation sponsors.

“These sisters taught me to choose Mary as my heavenly mother so that she could lead me to her Son, Jesus Christ,” said the deacon.

“Way back then, though, I’d thought that Mary’s plan would line up with my own: I’d be a good Catholic man with a good Catholic wife and good Catholic kids, but God had other designs,” Lengerich said.

For over 10 years now, Father Bernard Galic and Mary Szymczak from the diocesan Vocation Office have been a source of strength. Father Galic represents the “love and wisdom of Jesus” while Mary Szymczak steps in with her levelheadedness to provide objective advice, practical care and continual encouragement.

Father Bill Schoeller, Father Dave Voors and Father David Sizemore have also been instrumental in Lengerich’s journey thus far. Each of these priests has been willing to share his time and experience.

“They’ve shown me how to take the book knowledge we learn in the seminary and apply it in the real world in practical pastoral ministry,” said Lengerich. “Each of these men has inspired me (and all their people) by showing us all that a priest can be. I don’t know how I can repay them for their kindness and generosity, but I do hope to be able to pay it forward someday to the next generation of young seminarians.”

He is indebted to Bishop John M. D’Arcy and his prayers and practical concern for the diocese and his personnel, “Our bishop cares for all of us together and each of us individually,” Lengerich said.

In addition, Lengerich is most grateful for the seminary priests, professors and staff for dedicating their entire lives to the formation of future priests as well as fellow seminarians and the Diocese for their patience in the process.

“With reflection, he said, “So often I’ve felt like St. John standing with Jesus and Mary: I haven’t been able to do much more for some people than stand at the foot of their journey and offer my prayers. Now I can bring their Lord to them and lead them to him at the altar and also in the confessional.”

God has a plan for each of us. “He teaches us and wants us to be his happy, holy disciples. Lengerich believes that with God in charge, life is greater than we can ask for or even imagine. Consequently, his favorite Bible passage remains Jeremiah 29:11-14, which reads, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe; plans to give you a future and a hope. When you call upon me, when you come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me already there with you, says the Lord, and I will change your lot.”

Lengerich’s future is undoubtedly bright and filled with the desire to love and serve God’s people.
The parish community of Saint Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne rejoices with and congratulates the newly ordained priests of the diocese, Father Jason Freiburger and Father Bob Lengerich. May your ministry be pleasing to God and bear much fruit!

2 Timothy 4:1-2
“I solemnly urge you; proclaim the message; be persistent, whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.”

“I will not leave you orphaned” - John 14:18

Saint Pius X Catholic Church gives thanks to God for the gift of the Priesthood.

Congratulations to
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**Jason Freiburger**

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Sisters relate their journeys to God

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

MISHAWAKA — God is persistent. While not everyone immediately hears a call to religious life and every person’s calling is unique once a person opens their heart to God, the choice is clear and simple. Gathering together to talk about their vocations recently at the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Sister Mary Vianney Grau and postulant Rosa Geyer, were more than willing to share their different, yet similar stories when they were asked what drew them into religious life.

Postulant Rosa Geyer

Rosa, who has been at St. Francis Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, only about a month, said that if she “had to narrow it down, it was the inspiration of our Blessed Mother.”

Rosa explained her mother was very devoted to Mary and her mother’s devotion, Rosa said, “was passed down” to her. “In high school, I wore the scapular and prayed the rosary everyday. These simple acts drew me closer to our Blessed Mother.” Rosa said that as she grew older she “grew closer in faith.”

“I began to realize this call was something that was always on my heart,” said Rosa and noted that at first, she was “afraid of it for a little while.”

It wasn’t until she heard someone else’s testimony about consecrating their vocation to Mary did she realize what she should do. “I said a little prayer that dedicated this consecration to Our Lady and the purpose of finding my vocation,” said Rosa. At another retreat shortly thereafter “God removed all the doubts, fears and questions about religious life and I was ready to call the vocations director. Every step along the way, I see Mary’s hand on it — she continues to be a great model for me,” added Rosa.

Sister Mary Vianney Grau

“For me, it was more of a gradual process.” After moving from Florida to Indiana at the urging of her mother to live with her aunt and uncle (her father had passed away), Sister Mary Vianney started attending Mass where she was touched watching everyone receive Communion. “I knew I wanted it,” said Sister Mary Vianney who was about 10 years old at the time and not yet a Catholic. In high school, she asked her mother about receiving Communion and going to Mass. “We found this amazing parish. The Lord led me to a parish on fire for the Eucharist. I started falling in love with the church. Everything that it means, but mostly the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother,” said Sister Mary Vianney.

