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Eucharist unites, strengthens, pope says at Corpus Christi Mass

ROME (CNS) — The Eucharist has the power to unite people, strengthen them and remind them that only God is worthy of worship, said Pope Benedict XVI at a Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The May 22 Mass at Rome’s Basilica of St. John Lateran was followed by a traditional Corpus Christ procession through the streets of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major for eucharistic adoration and Benediction.

The pope rode in a canopied flatbed truck to St. Mary’s, kneeling in front of a monstrance with the Eucharist. Thousands of priests, seminarians, religious, altar servers, members of Catholic sodalities and the faithful accompanied the pope on foot.

In his homily at the Mass, the pope said the rites and rituals of the feast day explain what the feast is about: “First, we are gathered around the altar of the Lord to be together in his presence; second, there will be the procession, which is walking with the Lord”; and, finally, all the faithful will kneel before the Eucharist, honoring Jesus Christ who gave his life for the salvation of all.

Pope Benedict said the celebration of the Mass, gathering everyone around the same altar, is a reminder that all the faithful have been united into the body of Christ despite all their differences.

Unity is “the truth and the strength of the Christian revolution,” he said. Around the Eucharist “people diverse on account of age, sex, social condition (and) political ideology” gather and become one, he said.

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GRADUATE READS AT MASS

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Immigration: Gospel helps us to apply decisions of daily life

BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ — Mt 25

As Catholics who receive the Eucharist every Sunday, we have no choice but to welcome the stranger, for the stranger is Christ among us.

The voices against this position are loud. They echo with a kind of démagogy on our televisions every evening. They say things that are true, like that a country has a right to have sound borders, and that we cannot approve the breaking of the law. The person of faith accepts this, but also looks into the face of the immigrant and sees a brother and a sister.

One of the things Pope Benedict XVI shared with Catholics in this country when he met with the bishops in the beautiful crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington, D.C., was the fact that the Sunday Eucharist must influence our decisions in the way we look at questions of the age. The predominant culture sometimes clouds our vision.

How can it not? It is with us all the time. It is so dominant. That is why we go to the Eucharist on Sundays, and why should we do spiritual reading. It is why Pope Benedict XVI tells us to encourage and to confirm our faith and help us to see these issues more clearly. The immigrant is our brother and sister. So is the refugee. The conflict arises in the question of the immigrants because some of them are here illegally. So what is a believer in Christ to do?

First of all, the believer should look to the church, which presents to us the Gospel and helps us to apply it to the decisions of daily life.

For us, the ultimate principle is the dignity of every person. A person has the right to move.

The church, which protects the rights and dignity of the immigrant and the refugee, seeks a solution. When there are conflicting rights, one seeks a solution.

As members of the church, we must be faithful to our responsibility of hospitality of aliens among us. As good citizens, we should seek a solution which is legal. We do not support the breaking of the law. This is why the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Indian bishops continue to seek legislation, especially on the federal level, which will reflect the dignity of every person. There are 12 million immigrants here, mostly from Latin America. Most of them came from poverty and misfortune. They preferred not to come but had no choice if they were to care for their children. We support legislation, which protects the rights and dignity of the immigrant and their families, and we support efforts to properly maintain our borders so as to secure the nation.

Immigrants presently in the country without proper documentation should be provided, through law, opportunities to obtain legalization if they demonstrate good moral character. Earned legalization should be achievable and independently verifiable.

(Usually Bishops of Indiana)
Liturgies, stem cells, sex abuse among topics at bishops June meeting

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Matters of liturgy and language will dominate the agenda of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting June 25-28 in Washington as local and national liturgical commissions in Latin America and the Caribbean asked the Vatican that the order of the Mass in Spanish be published “using ‘ustedes’ in place of ‘vosotros’ since the majority of Catholics who speak Spanish (more than 90 percent) use ‘ustedes,’” the introduction noted.

“The Committee on Divine Worship recommends for pastoral reasons that the ritual accommodation by language which has been in use for many years in Mexico, the Caribbean and South American countries and used by the majority of Hispanics in the United States,” Bishop Serratelli said.

The change must be approved by at least two-thirds of the Latin-Rite members of the USCCB and then confirmed by the Vatican.

After the liturgical readings, the longest text to come before the bishops in June is a seven-page policy statement from the Committee on Pro-Life Activities on embryonic stem-cell research. The document is aimed at providing “background for the more pastoral and educative source on why Catholic couples should not resort to some reproductive technologies,” said Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, committee chairman, in an introduction to the draft text.

In an effort to save on paper and to “go green,” we’ve been trying to get people using the Web to access information on new refugee people. A few regional bishops have been issued, with the schedule of the readings was distributed to everyone can live with.”

We must pursue progress in ethical and medical progress. ... how our society will pursue science and religion,” the draft text says in a section about how the church has proceeded with medically assisted nutrition and hydration. The document on reproductive topics about how the church has proceeded with medically assisted nutrition and hydration. The document on reproductive technology is to be come before the bishops at a later meeting. The policy statement must be approved by a majority of the bishops present at the Orlando meeting.

The next group will be asked to send a committee to the USCCB and USCCB Committee on Doctrine to begin revising passages in the “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services” that relate to medically assisted nutrition and hydration. The directive on medical care in addressing a wide range of ethical questions.

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Receiving Eucharist kneeling may not be permanent

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The four dozen people who received Communion from Pope Benedict XVI on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ received the Eucharist on the tongue while kneeling.

Vatican officials said the gesture at the May 22 Mass outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran does not mark a permanent change in papal liturgies, but highlighted the solemnity of the feast and a connection to Mass practices in the past.

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More served necessitates more space for The Christ Child Society

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN


That’s what volunteers with The Christ Child Society of South Bend are hoping for with their recent move from Thomas Street to the former St. Patrick’s School on Western Avenue and Scott Street.

The site on Thomas Street — the old Sacred Heart Church — was given to the society in the 1970s by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said Mary Liddell, project organizer and former society president.

“But we’ve outgrown it because of the number of children we serve,” Liddell said.

Not to mention that the old building wasn’t handicapped accessible. The new building is accessible, plus it’s closer to a main bus route and many clients served by the society live in the neighborhoods surrounding Western Avenue. And with the move to Scott Street, Liddell added, Catholic outreach will be more visible in the downtown area.

The Christ Child Society of South Bend clothes underprivileged children, from infants to 13 years old. Liddell said the society provided 450 to 500 newborns last year with clothes and other necessities and 3,800 to 4,000 children aged one to 13 years with clothes to start a new school year. Families allowed to take advantage of the society must have an income of 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and clients must be referred through a school or social service agency in the area, said Liddell. The society partners with more than 100 agencies in the area, she added.

Despite all the reasons to move, the change was a huge undertaking.

“This move is monumental for us,” Liddell said.

The Christ Child Society has no paid staff, only volunteers. And those volunteers not only work weekly to make sure children in South Bend are clothed, they also moved the operation. With several moving trucks, Liddell said, the society volunteers moved clothes enough for 4,000 children and 600 babies. While nearly all of the society’s volunteers are women, many enlisted their husbands’ brawn to help. Liddell estimated that 50 to 60 volunteers were helping with the move.

Pushing a hand truck piled high with boxes, David Remy, of South Bend, said he was helping because of his wife.

“My wife, Micki, is a volunteer,” he said.

As David carted boxes, Micki helped pile them in one of the seven rooms the society will use at the former school. Micki said she’s volunteered with the society since 1976 and is currently in charge of the Angel Layette ministry, which sews gowns given for newborns who die in the hospital.

“It’s a wonderful organization, and this will give us more parking and more room to spread out,” Micki said of the society’s move.

The Christ Child Society has needed room to spread out because it follows the roots of the national organization, which provided clothing for infants, and has expanded to meet needs in the South Bend community.

“We saw a need for older children from one to 13 years as well,” Liddell said, which is why the organization is so much larger now.

And, Liddell said, this move will likely help the organization expand its ministries even further.

“In the future we hope to add more child-oriented programming such as parenting classes and a book fair,” she said. “This will allow us to brainstorm about how we can help in other areas of the community.”

Along with the Angel Layettes, the society also provides the Valley of Hope. This is for women who have recently learned they’re pregnant — they receive a Moses basket, baby socks and a prayer of blessing. The society also offers offsite tutoring programs at St. Adalbert in South Bend. Further, the society provides a backpack filled with school supplies, toiletries, a stuffed animal and book, through its “My Stuff” program, to children who are taken out of their home for abuse or neglect issues.

And the clothing, which is all new clothing, provided for infants and children is extensive.

Infants receive items including a crib blanket and receiving blanket, a full outfit, T-shirt, socks and underwear (if potty trained), hat, mittens, winter coat, sneakers and toothbrush and paste. Older kids from ages five to 13 are given socks and underwear, jeans, school uniform pants and shirt, a long-sleeved shirt, T-shirt, toothbrush and paste, a winter coat, mittens, gloves and sneakers.

Liddell said students get this package of clothing before the start of school each year. On top of that, donations are accepted for gently used clothing to complement the package of new clothing each child is given.

Because the organization is all volunteer, 100 percent of the money it receives through donations goes toward clothing children, said Liddell. On top of that, all the money the society receives are from donors or fund-raising events, no government funds or United Way money is used, she said. The society handles a $250,000 budget each year.

“It is a labor of love,” Liddell said of The Christ Child Society.

“For the number of hours and work the volunteers put in, everyone takes the mission into their own heart.”

And the society continually needs more volunteers and donations, Liddell said. The Christ Child Society is purely ecumenical, Catholic. Whether people hold fundraisers at their own churches, or volunteer at the society, no volunteer is turned away. To help, visit the society’s Web site at www.christchildsb.org, or call (574) 282-1082. To receive help, either visit the society’s Web site or contact your child’s school social worker or other organization including Women’s Care Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army.

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Office of Youth Ministry welcomes new assistant director

BY MONICA EICHMAN

FORT WAYNE — “I’m really excited... I never thought that this was where I was going to be.”