She was in high school RCIA when she met a nun who very much touched her. “She came in and talked about working for the church. The care she gives and the joy she shows for everybody, I was just very, very impressed with her, but I was only a sophomore in high school,” said Sister Mary Vianney. She said the nun talked to her mother about attending a retreat at the motherhouse.

“I didn’t go that year, mostly because I wasn’t really in the church yet. When I was a junior in high school, I went to see the sisters,” said Sister Mary Vianney who was very touched by their joy.

“They were so happy. Their conversation was centered on Christ and you knew their joy was coming from a deep down inner joy that only comes from Christ. I was so taken aback by their joy. So for the next two years it toggled and pulled, and I pushed it away, and it kept coming back,” said Sister Mary Vianney. And at the time, she had a serious boyfriend.

It wasn’t until she was on a retreat with a friend, Heather, that Sister Mary Vianney decided it was time to listen to her calling to religious life, quite by accident.

“My friend, Heather, was running around the dorm at the retreat and Sister Margaret Mary was just finished telling them not to run in the hallways. Just two seconds after that, Heather dislocates her knee. I sat next to her in her hallway in excruciating pain, all of a sudden, I saw lots of nuns. ... It was just their devotion, there she was with her knee over there, and the sisters taking good care of her. I tease Heather all the time it was her knee that brought me to my vocation. It was at that moment, I finally decided I think I need to pursue this,” said Sister Mary Vianney and after a year of college at Bloomington, she did.

Bob and Jason... two young men who answered the call to “feed my sheep”

We congratulate them on their ordination and ask for prayers that others will find the same inspiration that has led them to this joyous day.

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We have been blessed by your presence in the summer of 2006. Your many gifts, your out-going personality, beautiful musical talents, and especially your strong faith that you shared with our parish will live in our memories for years to come. Many blessings as you embark on your journey in the priesthood. Don’t forget to visit your family at St. Mary’s. You will remain always in our hearts and in our prayers. God bless.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION DECATHUR
Deacon finds blessings in serving St. Augustine Parish

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — For Paul Baumgartner, the best part of being a deacon was “being available to the people.”

And no one doubts that Deacon Paul Baumgartner was that available. He has faithfully served not only his home parish of St. Augustine but has also given countless hours of service to prayer groups and ministries in the South Bend area.

In appreciation for all his years of service to St. Augustine Parish, honored the long-time and beloved deacon by presenting him with the highest award given by the parish. At the parish’s picnic held in August, Baumgartner was presented with St. Augustine Award for his many years of service and devotion to the parish.

“I came to St. Augustine in 1975,” Baumgartner said. “My wife Donnabelle and I had been accepted at St. Joseph Church, but my wife encouraged me to go down to St. Augustine, and I’ve been there ever since.” He and his wife have four girls and one boy.

He added, “You see, In 1975, the Catholic Church did not have many black Catholic faces in some of the other Catholic congregations I attended, and to me, that just wasn’t right. So I joined this church because St. Augustine’s parishioners have a love and accepting spirit that drew me there every Sunday. I love the people there. They keep me going.”

Thirty years ago Baumgartner stood up and answered the call to holy orders to become a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and he honored his vows by serving faithfully at the parish until his health slowed him down.

Even as his eyes begin to fail, he still has vivid control over his mind and vows to stay with the church where he had served for over 30 years.

“In the beginning, it was hard,” he said. “But I realized I was doing what I was supposed to be doing.”

Baumgartner was born in South Bend, where he grew up in St. Joseph and Holy Cross parishes. He retired as a local building contractor and was a well-known and sought-after landlord because of the care he gave his renters and properties.

“St. Augustine’s is where I was led,” Baumgartner said. “I have always been close to the church — I was around when Francis Hubbard (deceased deacon) started the soup kitchen. In fact, Hank Mascotte and I went and got them a good stove. That was a long time ago, but the soup kitchen is still serving the people today.”

Baumgartner added, “For me, the whole thing (being a part of St. Augustine’s Parish) has been a blessing for me personally and my family. But as deacons, that’s what we are called to do, serve others.”

For over 30 years, retired Deacon Paul Baumgartner, a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in South Bend, prays the rosary faithfully every Sunday in his favorite side pew at the early Mass.

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Priesthood, marriage: both are lives of love

Often priesthood is contrasted with marriage, and while there are obvious differences in the way each state of life is lived out, there is a dimension that is common and fundamental to each that, in a sense, unites them both in the economy of salvation: both are lives of love.

Love not merely in the sense of personal affection or warmth of feeling, but love in the deepest, Christian, agapic sense of utter and complete self-gift.

Marriage is founded upon the mutual commitment and self-gift for life between a man and a woman. Priesthood is a life in which a man entrusts and offers himself utterly and completely to the Lord Jesus and to his people, the church.

In marriage, that act of self-donation (in kenotic imitation of Christ) to one’s spouse is the condition of possibility both for personal growth — a good spouse actually challenges and better the other — and an ever-deepening happiness. In priesthood, the same kind of self-donation to the church — not as an abstract concept or amorphous idea, but to a concrete community of men and women with whom elbows are rubbed every day and in whose company his own salvation is worked out — is what allows the priest to grow in faith, hope and love, and simultaneously to find a deep and abiding happiness.

It’s precisely the same failure — self-love, self-absorption and self-referraliness — which can impede both genuine growth and happiness in marriage, which also can impede both personal growth and effectiveness in priestly ministry.

It is not by accident that the Scriptures and the tradition of the church link married love with the Eucharist: nuptial imagery abounds in the Gospels and certainly in the Pauline letters as well as in Revelation. Both the priest and the married couple must find in the Eucharist the paradigm and source of such complete self-gift. Both are lives in which the eucharistic sacrifice is lived out in very practical, tangible ways: arising in the middle of the night to care for a crying child or dashing to the hospital at a moment’s notice to pray with the dying; putting aside one’s own will in favor of a spouse’s needs or putting aside personal comfort and convenience for the good of God’s people.

It is love, divine charity, given to us at baptism and instantiated in different ways from day to day depending upon the circumstances of our state of life and their incumbent obligations, which makes the life of husband and wife and the priest, seemingly so very different, so utterly alike.

The Eucharist, the sacrifice in which Christ gives himself to the Father and holds nothing back, made present each day on our altars, which not only provides the model for us, but is itself the source of the grace we need to live happily and effectively the life to which God has called us.

Signs of hope

For the first time since 1999, and 1997 before that, Bishop John M. D’Arcy will ordain two men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. At a time of priestly retirements, this news offers hope.

To meet Deacons Jason Freiburger and Bob Lengerich, one quickly senses men of prayer, deep faith, tremendous talent and a yearning to serve the church. They are opting for a vocation of love, to pour themselves out for the church and her people. The church is blessed to have these men.

With 18 men in the seminary, there is also a sense of hope that others of quality are discerning the priesthood. Next year, God willing, two additional new priests are slated to be ordained.

We thank God for these men who will bring us the Eucharist. It is not an easy life. One sacrifices much — a wife, children — for something beautiful, an outpouring of self for the good of the church. Prayers of thanks, prayers for our seminarians and prayers for still more vocations are in order.

Pope Benedict XVI and the ‘old Latin Mass’: Towards an undivided liturgical tradition

The following is the second piece of a four-part series prepared by the diocesan Office of Worship on the recent “motu proprio” document by Pope Benedict XVI.

Last week, we examined Pope Benedict’s “hermeneutic of continuity.” This week, we will look at the “motu proprio’s” target audience and its purpose for the new form of the Mass.

Is greater openness to the old form of the Mass meant to satisfy radicals who reject the reforms of Vatican II?

The broad permission given in “Summorum Pontificum” is not as some have argued, designed primarily to cater to small groups of radical traditionalists. To the contrary, the pope explicitly mentions two groups as having a legitimate and influential affinity for the old form of the Mass: the priests and the laity of the older generation that had “deep, personal familiarity with the earlier form”; and “young persons” who “have discovered this liturgical form, felt its attraction and found in it a form of encounter with the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, particularly suited to them.”

These words, composed by Pope Benedict, who turned 80 in April, recognizes the increasingly widespread interest in time-honored forms of piety among young Catholics, who have integrated into their own lives such familiar elements of the faith as eucharistic adoration, frequent confession and regular praying of the rosary. This has happened precisely because these practices are traditional, not in an outmoded or negative sense, but in a timeless sense.