After graduating magna cum laude from Marian College, Megan Oberhausen is ready to take on her new position as assistant director of the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Her goal is to serve parishes by training adults to be core leaders, putting on retreats, offering leadership training and coming up with literature and other resources for parishes. She hopes to help parishes to be “effective youth ministers.”

“I would like to see parishes invest in youth,” Megan says. “That would mean that the parishes have a strong prayer support for the youth ministry programs going on, that they are investing their time and their talents and their treasures, whether that is providing food for a retreat, ... making a holy hour every week, or actually becoming an adult core leader.”

While Megan says that youth ministry varies between parishes as “each parish has different dynamics,” she also believes that the biggest desire that young adults currently have is one that is essentially the same and demands the same response in every situation, regardless of parish.

“They hunger for truth,” she says, “not watered-down truth, not the same kind of lessons they learned in Sunday school and religious ed... They have hard questions because they live in a really tough world, and they need some real honest answers even if the answers are hard and even if the world they live in is hard. They want the truth and they want it honest.”

Although she points to youth Masses, retreats, youth ministry within the parish, catechesis, diocesan camps, FaithFest and XLTs as providing an "opportunity for teens to really actively participate in the ministry,” she also comments that these are merely a means of “drawing youth in.”

She says youths should be “drawn to the Eucharist. And in being drawn to the Eucharist, they begin to understand more about the Mass and how the Eucharist is the source and summit... and with that is the reverence... When it’s done well, it’s about reverence for the Eucharist and about just the Mass and what it is...”

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Recent graduate from Marian College, Megan Oberhausen, stands with Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry. The two have formed a new team for the youth ministry office.

Megan has had extensive experience with youth ministry and attributes her zeal for youth ministry not only to her experiences during college but also to the example and influence of her parents, both active in Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. Educated at St. Charles during grade school and growing up near the church, her mom being the youth minister at Our Lady of Good Hope, her childhood experiences had a great impact on her career decision.

Megan was going to be a teacher. She was going to attend the Catholic University of America or Franciscan University of Steubenville. But God works in mysterious ways, and Megan’s path gradually veered from where she had initially planned.

Coming from a close-knit family, when the completion of her high school days rolled around, the Bishop Dwenger graduate was faced with a decision to make. Should she stick with her original plan and study at a university hundreds of miles away from home or try to find a closer option? With her mother expecting the seventh child in the family, Megan’s decision was easy, and she opted to attend Marian College, located on the west side of Indianapolis, making it possible for her to make frequent trips home.

Just as her college choice changed, so too did her focus. As she began taking classes, Megan found something that she was passionate about: “I really, really enjoyed studying philosophy. I loved theology and English.”

Before long, she found herself working as a catechist at a parish in Indianapolis during her freshman, sophomore and junior years at Marian. There, she helped guide the education of young adults by “working with their confirmation program... writing retreats and giving talks about the history of confirmation.”

Megan also gratefully remembers her opportunity to intern with the archdiocese of Indianapolis during her junior and senior years at Marian. Under the guidance of Father Jonathan Meyer, she believes she learned more about ministry than from all of her college courses. She was also able to intern with Cindy Black in the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend over the summer.

As Megan passionately comments, “I just fell in love with it and somewhere along the line knew that this was right, and this was what God was asking me to do.”

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Dallas priest ordained as new bishop for Diocese of Shreveport

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Christian and Jewish religious leaders May 21 formally threw their support behind a reworked U.S. Senate climate-change bill that addresses environmental and economic concerns. During a media briefing on Capitol Hill, Bishop Thomas G. Wenski — chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace — joined bill co-sponsors Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and John W. Warner, R-Va., and other Christian and Jewish religious leaders to discuss what they called “ground-breaking legislation” that also takes the poor into consideration when combating global warming. The bill offers both Christian and Jewish religious leaders wholeheartedly pledged their support for the reworked bill. Bishop Wenski stressed that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not lead an interest group but a church. “We are not here to lobby. The many details in this or any other legislation” but applaud lawmakers’ efforts to consider their faith mandates will have on the low-income populace, said the bishop, head of the Diocese of Orlando, Fla.

Vatican rep says rise in food prices threatens lives of 1 billion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican representative said the recent rise in global food prices threatens the lives of the 1 billion people who spend most of their daily income in search of food. The current food crisis shines a “red light of alarm” on structural injustices in the agricultural economy worldwide, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi told the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva May 22. It was the second strong statement in less than a week by Vatican officials on the food crisis, which has sparked riots in several countries in recent months. The Vatican released a copy of the text May 23. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome reported food prices have risen 45 percent over the last nine months, with the price of rice increasing 83 percent since December. Much of the increase has been blamed on higher fuel costs.

President to meet with Pope Benedict during European trip in June

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two months after hosting Pope Benedict XVI at the White House, President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush will visit the Vatican during a June 9-16 European trip, the White House announced May 20. “The president will begin his trip by participating in the annual U.S.-European Union summit in Slovenia,” the announcement said. “Following the summit, the president and Mrs. Bush will visit Germany, Italy, the Holy See, France and the United Kingdom.” Although the White House released no itinerary and the Vatican did not officially confirm the president’s visit, Vatican sources said it was expected to take place June 13. The White House said the Bushes’ trip to Europe was designed “to strengthen the trans-Atlantic partnership and to celebrate the enduring friendship between our nations based on shared democratic values.” “The president and Mrs. Bush’s visit will also commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and the Berlin Airlift.”

World Youth Day cross, icon arrive in Australian city of Perth

PERTH, Australia (CNS) — The World Youth Day cross and icon arrived at the airport in Perth May 20 before a five-week road trip of more than 5,000 miles and four dioceses. Archbishop Barry Hickey of Perth said that the arrival of the cross and icon in Western Australia should inspire its youth to “change the world.” After a local aboriginal dance group performed a traditional ceremony to ward off evil spirits from the cross and icon, the archbishop called on the youths of Western Australia to use the opportunity of seeing the cross to encounter Jesus personally. He said that as a symbol of suffering and love the cross also signifies Christ calling the youths of the state to “reach out in love to those who are suffering in our own society, and in doing so follow the call of Christ.” The archbishop said, “If they follow Christ, then they can change society into one of peace and justice.”

British exorcist warns that atheism brings Satan into the world

LONDON (CNS) — Atheism is becoming a key cause of demonic influence in the world, a British exorcist has warned. Father Jeremy Davies, exorcist of the Archdiocese of Westminster, which covers most of London, said that the “spirits inspiring atheism” were those who “hate God.” In a new 56-page book called “Exorcism: Understanding Exorcism in Scripture and Practice,” Father Davies wrote that Satan had blinded secular humanists from seeing the “dehumanizing effects of contraception and abortion and IVF (in vitro fertilization), of homosexual ‘marriages,’ of human cloning and the vivisection of human embryos for scientific research.” The result, he said, was that Europe was drifting into a dangerous state of apathy whereby “only (through) a genuine personal decision for Christ and the church can someone separate himself from it.” In the book published by the London-based Catholic Truth Society, he said sin was the primary reason people lost their freedom to the power of the devil.

U.K. Irish cardinals donate to support adult stem-cell research

LONDON (CNS) — British and Irish cardinals have donated funding to support adult stem-cell research and urged scientists to pursue ethical forms of such research. Cardinals Cormac Murphy-O’Connor of Westminster, president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales; Keith O’Brien of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, president of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland; and Cardinal Sean Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, president of the Irish bishops’ conference, awarded a grant of 25,000 pounds (US$49,200) to support the researchers. The cardinals said in a statement May 18 they were disappointed that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, which is passing through the British Parliament, focused on embryonic stem-cell research. “In fact, much greater progress already has been made toward clinical therapies using adult stem cells,” they said. “Other emerging techniques hold potential for good, without creating and destroying human embryos. We are making this donation as a demonstration of the church’s commitment to science and human good.”

McCain repudiates endorsements by two televangelists

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sen. John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, has rejected the endorsements of two televangelists amid criticism that one of them said God sent Adolf Hitler to help the Jews reach the Promised Land. The U.S. senator from Arizona had been under fire for months from some religious leaders for soliciting and accepting the endorsement of the Rev. John Hagee, a televangelist from San Antonio, Texas. Hagee has a history of using harsh language to describe the Catholic Church, as well as other religious movements such as Hurricane Katrina was God’s retribution for homosexual sin. McCain also has rejected the endorsement of an Ohio minister who has called Islam the “Antichrist.” McCain told The Associated Press May 22 that he also repudiates his endorsement by the Rev. Rod Parsley of the World Harvest Church of Columbus, Ohio, who has described Islam as the “Antichrist” and said the prophet Mohammed was “the mouthpiece of a conspiracy of spiritual evil.”
The $3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the historic church. Since its establishment, the fund has awarded grants totaling $591,137. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop John M. D’Arcy:

### Parishes — $56,000

**Fort Wayne:**
- St. Henry — $5,000 subsidy for students attending St. John the Baptist School
- Most Precious Blood — $2,000 for LitTeen program expenses
  - St. Joseph — $5,000 for tuition assistance for Hispanic families
  - Sacred Heart — $3,000 subsidy for sending students to St. John the Baptist School
- St. Mary — $7,500 to provide food to families located on the rural fringes of the community
- St. Patrick — $3,000 for the English as a Second Language program
- Sacred Heart/St. Hedwig — $5,000 for tuition subsidy for sending students to local Catholic schools
- **Area:**
  - St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — $5,000 to help defray expenses of Hispanic activities and programs
  - St. Michael, Plymouth — $7,500 for tuition assistance

### Schools — $128,750

**Fort Wayne:**
- Bishop Luers High School — $25,000 for tuition assistance
- Most Precious Blood — $6,000 for financial assistance
- St. Joseph — $3,000 for tuition assistance
- **South Bend:**
  - St. Adalbert — $30,000 to maintain enrollment of current Freedom 22 children
  - St. Jude — $2,000 to install security cameras at the school
  - Holy Family — $7,750 for financial assistance
  - Holy Cross — $7,000 to return resource teacher
  - Holy Cross — $4,000 for financial aid
- **Area:**
  - St. Aloysius, Yoder — $2,000 for financial assistance
  - St. Joseph, Garrett — $7,500 for tuition assistance
  - St. Monica, Mishawaka — $10,000 for tuition assistance

### Agencies — $27,250

**Fort Wayne:**
- Vincent Village — $10,000 to provide six hours a week of tutoring, educational and recreational activities for homeless children
- Catholic Charities — $12,000 to provide food to families located in South Bend through Catholic Charities food pantry
- The Franciscan Center — $1,000 for Sack Lunch program
- Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic — $2,000 for medications for Burmese patients
- ASK Ministries — $1,250 for medical care for Burmese people
- **South Bend:**
  - Christ Child Society — $1,000 for Lafayette of Hope program

- The $3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the groundbreaking for the new St. Mary’s Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary’s Parish complex was completed in October 1998 and dedicated on May 2, 1999, after a fire destroyed the church and soup kitchen on Sept. 2, 1993. The St. Mary’s Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary’s pastor, Father Tom O’Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary’s Heritage Fund has awarded annual grants totaling $2,294,764 from interest gained on the fund’s principal.