“Summorum Pontificum,” then, is a truly pastoral document. It seeks to establish a much-needed sense of continuity, while working to amend what has often been a marginalization of those who have a particular and properly oriented attachment to some of the other treasures from two millennia of Catholic tradition.

Is the new form of the Mass being neglected in this “motu proprio?”

Nothing could be further from the truth. It is important to keep in mind that the Mass we have grown to know over the last four decades, the Mass from the Missal of Paul VI, is now referred to as the ordinary form precisely because it will remain the most common means by which the Church prays. Practically speaking, this fact is clear, especially given the relatively small number of priests currently able to pray the old Missal of Blessed John XXIII.

At the same time, this designation of “ordinary form” — as the normative form of worship — conveys a certain primacy with respect to the remainder of the liturgical tradition as a whole. It may seem strange to think that “Summorum Pontificum” and its accompanying letter, already so well-known for their focus on the older form of the Mass, may actually carry an even stronger focus on the newer form. But this may indeed be the case, if one reads Pope Benedict’s words with appreciation for his hermeneutic of continuity.

The Masses celebrated before and after the council seem so different.

How can they be related?

There are certainly considerable differences between these two ways of praying the Mass, the ordinary form and the extraordinary form. The extraordinary form always had to be prayed entirely in Latin, parts were sung or spoken in different ways by the priest and there were certain prayers that were cut or modified in the new missal. Nonetheless, Pope Benedict is emphasizing that liturgical continuity and similarities can become more evident in the future, as the two forms interact.

In fact, the text of Vatican II clearly envisons an approach to liturgical reform that builds upon the solid foundation of what Pope Benedict reverently refers to as the “antique” (“the more ancient use”) of the Mass. Indeed, the revised missal still owes most of its rich content to the old missal. As Pope Benedict writes, “There is no contradiction between the two editions of the Roman Missal. In the history of the liturgy, there is growth and progress, but no rupture.”

How does Pope Benedict envision the interaction between these two ways of praying the Mass?

Ultimately, the identity of the ordinary form depends in large upon a visible continuity with the extraordinary form. Pope Benedict’s observation, as seen in his letter, is that the new missal has not always been celebrated as it was intended. He speaks of his personal experience in witnessing excessive “creativity” and “arbitrary deformations in the liturgy” over the years, which have “caused deep pain” to the church’s spirituality. But even when liturgical problems are not present, the pope believes that much could still be done to bring our worship more in line with what the church intended at the Second Vatican Council.

Through “Summorum Pontificum,” the pope envisions the older form of the Mass exerting an influential pull on the newer form, but without superseding it. And, to an extent, the reverse is also true — Pope Benedict even allows for approved vernacular readings to be integrated with the Missal of Blessed John XXIII.

Perhaps the most well-known for their focus on the older form of the Mass are traditional, not in an outmoded sense.

Next week, the pope’s thoughts on how the new form of the Mass can be celebrated in greater continuity with the old.

Brian MacMichael is the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
God is true and constant

**THE SUNDAY GOSPEL**

**MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION**

**Sunday, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lk 18:3-8

The Book of Exodus is the source of this weekend’s first reading. This lesson emerged from the book’s name, Exodus, a chronicle of the Hebrews’ escape from Egypt, where they were slaves, and their passage to the land God promised them.

Along the route of this passage, across the sterile desert of Sinai Peninsula, they encountered many problems. Many of these problems arose simply because of the terrain. Then, as now, water was in short supply. They ran short of food. Without any sense of where they were going, they wandered.

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

Moses did not fight. Rather, he extended his arms over the battle, as if to bring down upon the Hebrew warriors the strengthening presence of God. When he lowered his hand, or more directly, when this strengthening presence ended, the Hebrews fell back before the blows from Amalek and his soldiers.

For its second reading on this weekend, the church again turns to the Second Epistle to Timothy. As has been the case when selections from this epistle have been read during liturgies on weekends earlier in this season, the message is that Timothy, converted to Christianity, a disciple of Paul, and ordained a bishop by Paul, must be faithful despite all odds to the Gospel.

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

St. Luke’s Gospel provides the last reading. This lesson refers to a judge, who is anything but humanitarian. The Gospel says that the judge respects neither the law of God nor human law. Jews at the time of Jesus, and long before, had seen judges idealistically as representing not juridical processes devised by human logic, but rather as authorities who brought order to conflicts by inserting into arguments the justice of God, as revealed to Moses and the prophets.

If this judge had no regard for God’s justice, or even none for human law, then evil would triumph.

The other figure in the story is the widow. Widows were the most vulnerable in Jewish society of the first century. They had no means of support, unless perhaps children helped them. As so obviously at risk, and probably poor, the judge had added reason to right the wrongs that she asserted had been done her. The Hebrew tradition required special attention to the needs of the poor and the weak.

However, the Lord said that God would not forsake this widow. The ultimate message is that God is true and constant.

**Reflection**

Perhaps the greatest wound that original sin afflicted on human nature was craving us so that we think that we are much more in command of situations surrounding us than we actually are. At best, this sense leaves us with a footloose assumption that we do not need God. It tricks us into thinking that the only realities are in what we can see, or imagine. We lose sight of the eternal. We misperceive life. We fail to see the bigger picture.

So, we must cope with bad circumstances, as the widow besieged by the judge, as the Hebrews coped with Amalek.

The lesson of these readings is that God will guide us and protect us. He sent Moses, Paul and Timothy to guide and protect. But, we must acknowledge God, unselfishly, as the widow begged the judge to be built.

God is true and constant.

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**THE VATICAN LETTER**

**JOHN THAVIS**

an Indian chief and the first indigenous Argentine to be declared blessed by the church. Most of the beatifications, however, have fallen to Portuguese Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect of the sainthood congregation. His desk job at the Vatican has turned into a frequent-flyer assignment.

Beatification, of course, is an intermediate step toward sainthood, not the finish line. When someone is declared blessed, he or she is to stop presiding over beatification ceremonies.

No signs of clogging: Saint-making in Brazil, Austria, Japan and Italy. In addition to the pope’s to-do list, but they are very much on the Vatican’s agenda these days.

“Beatifications are still quite popular,” said Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who presides over the liturgies. “If we have a beatification in a country, it’s the largest beatification that the pope wanted to slow down, not the finish line. When someone is declared blessed, he or she is to stop presiding over beatification ceremonies.”

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI was elected in 2005, one of his first decisions was to stop presiding over beatification ceremonies.

Many people viewed this as a signal that the pope wanted to slow the flow in the Vatican’s saint-making pipeline. In fact, it looks like the opposite is happening.

Already in 2007, 10 people have been beatified in 10 different liturgical territories around the world. That number is about to increase exponentially.

In the month of October, 498 Spanish martyrs of the 1930s civil war period will be beatified in a megaceremony in St. Peter’s Square. It’s the largest beatification in the church’s history, and Pope Benedict is expected to appear for a final entourage.

Throughout the rest of the year, many others will be elevated to the rank of blessed, including missionaries in Brazil, an Austrian who was decapitated for refusing to join Hitler’s army and an Italian theologian whose works were once condemned by the Vatican.

And already the beatification lineup is taking shape for 2008. It includes 188 Japanese martyrs of the 17th century — priests, religious and lay missionaries who were decapitated, burned at the stake or sealed to death in a volcanic hot spring.

Beatifications may be off the pope’s to-do list, but they are very much on the Vatican’s agenda these days.

“The beatifications are still quite important. What the pope wanted to do was to highlight their meaning for the local churches,” said Msgr. Michele Di Ruberto, undersecretary of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes.

“If we have a beatification in Rome for a Brazilian, for example, maybe 300 pilgrims will come from Brazil. But if it’s done there, thousands and thousands will attend,” he said.

With the pope delegating beatifications, Vatican officials have said thousands and thousands will attend.

The Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who recently beatified a 17th-century priest in Poland, will fly to Patagonia in November to beatify a priest in Poland.

“The Captivity” almost often refer to this:

a. the Babylonian sojourn when the Jews were transported to Mesopotamia (or the fate of the northern kingdom under the Assyrians)

b. the period when the Jews were captivated by the preaching of the apostles

c. the imprisonment of the two leading apostles, Peter in Antioch and Paul in Rome

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a. island in the bay of San Diego

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c. city in southern California

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a. never acceptable

b. perfectly fine as a punishment for any offense if there has been a referendum

c. acceptable in very limited circumstances that realistically can hardly ever happen

8. In the West, the period when the Jews were captivated by the preaching of the prophet Jeremiah...

a. no one knows, it is an obsolete term

b. the Philistines

c. it means an undefined “lot,” as in the story of Lot and his wife.