### Families needed for exchange students

AFS-USA, the leading international high school student exchange program, needs families in the community to host high school students for an academic year or six months. Students arrive in August. AFS students come from more than 40 countries and represent many different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Local AFS volunteers enroll students in high school and support students and their families to help both gain the most from their experience. In addition to host families, AFS needs people who are interested in becoming volunteer liaisons to work locally with families and their hosted students.

- Anyone interested in learning more about hosting or volunteering with AFS should call (800) AFS-NFO.

### Sister Kimberly Mulhearn professes final vows

**BARTLETT, Ill.** — Sister Kimberly Mulhearn will profess final vows on July 5 at 11 am liturgy in Clare Oaks Chapel, Bartlett, Ill.

Sister Kim was born in Chicago, the youngest of the three children of Rose and James. She attended Our Lady of the Snows Elementary School and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis (SSJ-TOSF) after her graduation from Indiana University in South Bend completing a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. Sister Kim is also part of the Franciscan Chords, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis music group and is the youngest vowed member of the community.

### Family conference to feature national speakers

**ELGIN, Ill.** — The Catholic Family Conference in Elgin, Ill., will feature vibrant and captivating Catholic speakers who will provide a fresh and beautiful perspective to the Catholic faith.

Separate programs are offered for married and single adults, teens and children 12 and under.

Speakers include Johnnette Benkovic, Tim Staples, Rosalind Moss, Father Thomas Loya, Rob Evans (The Donut Man), Greg and Julie Alexander and more.

Cost is only $15 for the family and includes dinner on Saturday evening. Reduced rates are available for single and married adults and seniors. Priests and religious are free. Early registration is recommended for discounted prices.

For more information, call: (815) 965-5011 or e-mail: cfcon@dpfrsd.org. You may also register online at www.catholic-family.dpsfrd.org. The conference will be held at Elgin Community College, July 25-27.

### Seamus Heaney and Archbishop Brady receive Notre Dame honorary degrees at Dublin event

DUBLIN, Ireland — The University of Notre Dame honored the Irish poet Seamus Heaney and Cardinal Sean Brady, archbishop of Armagh, during a May 25 celebration in Dublin, Ireland, of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of its Keough-Naughton Centre there.

Heaney, Ireland’s foremost poet, and Cardinal Brady, the spiritual leader of Ireland’s Catholics, received honorary doctoral degrees from Notre Dame at a ceremony at Trinity College of the Public Theatre of Trinity College Dublin.

Following the conferral of degrees, Heaney read from his poetry.

Heaney, who received the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature, has published numerous and wide ranging books of poetry, prose, translations and essays. He visited Notre Dame for a poetry reading in 1995, shortly after receiving the Nobel Prize, and again in 2003. Cardinal Brady, who was installed as archbishop of Armagh in 1996, was made a cardinal in November. His episcopal ministry extended to the two sides of the Irish border, and he played a prominent and influential role in Northern Ireland’s peace process.

The honorary degree ceremony was preceded by a Mass of thanksgiving in the Trinity College Chapel.

A $212,000 grant for a new building on Merrion Square. The program enables students from the University of Notre Dame and its sister institutions in Ireland, of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of its Keough-Naughton Centre there.

The institute and centre are named in honor of Notre Dame faculty and benefactors Donald Keough and Martin Naughton for their support of Irish studies at Notre Dame.

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Sister Theresa Renninger leaves legacy after teaching 55 years

BY KAY COZAD

AVILLA — Love of children and a heartfelt call to the religious life led Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart Theresa Renninger to her teaching career that currently spans 55 years. Though she plans to retire at the end of this school year from her teaching position at St. Mary of the Assumption School, Avilla, where she has been teacher and principal, she doesn’t plan to retire from life.

Sister Theresa is third of nine surviving children of the close-knit and deeply devout family of Henry and Cecilia and was raised on a farm in Hoagland. Inspired by the sisters who taught her throughout her elementary school years at St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel and her own dear aunt, Sister Theresa eagerly entered the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart following high school graduation. Three years later she professed final vows on June 21, 1953. True to her calling, the Sister attended St. Francis College in Joliet, Ill., during her novitate and earned her degree in education and history.

Her illustrious teaching career began in 1953 at St. Joseph School in Peru, Ill., where she enjoyed teaching second- and third-graders. In 1957, she moved to Avilla and taught at St. Mary of the Assumption School until 1962. Of her first of two appointments there she says with pride, “I taught first, second and third grade and then fourth grade.”

Another move took her to Park Forest, Ill., where she became the beloved first-grade teacher at St. Mary School. Following the two years there, she was reassigned to St. Michael’s in Schererville, Ind., where she not only taught eighth grade but also administered administrative duties as principal as well. By then she had earned her master’s degree in education administration and supervision from Purdue University.

Then in 1972, after eight years at St. Michael’s, this respected educator and administrator accepted the principal’s seat at St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne, where she remained for 13 years. In 1985 she returned to Avilla, where she was welcomed back with open arms as she had left her spiritual and academic mark on the grandparents and parents of some of the children she teaches now.

“I love the kids,” this humble servant says with an audible smile in her voice, adding, “I think the kids kind of love me, too.”

At St. Mary’s, Sister Theresa assumed administrative responsibilities and in the school as principal until 1999. Currently she teaches religion class at the middle school level and tutors the younger students as well. She lives in the convent there with one other sister.

Her love of teaching became evident this past year when she was nominated by a student for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend’s Light of Learning Award and by staff and parents for the 21 Alive Golden Apple Award. “I was humbled,” the Franciscan Sister says on receiving recognition for her service to the students.

“It’s no secret that her faith is embodied every Advent season when she directs the all-school project of memorizing the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke. “It’s my effort to keep Christ in Christmas,” she says, adding joyfully that this year all the children in the school achieved their goal and organized a special Christmas ornament.

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Homeschooling strengthens, unites Baxter family

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

YODER — In 1991, very few Catholic parents chose to homeschool their children. But Ann Baxter began studying education topics on the news as her daughter, Alisha, was approaching school age. Ann noticed something the Democrats and Republicans seemed to have in common: they “don’t care whether anybody’s kids learn anything … teachers have a lot more to do than teach … They gave them an impossible job.”

Ann said, “I had read homeschool families were stronger and closer.” Even so, the task of homeschooling a child could be overwhelming, especially in 1991.

“I went to a convention (for homeschooling) and there were so many books,” she said. Ann felt overwhelmed by the choices as she wondered which were best. She called the only Catholic woman she knew who was homeschooled for advice. The other woman suggested a Catholic series she used.

Ann noted that there seems to be a difference in the style of the curriculums that Catholic and Evangelical parents use. Many Evangelicals prefer thematic studies whereas most Catholics Ann knows choose books and a syllabus. With the theme approach, Ann said, “Mom would make a whole curriculum based on a rock.” She felt this placed too much work on the mother rather than the child.

“We’re much more structured. We want some accountability on where we’ve been,” Ann said.

There are a variety of choices today which can supplement the learning from DVD lectures to tutors to cottages where a teacher instructs home school students on subjects such as Latin. When Ann was first thinking about homeschooling, her husband, Ray, was supportive. He said, “I was okay with it as far as I remember … I never really told her what to do … just whatever would make our life comfortable with each other as a family.”

Ann said her parents were quiet about her decision. Now they are outspoken advocates of homeschooling. Her sisters said they would never homeschool. However, three of her sisters changed their minds and are part of the growing homeschool movement.

Ann recalls taking her children to Kmart during the day, and strangers would approach her, wondering why her children were not in school. “Is that legal?” they would ask. A few years later, they would nod and say, “I know someone who homeschooled.”

While it has become more acceptable today, it can still be overwhelming. Ann advises new families to become involved in the various homeschool associations. She recommends the NICHE organization for Catholic families. There is also a newsletter called Homemade News, which is very helpful.

The associations offer a number of programs, so homeschool children can get together. Lack of socialization is often a concern for people who are not familiar with homeschooling. However, these children have plenty of opportunity for socializing and enriching activities from proms, poetry reading groups, field trips, ballroom dancing, dog training, sports, volunteer work and many, many more choices.

The associations help, but the task of learning is still centered in the home in the day-to-day activities. Many families who choose to homeschool have a number of children. Ann is currently expecting their ninth child. Alisha is in college now and this year, five of the children are homeschooling. Next year, five of the Baxter children will be homeschooling.

Ann explains, “When you homeschool, you teach your kids to teach themselves as soon as you can: to read directions, know what that publisher wants. Sometimes I have to help them but for the most part, I teach them to do it themselves.”

If they don’t finish their work or if it doesn’t meet standards, they don’t get their “paycheck.” Although most families begin their school day in the morning, Ann has found the afternoon to be a best for her family. The other students begin around 10 a.m. “Our school day officially starts at noon,” Ann said.

The youngest children are down for a nap at this time, and she gives her son, T.K., who will be starting school next year, something to keep him occupied. Ann says she works with each child for about half an hour, but the rest of the time they are working on their own.

A couple times a month, Janeen, the second oldest Baxter daughter, takes one of her brothers, Joe or Nick, to the Women’s Care Center to babysit while the women attend parenting classes. This flexibility is one benefit of homeschooling, but it is not the greatest benefit as Ray commented, “We know what’s going into their heads. … Our values are being put into them.”

Ann added, “I think for me, it is character. I want my children to have good characters and know and feel their faith. I want them to not just go to church every Sunday but know why they go to church every Sunday. It’s a hope. There’s no guarantee. … And I want my kids to be proud of their faith. … I want to fill their heads full of good Catholics. … So I want them to feel proud of their ancestors in the faith.”

It is this ability to incorporate family and faith values into the curriculum that makes homeschooling such an attractive choice to so many families.

For information on the Catholic homeschooling organization, NICHE, call Grace Johnson at (260) 747-6077 or e-mail her at gracie4309@yahoo.com.

Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, through her work with Young Adult and Campus Ministry, began an associates group in Fort Wayne for her congregations a few years ago. Each year, Sister Gloria Ann returns from San Antonio, Texas, for a day of reflection and Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The associates renewed their commitments to poverty, simplicity, charity and abandonment to divine providence. Three new associates were accepted this year.

ASSOCIATES RENEW COMMITMENTS

On the Texas leg of her recent trip, Sister Gloria Ann met with the associates group representing Fort Wayne for her congregations.

The Baxter family poses for a photo at their Yoder home.

They also make use of tutors for English and math for the older children and several of the Baxters go to a “cottage” where they learn Latin with other homeschooled students.

After 16 years of homeschooling, the Baxters have learned from previous mistakes. Ann admitted, “My number one mistake was I wasn’t hard enough on my oldest daughter. We let her slide a lot. … We corrected it.”

Ray explained, “I’m principal. I motivate them to get things done.”

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Love and hate, side by side, at the Cathedral Museum

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Two four letter words. The first is found in songs, sonnets and even skywriting as a pledge of everlasting romance. The second is found in graffiti, vandalism, fighting, terrorism and other examples of the dark side of human nature.

In Fort Wayne’s Cathedral Museum expressions of each are found side by side.

The embodiment of a mother’s love for her son is seen in a diamond embedded in the base of a chalice. The diamond is from the wedding ring of Margaret D’Arcy, mother of Bishop John M. D’Arcy, and the chalice was a gift for his first Mass. On reflection, this object d’art symbolizes more than the love of mother to son; it also brings to mind spousal love, family love, the love of God shown by providing the means to keep a son in seminary, and finally, supreme love, demonstrated in the sacrifice of the Mass when the chalice is used.

What about hatred — why does the museum portray it? It portrays hatred because it happens and particularly because books and cartoons expressing hatred for the Catholic faith challenged the Catholic faith challenged the Catholic faith. Father John F. Noll to respond to such attacks by founding Our Sunday Visitor.

Cartoons can be like ants at a picnic: unwanted but impossible to ignore, and depending upon the slant taken by the artist, tremendously persuasive.

An example of extreme prejudice against Catholics is a cartoon by Thomas Nast depicting Catholic bishops as crocodiles, drawn so clearly that the males of the bishops are seen as the powerful jaws of creeping crocodiles set to devour American families.

Thomas Nast (1840-1902) was a gifted artist who is known as the father of American political cartooning. His work provided strong support for the North in the American Civil War. Nast did not always have poison in his pen. He gave us the rounded, plump and jolly version of Saint Claus and originated the elephant and donkey to represent the American political parties.

But when it came to the Irish, Nast went into vampire mode and drew them as chimpanzees. He believed that the well-organized Irish immigrant communities in New York led to political corruption and that the religion the Irish brought with them threatened American government with papal control.

Upon entering the Cathedral Museum one sees objects of historical interest which were actual in use when the diocese was formed; the prie dieu of its first bishop, John Henry Luers and the writing desk of Msgr. Julian Benoit, builder of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Other rare items in the museum predates the diocese by centuries. The oldest artifact there is a Bible from around 1250 AD. A papal ring cast for Pope Julius II dates back to 1503.

It is believed that most of the most valuable museum artifacts were acquired by Bishop Joseph Dwenger, second bishop of the diocese, when he led a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1874. Among these are rare oil paintings lofted by Napoleon’s soldiers and sold off at the time of Bishop Dwenger’s tour.

Had it not been for the foresight of Msgr. Thomas L. Durkin, cathedral rector, 1956-77, this priceless collection of irreplaceable objects and historical guideposts would not exist. It was he who acquired and stored the growing collection in various locations, at the time, reminding seminarian Philip Widmann of the importance of preserving the collection.

This advice was heard by the right person; it was Father Widmann, present curator, who reaped thought into action by creating a splendid museum that is a unique point of interest for the diocese and the city of Fort Wayne.

The Cathedral Museum is located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 913 S. Clinton St. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Northwest Indiana shrine depicts Christ’s Passion

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

ST. JOHN — “Come to the Shrine of Christ’s Passion — where lives are changed one soul at a time,” says a brochure describing the interactive half-mile pathway shrine that begins with the Last Supper and ends at the Garden of Gethsemane.

Designed to be a place for reflection for those of all faiths, the Shrine of Christ’s Passion, located just off U.S. 41 in northwest Indiana about a mile south of 93rd Avenue, is expected to draw people from all over the world and right here in the northwest Indiana area to see it.

A project that has taken around seven years to complete, the shrine is dedicated to creating a place where stewards of the gift shop, depicting a statue of the Ascension into heaven and has Jesus rising 30 feet above the ground.

The Sanctity of Life Shrine, which is also located at the Shrine of Christ’s Passion north of the gift shop, depicts a statue of a weeping Jesus holding an unborn aborted baby which will bring many to tears.

In addition to the Shrine of Christ’s Passion, located on the same grounds is a one-of-a-kind religious gift store, which offers a wide variety of inspirational gifts and books including Nativity sets, religious art, jewelry and carvings and gift sets. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the proceeds support the upkeep and maintenance of The Shrine of Christ’s Passion.

Not far down U.S. 41 a short drive from The Shrine of Christ’s Passion is also the Marian Wayside Shrine, which has been visited by thousands since the 1950s. There you will find a beautiful statue of Mary, hand-carved, which was imported from Italy.

For more information on The Shrine of Christ’s Passion, call (219) 365-6010. Driving directions from the east advises visitors to take I-80/94 West toward Chicago South U.S. 41 (Exit 2) merging into Indianapolis Boulevard. Indianapolis Boulevard becomes Wicker Avenue in St. John. Arrive at the Shrine of Christ’s Passion just before you reach U.S. 231.

This Thomas Nast cartoon appeared in Harper’s Weekly, May 8, 1875. It shows American bishops as crocodiles creeping up on American families. In the background are buildings with Vatican flags. This issue of Harper’s is on display in the Cathedral Museum with other anti-Catholic literature.

PHOTOS BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Arrive at the Shrine of Christ’s Passion. One of the tour guides stands in front of The Last Supper which has yet to include the bronze statues when this photo was taken in late April of this year.

Engraved with the words in Latin, “Innocent of the blood of this just man,” the station of Pilate’s court has a bronze statue of Pilate with Jesus.
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers affordable summer getaway for travelers, pilgrims who are looking for a unique experience

BY DAVE COX

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — What would you like to do for an economical, relaxing, educational summer vacation? Visit a place with paved pathways suitable for jogging, biking and walking? Take a nature walk and learn about plants native to Indiana? Develop a greater understanding of organic farming and biodynamic crops? Enjoy a spiritual connection with God and earth? Experience the presence of a saint? Then Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, home of the Sisters of Providence and their foundress, St. Mother Theodore Guérin, might be your affordable vacation opportunity. Easily reachable within four hours from nearly every area of Indiana, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has become a destination for travelers and pilgrims who are looking for something different. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers affordable summer getaway for travelers, pilgrims who are looking for a unique experience.

BY FRANCIE HOGAN

A day trip away lies Madison, a beautiful historic town where shopping, antiques and magnificent architecture await. Nearly every building in the historic downtown district is a brick building that has been preserved and renovated. The hilly countryside offers one of Indiana’s finest state parks, Clifty Falls, with many miles of trails and beautiful waterfalls, and the Ohio River makes a gorgeous backdrop to it all. A trip to Madison is a pleasant weekend excursion.

Madison was populated as early as 1806, and officially incorporated on April 1, 1809. It had rich early years due to heavy river traffic along the Ohio River and its position as an entry point into the Indiana Territory along the historic Old Michigan Road. Madison’s days as a leading Indiana city were numbered, however, when river traffic declined and new railroads built between Louisville, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati tapped into Madison’s trade network. As a result, Madison went into an economic and growth decline. Today, the town’s previous misfortune leaves a preserved collection of early 19th century architecture in the Federal and Greek Revival styles.

Among the 16 historic properties owned and operated by Historic Madison, Inc. is St. Michael the Archangel Church located at 521 East Third Street. The land for St. Michael the Archangel Church was donated by John McIntyre in two lots in 1837 and 1838. St. Michael Catholic Church, the second oldest surviving Catholic Church in Indiana is an important architectural, historic, and artistic treasure of both Madison and Indiana. In its infancy, the church welcomed immigrants, particularly of Irish descent, who came to Madison to build the Madison-Indianapolis Railroad. It is said that the stones from the railroad “cuts” were used to construct the gothic style edifice.

Although it is uncertain who designed the church, the young Francis Costigan, architect and builder, a member of the pioneer parish, is considered by many to have been involved with the design and building of the church. Costigan would later design and build many other Madison buildings.

St. Michael served as a focal point for significant events in the life of the Catholic community. As a result of the renewed liturgy of Vatican II in the 1960s the local Catholic community moved to one church facility concept. With that came the decision of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the local parish to discontinue use of St. Michael Church. Although no religious ceremonies can be held in the church, the building continues to be used for cultural presentations and special events throughout the year.

Guided tours are available. Tours “on-your-own” also can be enjoyed with a hand-held recorder that explains various stopping points along the route. Also, for those who might be unable to tour the grounds, a 30-minute video features many of the places along tour routes.