ANSWERS:

1. Lk 13:1-9
2. Lk 12:54-59
3. Lk 12:49-53
4. Lk 12:39-48
5. Lk 12:35-38
6. Ps 40:7-10, 17
7. Lk 12:35-38
8. Ps 121:1-8

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**CATEQUIZ’EM**

**By Dominic Camplisson**

This week’s quiz should be called the CAP-e-quiz’em because it deals with all CAPs.

1. Caph is simply a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It has this numeric value to 11.
   a. 11
   b. none, letters are never used as numbers in Hebrew
   c. it means an undefined “lot,” as in the story of Lot and his wife.

2. According to Scriptures these people originated in “Caphtor”
   a. the Philistine
   b. the Hittites
   c. the Jews

3. The region of Cappadocia features in the Bible. Where is it?
   a. no one knows, it is an obsolete term
   b. Asia Minor, in the modern state of Turkey
   c. in Greece, between Corinth and Sparta

4. The Cappadocian Fathers were early Christian leaders. One was Basil, the other two both had the same name, which was a. Fred
   b. Gregory
   c. Anthony

5. Captivity was a common hazard in the ancient world. But in the history of the Jews
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8. In the area of Kerf Nahum in the Holy Land is better known as this city, featured in the New Testament
   a. Capernicus
   b. Capernaum
   c. Capitolis Aequitium

9. What is a Capitular Mass?
   a. Mass in a cathedral in which the whole chapter of cathedral monks takes part
   b. Mass in which the crowds are so large money is sent to the ends of the pews by means of catapults
   c. Mass in which a scapular is blessed and given to all present

10. What is a “cappa magna”?
   a. a high Latin Mass of the type entirely sung, now rare outside monasteries
   b. a bishop’s vestment with a large hood
   c. the key or final donation or endowment that enables a church to be built

11. Wolfgang Kopflik a Catholic priest who later became a Protestant was referred to as Wolfgang Captlik. Why?
   a. it was simply a habit of the day to Latinize any famous person’s name like Scopus, and Kopf is German for head
   b. Becoming a heresy made one liable for capital punishment, hence the name.
   c. He was made head of the Catholic Church in Germany in an effort to forestall his defection.

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12. John Capreolus was a 14-15th century Thomist. What is a Thomist?
   a. one who studies or promote the works of Thomas Aquinas
   b. one who spreads the faith abroad, in rationally non-Christian areas, like St. Thomas is reputed to have done in India?
   c. He was made head of the Catholic Church in Germany in an effort to forestall his defection.

**ANSWERS:**

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Jesus cures by his word. If this is a boy got better. The Gospel of Luke adds that the centurion had sent his servant: “I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Just say the word, and my boy will get better.” Jesus replied: “Go home. It shall be done because you trusted.” That very moment the healing occurred 20 miles away.

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CYO football drops to four after first-round of tournament playoffs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football season coming to a close, the field has dropped to four after the first round of tournament play. St. John Anthony Panthers second the Panther offense. Feichter went 38-yard-touchdown pass to start Tippmann hit Evan Feichter for a their second play from scrimmage, Angels/Precious Blood, 30-7. On tournament by defeating Queen of each booted a point after try.

Sam Stronczek and Brian Nichter “scoop 6” from the defensive side. Williams scored the final six on a touchdown came on a 38-yard pass from Tippmann to Justin Schaffer. Nick German chalked up three successful kicks.

In a high-scoring battle between the third- and sixth-place seeds, the St. Charles Cardinals defeated the St. Joseph/Elizabeth/Aloysius/Teresa (JAT) Knights, 38-22. Logan Dorman did a lot of damage in the loss for JAT rushing 140 yards on 18 carries with one catch on a 60-yard “hook and ladder.”

“We could not get the play to work in practice, but it came off beautifully in the game. John Castle, our back up quarterback, threw to Andrew Yaney who gave it to Logan,” explained Coach Eric Dorman.

Yaney also had two scores and Castle completed three passes for 120 yards and three touchdowns for the Knights. Dorman was 3-4 through the air. Coach Dorman was very pleased with his team’s performance all season long despite the adversity they faced through injuries and close losses. “Our record doesn’t necessarily show it, but our guys were in a lot of games. They really responded and played their guts out,” he concluded.

In the final game of the day, Holy Cross defeated St. John New Haven 30-0. Semi-final playoff action will take place Sunday, Oct. 21, at the University of Saint Francis on Bishop D’Arcy Field for the four remaining teams beginning at 1 p.m.