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice is one of the buzzer destinations at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and not just for the herd of 50-plus alpacas, which is a very popular draw. A nature trail is located on the grounds along with a wetland restoration project, natural forest land, organic crops, a reflection pond for some special quiet time and a farmer’s market each Wednesday afternoon during the growing season. Also, White Violet Center has numerous workshops throughout the year. Volunteers may be able to work in the garden at certain times of the year but only with advance arrangements. Visit www.whiteviolet.org for additional details. There is a nominal fee for most workshops.

Limited housing is available at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, but ample hotel space in various price ranges is available in Terre Haute, which is only four miles away.

For more information about a summer getaway to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, call (812) 535-3131, or visit the congregation’s website at www.sistersofprovidence.org.

St. Michael the Archangel Church

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The Heritage Museum is also popular for visitors. It helps tell the story of the congregation’s early years through video, displays of various items and photographs. The museum is in Providence Center next to the gift shop. Providence Center is the most common starting point for tours of the grounds, various shrines, unique architecture and the places to be seen within the many buildings at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

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St. Michael served as a focal point for significant events in the life of the Catholic community. As a result of the renewed liturgy of Vatican II in the 1960s the local Catholic community moved to one church facility concept. With that came the decision of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the local parish to discontinue use of St. Michael Church. Although no religious ceremonies can be held in the church, the building continues to be used for cultural presentations and special events throughout the year.

Guided tours are available. Tours “on-your-own” also can be enjoyed with a hand-held recorder that explains various stopping points along the route. Also, for those who might be unable to tour the grounds, a 30-minute video features many of the places along tour routes.

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice is one of the buzzer destinations at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and not just for the herd of 50-plus alpacas, which is a very popular draw. A nature trail is located on the grounds along with a wetland restoration project, natural forest land, organic crops, a reflection pond for some special quiet time and a farmer’s market each Wednesday afternoon during the growing season. Also, White Violet Center has numerous workshops throughout the year. Volunteers may be able to work in the garden at certain times of the year but only with advance arrangements. Visit www.whiteviolet.org for additional details. There is a nominal fee for most workshops.

Limited housing is available at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, but ample hotel space in various price ranges is available in Terre Haute, which is only four miles away.

For more information about a summer getaway to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, call (812) 535-3131, or visit the congregation’s website at www.sistersofprovidence.org.
ST. LOUIS ACADEMY STUDENTS VISIT MARIA STEIN, RELICS MUSEUM

Principal Carolyn Kirkendall, staff and students in grades 1-6 from St. Louis Academy recently took a pilgrimage through the countryside adorned by a continuous skyline of churches on their way to Maria Stein, Ohio. They toured the grounds, chapels and museum of Catholic relics. María Stein means “Mary of the Rock.” The title refers to a shrine honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in northwest Switzerland.

ANCILLA — It may be a bit of a drive from Fort Wayne and a short jaunt from the South Bend-Mishawaka area, but it is well worth the gas money and the time when looking for beauty and religious quiet reflection.

Located not far off U.S. 30 near Plymouth, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ-Aniclla College grounds offer beauty, peacefulness and history to those who stop for a visit for a short time or for a full day. Anyone who has visited the grounds and the chapel will tell you that it is a place everyone should see — and should visit time and time again.

“This is a special place that families can share and singles can sit and reflect and pray, taking in the beauty and history,” said Julie Dowd, communications director. A rich source of architectural beauty and Poor Handmaid history, the Ancilla Domini Chapel is a wonderful haven for prayer.

The chapel dates back to its dedication on May 24, 1923 with roots that go further back to 1868 when the first eight sisters settled near Fort Wayne. It was later in 1918 when property was purchased and Donaldson for rest, relaxation and retreat. Once a person has seen the chapel for the first time, he or she will wish to return again to visit to take in all of its beauty and will find more to see.

The neo-Gothic columns reach toward God in heaven and are decorated with ancient Greek and Roman design. Thes e baroque style of stained glass windows enhance the beauty of the chapel as well as the unique ceiling which features images of angels supporting Mary as queen.

Those who come to see the chapel can receive a brochure upon entering the worship space, which is “a place of prayer for all families.”

One of the most beautiful is the Annunciation scene above the main altar, which is imported carved work. It is significant in the reason that it symbolizes the sisters’ charism and name with Mary responding humbly to participate in God’s plan of redemption.

The stained glass windows, which were designed in Munich, Germany, bring awe and reflection with such depictions as Christ blessing the sick, St. Ann, and Mary’s mother with Mary as a young girl and the Assumption of Mary into heaven.

Outdoors on the grounds, visitors can walk the Stations of the Cross made of cut stone construction, which are built on 6x6-foot concrete slab foundations covered by ventilated glass. The unique and exquisite outdoor Stations were completed on Dec. 19, 1924 and were blessed in April 1925.

Convent Ancilla Domini has served as the spiritual and administrative center for the Poor Handmaids in the American Province. In the 1980s the convent was converted into the PHIC Ministry Center, housing college classrooms, Lindenwood offices, Maria Center apartments and administrative offices. Amid the activities of the Center the Sisters live, pray and minister as they have for the past 80-plus years.

Lindenwood, which is also on the grounds is an ecumenical center located at the PHIC Ministry Center nestled among rural woodlands and meadows, also offering a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere. Just this year in May, a new seven-circuit outdoor labyrinth, which is located to the east of Villa Maria and the Prayer Garden, was completed.

The labyrinth has a beautifully laid-out landscaped meditative space. Those who enter the labyrinth from the Prayer Garden will enjoy the beauty of the flow- ers and grasses as they make their journey. Once reaching the center, those who have walked the labyrinth will be able to rest on a bench. Two benches at the entrance and a wind spinner will also provide a restful mini-retreat area.

For those who do not know, the labyrinth is an ancient prayer tool, which has been a part of Christian cultures for millennia. The Lindenwood labyrinth is a 11-circuit labyrinth with grassy walking paths surrounded by brick, modeled after the one found on the floor of the Chartes Cathedral in France. Walking the labyrinth is a body prayer and meditation. Those who walk take time for reflection, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Visitors to Lindenwood’s labyrinth can pick up a pamphlet that offers basic approaches to the labyrinth, use of the labyrinth and comments on others’ experiences. These can be found at the Ministry Center.

Dowd said that those who wish to visit this summer should call beforehand as major construction projects are now underway at (574) 936-9991. Tours can be arranged upon request. The reception desk is available at the center from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day of the week for questions and other information. Maps are also available in this building.
EDITORIAL

Good ol’ summertime vacations

We enter summertime once again, a time which offers many a chance for vacation and leisure time. It is important to keep in mind that this opportunity to take some time to slow down a bit is not simply an indulgence for which one should feel completely guilt-ridden. Rather, vacation and leisure time are essential elements to the healthy (and holy) living of our human life.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, during his own vacation a couple of weeks ago, said, “In the world in which we live, the need is to be physically and mentally replenished has become as it were essential, especially to those who dwell in cities where the often frenzied pace of life leaves little room for silence, reflection and relaxing contact with nature. Moreover, holidays are days on which we can give even more time to prayer, reading and meditation on the profound meaning of life in the peaceful context of our own homes and loved ones.” So, far from being a time to worry about family matters, vacation time is a necessary part of our human life for the replenishing of body, soul and spirit.

However, notice what our Holy Father is telling us about the nature of vacations. He is saying that these times should truly be times of rest, prayer, time with family and meditation, among other things. The danger for all of us is that our vacations become an even more frenzied affair than our daily life, leaving us more tired and disoriented than before. The very purpose of our vacation should be to replenish us and especially to allow ourselves to be replenished spiritually by God.

Finding Catholicism in our travels

In this week’s issue, Today’s Catholic offers some suggested short trips and an additional Catholic dimension. Listed are nearby shrines, pilgrimage spots and tourist destinations. A place to recharge our batteries and replenish the spirit does not necessarily have to be far from home. Last week’s issue contained the suggestion of the Holy Name of Jesus and of Mary have been held on different dates throughout the church year. The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus and of Mary have been held on different dates throughout the church year. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary is observed Sept. 12.

But unlike our Jewish ancestors, the names of Jesus, God, Jesus Christ and Mary have become so common-place to express emotion, surprise, frustration, anger, outrage and remorse in our daily conversations, to name but a few misuses. (See Stach 23.9-15). Such usage often is mundane with the name of Lord evoked from our lips with little or no thought. Even in text messaging, the abbreviation “OMG” is used to exclaim “Oh my God!” Abuse of the name of God also is prevalent in movies, and on television and radio. In fact, foul language and the use of four-letter words are now accepted by the broader industry than saying the names of God and Mary. The “Hail Mary pass,” for example, has become synonymous with football coverage.

There’s a pressing need to respect the names of God, Mary and the saints in all our conversations, both in thought and spoken word.

Today’s Catholic editorial board consists of Bishop John M. D’Arcy, Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Father Mark Guntzler, Father Michael Heinitz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

The shepherds of our church

The recent visit of our Holy Father leaves us as Catholics with many thoughts to ponder. His visit to a prison was a gift that was both standing strong, even with the scandal that seemed to shake our faith. As a victim of childhood trauma, I was in awe at how our “Papa” spoke to victims who were molested by priests. The love, compassion and prayers for healing took my breath away.

I was not molested by a priest but by individuals who I knew, some of whom were family members. My healing has been long and at times unbearable. I have a different story than those abused in the church. Nonetheless, there were deep wounds that needed to be healed.

I was reminded of the hardships our priests endure when I had an encounter in Huntington, a few weeks ago. I went to meet my long-time friend and former spiritual advisor for breakfast. I arrived at the meeting before Father Pfister did and decided to wait outside to greet him.

While waiting outside Richard’s restaurant, an elderly man came up to me. He made small talk with me as I smiled and told him I was meeting a friend, and I asked the older man if he knew Father Pfister. Because Huntington is a small town, I guess I figured that he would immediately know the priest.

We began talking and he told me that he was afraid of Catholic priests and actually thought they, including the pope, were all child molesters. I smiled at him and told him briefly of my past abuse and that I was in therapy through the hands of many priests. I told him that I am so grateful for the priests who helped me along my journey toward healing. He was speechless after my comment. He apologized to me and also said, “I know God says do not judge.” I nodded in agreement, and we shook hands as we went on separate ways.

I walked into the restaurant that morning deep sad. I was sad that we do not do enough to protect the wonderful things that many of our priests do for us. I thought about all of the times that Father Pfister was there for me. I began to realize how much our priests go through. They are judged by the crimes of a few, and yet they answer the call God has placed on their lives. I was never afraid to be a Catholic and that moment while I waited for my long-time friend to arrive.

Each day, I pray for all of the priests God placed in my life. I also pray for healing for our church and I pray for healing for all of us. I pray the Lord will heal hearts and give us the willingness to forgive, so we can heal.

Cindy Black, diocesan director for Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation, has serious concerns about the organization and cautions parish youth groups about taking teens to these camps. For more information, feel free to contact her at (260) 422-4611 or cblack@fwdiocese.org

A day in the life of a prison inmate

BY TIM JOHNSON

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Immigrants and taxes

Perceived myth: Immigrants don’t pay taxes.
Known fact: Immigrants pay taxes. In the form of income, property, sales and taxes at the federal and state level. As far as income tax payments go, sources vary in their accounts, but a range of studies find that immigrants pay between $90 and $140 billion a year in federal and state local taxes. Undocumented immigrants pay income taxes as well, as evidenced by the Social Security Administration’s “suspect file” (taxes that cannot be matched to workers’ names and social security numbers), which grew by $20 billion between 1990 and 1998.

— Source: www.immigrationforum.org/about/articles/tax_study.htm

How do immigrants pay taxes?

Immigrants pay taxes in a number of ways, including income and sales tax. The majority of undocumented immigrants pay income taxes using Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) or false Social Security numbers.

Studies show that immigrants contribute more in taxes and Social Security payments than they consume in public resources. The most authoritative study conducted by the National Research Council found that the average immigrant pays nearly $1,800 per year more than he or she uses in services such as education and healthcare. In addition, the Social Security system reaps the biggest windfall from taxes paid by immigrants; the Social Security Administration reports that it holds approximately $420 billion from the earnings of immigrants who are not in a position to claim benefits. (Testimony by Social Security Administration March 2004).

In addition to state income taxes, all immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, pay the same sales taxes and property taxes — whether they own homes or taxes are passed through to rents — as everyone else. The majority of state and local costs of schooling and other services are funded by these taxes.

The NRC also estimates that the economic benefits of immigration run as high as $10 billion a year. Immigrants contribute to the economy by working in jobs and performing services vital to our way of life and contribute to the common good through their sales and their taxes.

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At a recent national meeting, the bishops of the church expressed concern for declining respect for the Blessed Sacrament. They sought ways to change and reverse the decline. There is a growing tendency for Catholics to talk out loud in church as if they are at the mall or over the back fence. I recently heard a woman tell a young person that it was okay to talk until church until Mass starts. They continued to talk even after the choir was singing. Shouldn’t the pastor remind the congregation that they are in the house of God and should be silent in church? I’ve just left. We desperately need the silence, the quiet and the opportunity to rest in God. If without these, our prayer — and our life — will wither. The Vulgate (Latin) version of the Psalm 46:10: “vacate et vade quietum, quia dominus regnas in coelo” (often rendered “be still and know that I am God”) literally means “make your home there and recognize that I am God.”

Our time, attention and our availability are three things we will continue to maintain our patterns of sinfulness. You’ll be amazed at the difference in the quality of your prayer when you take the time to slow down, focus your attention and make yourself available to God, who continues to reveal his love and mercy in the sacred mysteries.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

THAT’S A GOOD QUESTION

What was the rule by St. Paul that mandated women must wear a head covering in church? TK, Cedar Rapids, Neb.

The custom of Christian women wearing a veil, hat or head covering at Mass and the custom of Christian men removing their hats at Mass comes from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. It says that the head of every man is Christ and the head of a woman is her husband. A man who prays with his head covered brings shame upon his head, and a woman who prays with her head uncovered brings shame upon her head. The New American Bible says that St. Paul feels the independency of the Corinthian women who participate in worship with unveiled heads as a lack of humility, since a woman’s veil is regarded as a sign of dependence on the authority of her husband. Father John McKenzie feels that, when St. Paul suggests that women should wear veils at Mass, he is introducing customs of Oriental decent to the city of Corinth that were practiced in his hometown of Tarsus on the seacoast of ancient Asia Minor or Turkey.

The wearing of veils at Mass is simply a matter of custom and not morality, so Christian women are allowed not to wear a veil at Mass today. Similarly, in receiving holy Communion, the apostles at the Last Supper or first Mass reclined at table, as was the custom of their time. Today, American Catholics receive holy Communion standing so they can more easily receive both the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood.

Father Richard Hire, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse, answered this week’s question.

Scripture search

Gospel for June 1, 2008

Matthew 7:21-27

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a teaching about laying a true foundation. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

WHO SAYS LORD ENTER MONEY BLESSING WHO SAYS
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Longer Mysteries

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Scripture search answered this week’s question.

Erasmus
died c. 303

Feast June 2

According to a sixth-century “acts” of this legendary martyr, also known as Elmo, he was a bishop in Syria persecuted by Emperor Diocletian in several places who eventually died in Formiae, Italy. A later legend had him executed by having his intestines wound out of his body on a windlass. Possibly because a windlass resembles a ship’s capstan, he came to be honored as the patron of sailors. “St.Elmo’s fire” is the name for the electrical charges seen at ships’ masts, where he was said to have preached in a storm; the light signaled his protection.
**New Haven team crowned CYO softball champions**

**BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN**

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) recently crowned the St. John, New Haven softball team as 2008 tournament champions. The Raiders finished their regular season with a perfect 7-0 record. After the season opener was rained out, St. John’s regular league play saw seven games in less than two weeks.

The team was led by pitcher Kyla Fendel, catchers Genny Huny and Alyssa Bosler and shortstop Michelle Marqueling.

Returning players from 2007 were Amanda Fendel, Katie Yagodinski and Sydney Ulrich. Rookie players this season included Brittany Bowers, Katie Current, Megan Hanke and Carrie Vachon.

In the first tournament game, the Raiders defeated St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Marqueling was the only key hits provided by her.

Next up, St. John faced a tough St. Joe Decatur team. With a scoreless game until the bottom of the third inning, the Raiders got three straight doubles from Yagodinski, Bosler and K. Fendel. The hitting streak continued with three singles in a row from Marqueling. On a line drive up the middle, Marqueling made a great catch for the third out. Decatur did get it in the run, but K. Fendel was credited with a no hitter. The Raiders won the semi-finals 14-11.

In a high-scoring championship game, St. John defeated St. Charles, 22-13. The Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but the Cardinals had a big second inning and took over the lead 8-3. After that, St. Charles continued to answer back the runs the Raiders made up in the top half of each inning. Down, 8-13, in the top of the final inning, the Raiders got the sticks going and scored 13 runs to win the game. Raider coach Vince Fendel was pleased with his team’s performance and summed up, “Both teams played a good game the whole game.”

**St. Thomas Spartans take the post tournament ICCL baseball championship**

**BY ELMER J. DANCH**

ELKHART — For the second consecutive year, Coach Randy Brewers’ St. Thomas Spartans baseball team of Elkhart racked up the post tournament championship of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL). St. Thomas finished the sterling pitching performance of Bobby Norell, who struck out 11 batters and permitted only four hits, the Spartans scored a 11-2 victory over the St. Joseph Wildcats of Mishawaka. Both teams were division champions and were top seeded in the tournament.

Matt Hammont paced the champion Spartans with two hits and a triple to knock in four runs for the winner who chopped off an early 4-0 lead.

Corlene Desimone and Norell each were instrumental in the win and also had help from Bobby Brewers who double sent in two runs.

Coley Schulteis, who has paced the Wildcats all year both on the mound and at bat, struck out nine batters. Tommy Stachowiak collected the other two hits for the losers.

The Colors Division championship was won by St. Joseph Gold of South Bend, which overpowered Queen of Peace of Mishawaka, 17-1, in a spectacular 22 hit performance.

St. Thomas defeated St. Anthony, 12-2, and Christ the King, 9-0, to reach the title round while St. Joseph of Mishawaka eliminated Holy Family, 11-8, and St. Joseph of South Bend, 7-4.

For the first time in the league, there were no playoffs between division championships as St. Thomas won the Martin De Porres flag and St. Joseph of Mishawaka the John Bosco Division pennant.

Scores from the 2008 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) recently crowned the St. John, New Haven softball team as 2008 tournament champions.