Fifth and sixth-grade action

St. John the Baptist, New Haven, won the pair last week against the Royal Reds from Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. In the sixth grade game, the Raiders won by a safety, 8-6. Nathan Hammon bowled into the end zone for the victors while Eathan Hazelet had six points for the Royal Reds.

In the B-team division, St. Matthew Blazers, 41-6, as Pierre Byrne racked up a spectacular five-touchdown performance for Holy Cross, the largest single scoring performance of the season.

Mishawaka Catholic defeated the Granger Titans, 6-0, on the strength of Dominic Ravotto’s 1-yard touchdown.

The B-team pairings for this weekend:

• Corpus Christi Cougars vs. St. Joseph at 1 p.m.
• Granger Titans vs. Mishawaka Catholic at 2:30 p.m.
• Holy Family Trojans vs. St. Matthew Blazer’s at 4 p.m.
Svarczkopf honored as Coach of the Week by the Colts

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — A great man honored by a great program. That’s what took place Friday, Oct. 12, at Bishop Dwenger’s Student Activity Center. Former Indianapolis Colts player Mike Prior was on hand to present Bishop Dwenger head football coach, Chris Svarczkopf, with a Coach of the Week Award.

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DEVOTIONS

Mission at St. John

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist will host a mission on Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 28, Father Steve Gibson, CSC, will lead us in “Finding Peace and Being Peacemakers in Our Personal Lives.” The evening will end with the sacrament of reconciliation. On Monday, Oct. 29, an evening of music and prayer will focus on “Finding Peace and Being Peacemakers in Our Faith Community.” On Tuesday, Oct. 30, Mass will be celebrated as the focus is “Finding Peace and Being Peacemakers in the World.” Babysitting and transportation are available by calling (260) 744-4393 for information.

Day of reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The theme is “I Will Make Me a World.” Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is $15 and includes lunch. Register by Friday, Oct. 26, by calling Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Rosary for life planned

South Bend — The diocesan Office of Family Life will pray a rosary for life on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Women’s Care Center garden on Ironwood Circle. Music and meditations will accompany the rosary, and free pro-life balloons, bumper stickers, and literature will be available. A collection will be taken to benefit the work of the Women’s Care Center.

Catholic infertility support group and Office of Family Life bring speaker

South Bend — Dr. Marilyn Shuman, author of “Fertility, Cycles and Nutrition,” will speak on nutritional approaches to overcoming infertility on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. at the St. Matthew Cathedral Center (the former convent across from the church). The talk is free and open to the public.

Adult education offered

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will offer a presentation on the sacraments of healing — reconciliation and anointing of the sick — on Monday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Father Tom Shoemaker will provide new insights using the new U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults.

Beginning Experience weekend planned

Donaldson — A retreat for widowed, divorced and separated persons will be held at Lindenwood Retreat Center from 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. This Christian based program assists persons to work through deep feelings of anger, depression and loss. Registrations are needed by Nov. 3. Call Rachel at (574) 271-1699 or e-mail b.e.lady@juno.com.

FUNDRAISERS

Turkey bingo

Fort Wayne — Turkey Bingo will be held Sunday, Nov. 18, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Campus on Aboite Center Road. Prizes include a Thanksgiving turkey, raffle prizes and cash. If you have something you would like to donate, contact Jennie Klinger at (260) 625-5056.

Wreaths and greenery orders support cathedral youth group

Fort Wayne — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception youth group, Angels Inc., will take Christmas wreath and greenery orders at all Masses Oct. 20-21 and 27-28. Ordered items will be available in the Cathedral Center Nov. 11, or following Masses Nov. 25. Proceeds will help send students to the National Catholic Youth Conference. For information contact Nan at (260) 456-0224.

HOLIDAY BAZAARS

Holiday bazaar supports adult choir

Mishawaka — The St. Joseph Church holiday bazaar will be Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 82 craft and house hold item tables, raffles and baked goods will be offered. Bring canned or boxed food items and receive one free entry to the mini raffle for each item donated.

Thrift store offers 99-cent sale on coats

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul thrift store will have a 99 cent ladies coat sale on Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27. Store hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chicken dinner supports eighth graders

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist eighth-grade class will offer Nelson’s chicken dinners for $7 on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wal-mart at Southtown. Tickets may be purchased in advance after Masses or from an eighth grader.