**Class A**
- 100 meter — Morgan Carroll, Holy Cross, 13.36; Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB); Mikala Chambrie, St. Joseph (SB); 1.600 meter — Katie Vaisele, Corpus Christi; 600/700: Michelle Potter, Christ the King; Molly Del Tiempe, Christ the King; 200-meter relay — Holy Family, St. John in 30.50; Becca Zakowski, Katia Gammage, Damyra Belcher and Katie Heck, Holy Family.
- 400 meter — Makalia Chambrie, St. Joseph (SB); 1:05.16; Elisa Revak, Christ the King; 400-meter dash — Catherine McClan, Holy Cross; 50-meter dash — Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB); 7.25; Damyra Belcher, Holy Family; Paige Dausius, Corpus Christi.
- 800 meter — Maddy Kearney, Christ the King; 2:44.68; Gabby Veldman, Holy Family; Elizabeth Taylor, Christ the King 200-meter — Morgan Carroll, Holy Cross; 28.72 seconds; Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB); Damyra Belcher, Holy Family; 4x100 relay — St. Joseph (SB) in 56.20; Catherine Raster, Makalia Chambrie, Abby Thob and Amanda Peterson.
- Shot put — Damyra Belcher, Holy Family; Madison Hoffrer, St. Joseph (SB); Colleen Dalton, St. Anthony.
- Long jump — Makalia Chambrie, St. Joseph (SB); Katie Heck, Holy Family; Michelle Potter, Christ the King.
- **Team standings for Class A**
  - St. Joseph (SB) 97
  - Holy Family 71
  - Christ the King 61
  - Holy Cross 55
  - Corpus Christi 43
  - St. Thomas 28
  - St. Joseph (Mish.) 15
  - St. Anthony 7
  - St. Matthew 7
  - St. Monica 6
  - Queen of Peace 0
  - St. Bavo 0

**Class B**
- 100 meter — Alex Wong, St. Joseph (SB); 14.12 seconds; Brittany Payne, Holy Family; Dora Wisolek, St. Thomas; 1.600 meter — Molly Ogren, St. Joseph (Mishawaka); 6:09.55; Rebecca Hasler, St. Thomas; Gabby Skwarcan, Holy Family; 200 shuttle relay — Holy Family in 31:12; Gabby Skwarcan, Tatiana Gunduck, Lauren Voll and Brittany Payne.
- 400 meter — Brittany Payne, Holy Family; 30.17; Ashley Johnson, Holy Cross; Madeline Lewis, St. Joseph (SB); 4x100 relay — Holy Family in 58.51; Gabby Skwarcan, Tatiana Gunduck, Lauren Voll and Brittany Payne.
- **Team standings for Class B**
  - Holy Family 87
  - St. Joseph (SB) 82
  - St. Anthony 82
  - St. Joseph (Mish.) 52
  - St. Thomas 36
  - Holy Cross 33
  - St. Monica-St. Bavo, Corpus Christi (tied) 10
  - St. Matthew 7
  - Christ the King 5
  - Queen of Peace 0

**Class C**
- 100 meter — Michelle Weaver, St. Joseph (SB); 14.66; Teresa Lehmann, St. Bavo; Victoria Mills, St. Thomas; 1.600 meter — Shannon Hendricks, Christ the King (time); 400 meter — Bridget Ver Vael, St. Anthony; 1:08.44; Lauren Voll, Holy Family; Tatiana Gunduck, Holy Family.
- **Team standings for Class C**
  - Holy Family, St. Joseph (SB) tied 57
  - Christ the King 51
  - St. Thomas 44
  - St. Matthew 38
  - St. Joseph (Mishawaka) 39
  - St. Bavo 35
  - St. Anthony 24
  - Corpus Christi 23
  - St. Monica 20
  - Queen of Peace 2
  - Holy Cross 0

**SCORES FOR AUG. 19 BASEBALL**

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St. Thomas The Apostle ICCL Varsity Baseball Champions

Principal becomes human sundae to benefit Ronald McDonald House

South Bend — What happens when you collect a million pop tabs for a good cause? In this case, the Ronald McDonald House receives $1,000 dollars and a grade school principal is turned into a human sundae.

Christ the King Principal Steven Hoffman promised his students a special treat if they were able to hit the million-tab mark. With the help of several other South Bend Catholic schools, they did this last week and Hoffman was true to his word. On a sunny Tuesday afternoon, the principal donned protective goggles, sat in a wading pool, and allowed himself to be turned into a human sundae.

The kids were delighted as representatives from grades K-8 took turns adding ingredients like whipped cream and colored sprinkles. In the end, it was a special second grader who had the honor of placing a cherry on top of his principal’s whipped cream head.

Payton Lewandowski, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia diagnosed in December, has the honor of putting the cherry on top of the principal’s whipped-cream headed.

CyO city meet announces winners

Girls 100-meter dash
- Ali Tippmann (St. Charles) - 13.59
- Leah Painter (St. John, NH) - 14.02
- Kristin Baumann (SJSE) - 14.25

Girls 200-meter dash
- Danielle Messman (St. Charles) - 28.78
- Shai Warfield (St. Jude) - 28.98
- Coutney Heddings (St. John, NH) - 29.02

Girls 400-meter run
- Ali Tippmann (St. Charles) - 1:04.50
- Kori Current (St. John, NH) - 1:05.77
- Allison Coffin (St. Vincent) - 1:05.90

Girls 800-meter run
- Addie Reimbold (SJSE) - 2:35.78
- Aubrey Schrader (St. Jude) - 2:43.39
- Kate Kinley (St. Jude) - 2:45.93

Girls 1,600-meter run
- Addie Reimbold (SJSE) - 5:55.78
- Kate Kinley (St. Jude) - 5:56.94
- Libby Monpper (St. Jude) - 6:14.63

Girls 100-meter hurdles
- Coutney Heddings (St. John, NH) - 17.66
- Katie Rosswurm (St. Charles) - 18.16
- Shai Warfield (St. John, NH) - 18.93

Girls 4x100-meter relay
- St. John, NH - 55.25
  1) Courtney Heddings, 2) Kori Current, 3) Leah Painter, 4) Emily Lahrman
- St. Charles - 57.76
  1) Katie Rosswurm, 2) Kassie York, 3) Britney Niese, 4) Ali Tippmann

Boys 100-meter dash
- Andrew Hoffer (St. John, NH) - 12.38
- Andrew Yaney (SJSE) - 12.55
- Logan Dorman (St. Therese) - 12.78

Boys 200-meter dash
- Andrew Hoffer (St. John, NH) - 25.92
- Breno Gonzalez (St. John/Benoit) - 26.83
- Conner McCann (St. John, NH) - 27.59

Boys 400-meter run
- Austin Whisler (St. Charles) - 1:01.67
- Sam Johnson (St. John, NH) - 1:01.97
- Nick Deiser (SJSE) - 1:04.08

Boys 800-meter run
- Bobby Jauch (St. Charles) - 2:13.50
- Andrew Eckrich (St. Jude) - 2:14.30
- Colin Stenzeegberhar (St. John, New Haven) - 2:26.04

Boys 1,600-meter run
- Andrew Eckrich (St. Jude) - 4:50.89
- Bobby Jauch (St. Charles) - 5:16.28
- Davd Shank (St. John/Benoit) - 5:16.84

Boys 100-meter hurdles
- Corey Leffers (St. Therese) - 15.81
- Nicholas German (St. Vincent) - 16.70
- Seth Henline (St. Jude) - 18.78
- Gus Schrader (St. Jude) - 18.80
- Jeremy Gladeaux (St. Vincent) - 19.28

Boys 4x100-meter relay
- St. John, New Haven - 51.00
  1) Conner McCann, 2) Sam Johnson, 3) Colin Stenzeegberhar, 4) Andrew Hoffer
- St. Charles - 53.74
  1) Ian Barton, 2) Austin Whisler, 3) Alex Krouse, 4) Bobby Jauch

Boys 4x200-meter relay
- St. Therese - 1:56.71
  1) Joshua Ware, 2) Luke Little, 3) Corey Leffers, 4) Logan Dorman
- St. Jude - 1:57.78
  1) Ben Toenges, 2) Seth Henline, 3) Gus Schrader, 4) Andrew Eckrich

Boys long jump
- Ben Toenges (St. Therese) - 5:06.00
- Kassie York (St. John, New Haven) - 5:19.00
- Ali Tippmann (St. Charles) - 5:30.00
- Austin Whisler (St. Charles) - 5:31.67

Boys 1,600-meter run
- Sam Johnson (St. John/Benoit) - 15:08.75
- Breedon Gonzalez (St. John, New Haven) - 15:04.75
- Austin Whisler (St. Charles) - 15:04.75

Boys 4x400-meter relay
- St. Therese - 3:37.75
  1) Joshua Ware, 2) Luke Little, 3) Corey Leffers, 4) Logan Dorman
- St. Charles - 3:37.05
  1) Ian Barton, 2) Austin Whisler, 3) Alex Krouse, 4) Bobby Jauch

Boys shot put
- Logan Dorman (St. Therese) - 39.03.50
- Bryan Tippmann (St. Charles) - 37.07.75
- Chris Williams (SJSE) - 37.00.50

Boys discus throw
- Bryan Tippmann (St. Charles) - 106.08
- Blake Bowers (St. Vincent) - 96.06
- Josh Besseens (St. Charles) - 95.00
Off to prison for St. Aloysius parishioners

BY TIM JOHNSON

RIVER — Parishioners at St. Aloysius Church have found a ministry that truly takes them out of their comfort zone — a visit to prisons.

It all began the weekend of April 27 when Lemuel Vega came to the Sunday Masses to discuss his ministry, Christmas Behind Bars. That following Thursday, May 1, Vega would visit the New Castle Correctional facility, and he invited people from St. Aloysius to join him.

Christmas Behind Bars takes gift packages of cookies, candy, etc., to those jailed in county jails, as well as serve others. It is now one that operates year-round.

That following Thursday, May 1, Vega came out excited and clear of God working through us. He explained how he was visited when he was in prison, and it really did change his life.

“Treat the prisoners with empathy, Torre told us before the visit — ‘treat the prisoners with empathy, as a representative for God sharing the Gospel is a privilege.’”

The ministry members who had actually been incarcerated themselves in the past gave particularly stirring talks. It was through the power of Christ that they turned their lives around and wanted to share that power through witness talks and some through song.

The St. Aloysius participants left the prison late that Thursday night, filled with hope and a renewed spirit to do more work.

“I would like to continue this ministry because it will also help me grow in my own spirituality as well as serve others,” Meyer said. “I certainly would recommend this program to others. I think everyone was feeling the presence of God that evening. And we are anxious to share it with others. The inmates are not the only benefactors of this program.”

Meyer added that the fellowship with the other volunteers and the inmates that day, “has helped me put my day-to-day concerns and responsibilities into perspective. It has also stirred in me a desire to study God’s word myself.”

Of the experience Miller added, “Something that the security director told us before the visit — ‘Treat the prisoners with empathy, not sympathy’ — such a simple statement that had much meaning. It gave me a much different outlook to put myself in their place rather than feel sorry for their plight.”

Girardot said, “I would share with people that this experience really does make a difference. There was a man visiting at the prison who had just gotten out of another prison himself. He explained how he was visited when he was in prison, and it really did change his life.”

And Michuda said, “I went in the prison nervous and confused. I came out excited and clear of God working through us. To go again as a representative for God sharing the Gospel is a privilege. I plan to help any way I can.”