Broasted fish dinner

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Hessen Cassel will have a drive-through fish dinner Friday, Nov. 2, from 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets are $7. Proceeds benefit the St. Joseph food bank.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — Corpus Christi Church and School will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 18, from 4:30-7 p.m. at 2801 Corpus Christi Dr. Adults: $8, children (5-12 years) $3 and children under 5 free. Tickets available at the Corpus Christi rectory or Corpus Christi School office or at the door.

Fish and tenderloin fry

Bluffton — St. Joseph Church will have a fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets will be $8 for adults, $5.50 for children (6-12), and children under 5 free. Eat in or carry out.

Pasta, shopping and wine tasting expo

Fort Wayne — Dinner will be served at St. Jude Parish hall on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Shopping and wine tasting from 5-9 p.m. Adults $7, children (4-12) $5. Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Chi Sorority. Proceeds benefit local charities.

Craft BAZAARS

Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a holiday craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

Craft show, candy and bake sale

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have a craft show and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym.

Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Church, 411 W. Vistula, will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday items, bake sale, needlework, handcrafted items, plants, hidden treasures and lunch offered.

Lunchon and card party planned

Fort Wayne — A luncheon and card party for the Queen of Angels 50+ club will be Friday, Oct. 26, from noon to 4 p.m. in the activity center. Men and women are welcome. Tickets $8.

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Regina Mahan, 85, Most Precious Blood

Joseph C. Wies, 86, St. John the Baptist

Euth E. Forbing, 86, St. Therese

Huntington

Barbara J. Rosswurm, 55, Elkhart

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BY MARY ANN WYAND

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS (CNS) — Billboards that feature St. Mother Theodore Guérin’s image and proclaim “Caution! Saint at work!” and “A saint walked here” greet travelers on Interstate 70 near Terre Haute.

The signs invite people to turn off Exit 3 at West Terre Haute and visit the Sisters of Providence motherhouse at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, home of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence and the new National Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

The sisters and several hundred pilgrims celebrated her feast day Oct. 3 during an emotional Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse.

The celebrant of the Mass, Father Daniel Hopcus, a retired priest from the Diocese of Orange, Calif., who is the congregation’s chaplain, thanked God for the life of St. Mother Theodore, her prophetic witness to the Gospel, and her faithful pursuit of love, mercy and justice for God’s people.

Later this year, pilgrims who venerate the saint’s remains in the church also will have an opportunity to sit outside on benches beside a new statue of the 19th-century, French-born foundress of the Sisters of Providence.

During the liturgy, Sister Denise Wilkinson, general superior of the congregation, called it “a joy and a privilege” to celebrate St. Mother Theodore’s feast day “in this place, the site of her arrival, of her home, the center of her ministerial outreach and her final resting place.”

“In a short time, we will have a 6-foot bronze statue of St. Mother Theodore that will stand right outside the church,” Sister Denise explained, adding that it was a gift from Terre Haute resident Larry Fleschner, who died Sept. 30.

Fleschner, who had cancer, became friends with Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, the promoter of the saint’s cause and a cancer survivor, and Teresa Clark, the artist who created the official sculpture of the saint, which has been reproduced as statues. He met them during Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes two years ago.

During that time, Sister Denise said, he came to love St. Mother Theodore.

“As Larry moved through the different stages of a very devastating cancer, he took great comfort in Mother Theodore’s presence in his life.” Sister Denise said. “He had a statue of her signed by Teresa Clark placed in his room where he could see it, and he told me that he had many conversations with her, and that she had become a living and hopeful presence in his life.”

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“I don’t think it was exactly a miracle, but I got well,” she told The Criterion, the newspaper of the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

She said people tell her that they “felt drawn” to St. Mother Theodore when they see her picture, and Fleschner also talked about how he felt close to her.

Father Rick Ginther, pastor of St. Patrick and St. Margaret Mary parishes, both in Terre Haute, said in a telephone interview that Fleschner joined the church after his brother, Steve, and a nephew, Paul, became Catholic.

“Sister Marie Kevin spoke one evening about suffering, ... specifically about her survival of cancer,” Father Ginther said. “They became very good friends. ... He was a very spiritual man. He found comfort in Roman Catholicism ... and Mother Theodore’s belief in God’s providence.

“From what I understand from his family, even as he approached death,” the priest added, “it was, ‘Why me? It was, ‘All right. God provides, and God will take care of me even into death and into new life.’”

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