The next Christmas Behind Bars gift delivery will be May 31-June 1 at the prison in Pendleton. For more information, contact Lemuel Vega at (260) 824-8642.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: ftopan@fwdioceseofwv.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

NO football season ticket raffle South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will have a raffle for two Notre Dame football season tickets. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. Tickets will be sold by Father P. J. Ryan until Aug. 22. Send check to St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 1104 B, Elliot St., South Bend, IN 46628.

Central Catholic Alumni gathering Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will be gathering on Sat., June 28, from 2-6 p.m. at the Archdiocese Noll Catholic Center, corner of Clinton St. and Washington Blvd., for its annual meeting. Doors will open at 2 p.m. Parking is available in the parking garage. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. RSVP to Mary Lois Merri at (260) 485-6164.

Daughters of Isabella honor members South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 50- and 25-year members on Monday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Logen Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd. Seven members will be honored. Meeting will follow.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Devotions Saturday, June 7, devotions will be held at the following parishes: Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, 7:15 a.m.; St. Joseph, 7:30 a.m.; Sacred Heart, 7:30 a.m.; St. Rose, Monroeville, 8:10 a.m.; St. Patrick, Arcoza, 7:15 a.m.; St. Joseph, Garrett, 8-8 p.m. Call (260) 749-9396 to have your listing added.

German Mass celebrated Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will celebrate a German Mass at 11 a.m. on June 1, Father Charles Herman will be the celebrant, and the Fort Wayne Mennerchor and Dammenchor will provide music. A German dinner may be purchased after Mass in the Pavilion. Both the church and Pavilion are handicapped accessible, as is the large parking lot.

Fatima group announces breakfast Fort Wayne — World Apostolate of Fatima will have the annual Mass and breakfast Saturday, June 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The 9 a.m. Mass homily will be offered by Bishop John M. D’Arcy preceded by confession, rosary and consecration. Breakfast will follow at St. Mary Parish. Guest speaker will be Michael La Corte on the topic: Fatima, the Path to an Era of Peace. Adults $6, children 4-10, $3. Reply to Jim Monmer at (260) 625-3281.

Little Flower Holy Hour Fort Wayne — Father Joseph Guglielmen will celebrate the Hour at MacDough Church Tuesday, June 3, at 7:15 p.m. Father Joe is pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish. Please join in praying for priests and for vocations.

Chicken and rib drive-through Fort Wayne — St. Therese on Lower Huntington Road will have a Nelson’s chicken and ribs drive-through on Sunday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half chickens are $8 each and full slabs of baby back ribs are $8 each. Pre-sale tickets available after Masses Memorial day weekend or just stop by the day. Proceeds help buy bells for the bell choir.

St. Jude Eaglemania Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will offer Eaglemania on Friday, June 13, from 5 p.m. to midnight. From 5-8:30 p.m., food, kids games and a talent show will be offered. From 9 p.m. to midnight, a beer garden and junior and senior high dance extravaganza will finish the evening.

Child Christ garage sale time Fort Wayne — The Child Christ Parish will have a garage sale Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Queen of Angels activity center, 1500 W. State Blvd.

Knights plan fish fry Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under. Fish, sides and beverage are included.

Knights plan fry night South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $7.50, children (5-12) $3. Chicken strips for $7.50 and shrimp for $8.50 will be available.

Golf outing supports soup kitchen Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope and the Knights of Columbus Council 12417 are sponsoring a charity golf outing to be held on Sunday, June 29, at Riverbend Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen. To learn more, register for the event or to become a sponsor, visit our Our Lady of Good Hope Web site: www.home.catholicweb.com/outofodygoodhope.

DONATIONS

Mustard Seed Food Bank Mustard Seed Food Bank accepts donations of bedroom and living room furniture, tables, chairs, beds, linens and towels. Items must be in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, burns and animal hair. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Store always in need of donations Fort Wayne — Donations of cars, trucks and vans are always accepted. Donations are tax deductible. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.

Volunteers needed for Hospice Home Fort Wayne — Volunteers are needed to assist the agency in a variety of roles. Duties include patient support and clerical support. Garden volunteers are also needed to maintain the Seasons of Life perennial garden. Volunteer training is being planned. Call Ann Blue at (260) 435-3235 or visit www.vnhh.org for information.

Volunteers needed Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. Call Doris Berrnes at (260) 744-3977 for information.

Erie’s House seeks good listeners Fort Wayne — Erie’s House is seeking volunteers who are good listeners with a caring and compassionate heart for young and adult patients ages 3 to 25. Call (260) 423-2466 for information.

Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish is in need of regular volunteers for the soup kitchen on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Additional substitutes are needed for all days and shifts. Interested persons 16 and older should call Carolynn Ransom (260) 750-8373. Some lifting required.

REST IN PEACE


Dianna Belle Feasel, 64, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Shirley Dawn (Pabst) Wyza, 66, St. Peter Mishawaka Philip G. Schmantz, 46, Queen of Peace

Thelma A. Leonard, St. Rose of Lima

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Muncie, IN 47305
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“St. Isaac was captured by the Huron Indians and tortured. They bit off his fingers,” offers Igney, adding, “The symbol of those tri- als are in his hands.” The like- ness, with hands folded in prayer, is “true to form” with missing fingers as a realistic reminder of the saint’s faith-filled mar- tyr endured in the name of Jesus. Following approval by Superintendent Alter, photogra- pher Tim Brumbeloe produced a bigger than life-size photograph of Igney’s drawing to be used as a template for the precious Italian Smalti stones to be precisely cut and placed to create the saint’s likeness. St. Isaac’s cloak is made of porcelain, with inlaid gold as his halo. The sky and ground sur- rounding the saint’s image, cut by assistant stone cutter Marcelo, are of granite supplied by F&M Tile Company.

“The materials have come from all over the world,” says Igney. “It is a community piece. I drew it and am building it, but so many have helped.”

This community effort is being crafted in Igney’s own Rockhill Fine Art Studio in its new location on Hayden Street. The walls in the studio hold the creative nature of its owner with several richly colored paintings, while in the back work room the energy is palpable with innova- tive projects awaiting finishing touches.

Many might be surprised to learn that Igney was first a Marine and subsequently successful- in the trucking business before he discovered this venue in which to express his artistic talent. He credits the solid foun- dation of skill he has developed for creating mosaics to his four- year structural aviation career in the Marines.

“A good artist has to be a bril- liant mechanic. It all has to fit. It’s only as pretty as it fits,” says the artist.

Igney, who apprenticed under a mosaic master in Denver for two years as well, finds satisfac- tion in his work with mosaics, stone carving and stain glass cre- ation and restoration, and admits, “It’s my calling.”

His mosaic and restoration work is displayed in fine restau- rants, churches and private homes across the country. But, he says, this mosaic of St. Isaac Jogues to grace the face of the Catholic Cemetery’s newest crypt is his finest work.

“I could die tomorrow, and this would be my crown jewel. When you do a spiritual symbol you attend to the details more and you do become part of it,” he says. “I honed a lot of skills in this piece and took into account the environment and climate,” he adds of his design where the mosaic is inlaid into the large piece of carved granite to shelter the tiles.

The meticulous work that is required for a mosaic takes time and Igney has worked up to 12 hours a day on the piece for the last two months. He believes it will be completed and ready for installation after an additional 30 hours of intense crafting. Upon completion it will be placed in its 9x4 foot brass frame, constructed by Creative Metals, to be attached to the outside of the crypt itself. A formal dedication of the crypt is to be announced. Adjacent to the mosaic a stone-carved biography of St. Isaac is planned, says Alter, adding “The biography tells the story of the saint. One of our goals, ultimately, is to give those who visit a religious experience by seeing the saints and their biographies.”

He hopes to have additional biographies crafted for existing statues on the grounds as well, and is pleased to offer this newest addition to the art forms already in place.

Catholic Cemetery was established in 1873 by Bishop Joseph Dwenger and provides burial services to the families of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend under the care of the Catholic Cemetery Association of Fort Wayne, Inc. It stretches over 175 acres and boasts the oldest Catholic community mausoleum in the state.

Catholic Cemetery is located at 3500 Lake Ave.

Today’s Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month’s featured selection: Al Kresta’s “Why Do Catholics Genuflect”

“Why Do Catholics Genuflect? And Answers to Other Puzzling Questions About the Catholic Church” by Al Kresta is this month’s book of choice.

If you are seeking answers to the plethora of com- monly asked questions about the Catholic faith, join the book club this month with Al Kresta’s book, “Why Do Catholics Genuflect.” Though he admits freely in his introduction that space limits his ability to answer all of the “great questions about Catholic social teaching — and much more,” his book is packed with concise and insightful explanations of common queries.

Some of the issues he tackles include “Are Catholics trying to work their way into heaven?”; “Why seven sacraments?” and “Why so much Mary?” and are formatted in section that use the overarching nature of the vast history of Catholic doctrine and theology. Kresta lightens the text with his own brand of humor that does a good job of holding the reader’s attention.

Kresta’s experience in Christian ministry lends cre- dence to the information presented in this book. Through his pastoral work and radio ministry, the author has come to understand what puzzles Catholics and non- Catholics alike about Catholic teachings and has offered guidance in “Why Do Catholics Genuflect?” Intertwined with the theological answers is Kresta’s own pastoral insight into each specific subject that lends heart to the knowledge he presents.

This 190-page question-answer book condenses a substantial amount of information that makes it a worth- while read for anyone interested in learning more about the faith. It can be an interesting read from cover to cover or used as a periodic reference. The book provides a rich field of subject matter for group discussion and offers clarification for those who seek to defend their faith in the secular world. He finishes the book with 15 pages of references for his material.

Why Do Catholics Genuflect?” is a must read for any Catholic or non-Catholic, who has questions about the faith, and Answers to Other Puzzling Questions About the Catholic Church.”

About the author: Al Kresta is president and CEO of the Ave Maria Radio Network. He served as an evangelical Protestant pastor before returning to the Catholic Church. He has fielded numerous questions about Catholicism on his nationally syndicated radio talk show, “Kresta in the Afternoon,” heard on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM in Fort Wayne. He lives in Ann Arbor with his wife Sally and three of their five children.