SOUTH BEND — St. Matthew Cathedral will be the site for a special premiere event hosted by the Office of Hispanic Ministry on Sunday, June 6. The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated there with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at an all-Spanish Mass at 1 p.m., followed by a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of South Bend.

Those parish groups who will participate in the procession will meet in the back of the cathedral for brief instructions. Each group will accompany the Blessed Sacrament, carrying their own unique Eucharistic banner as witness to their faith in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The procession, first blessed by Bishop Rhoades in the cathedral, will track a 1.7 mile route through the streets of South Bend from Dubois and High to Franklin and Culvert streets where it will culminate at Our Lady of Hungary Parish with Benediction.

The route follows the neighborhood streets surrounding the cathedral where close to 350 Hispanic families reside. Enid Roman-DeJesus, director of the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, said not only is this event a celebration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ but that, “The bishop invites the community to bring Christ into the
Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the Church’s evangelization

**IN TRUTH AND CHARITY**

**BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES**

During the past two weeks, I have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the following churches: St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, St. Matthew Cathedral (for St. Monica, St. Bavo and St. Joseph parishes in Mishawaka), St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart in Warsaw and Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne. Today, Pentecost Sunday, I confirmed adults at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In this beautiful sacrament, our candidates become more firmly united to Christ and to the Church.

I still have several Confirmation Masses to celebrate in the coming weeks. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we newly confirmed Catholics receive bear abundant fruit in the vineyard of the Lord!

**Graduations**

This is a season not only of Confirmations, but also of graduations. Congratulations to all of the graduates of our colleges, high schools and elementary schools.

On May 14, I had the joy of celebrating the baccalaureate Mass for the graduates of Saint Mary’s College. This was my first visit to Saint Mary’s and I am truly grateful for the warm welcome I received from President Carol Mooney and the administration and faculty of Saint Mary’s. The baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary’s was beautiful. I told the graduates that each of them has received a call, a personal vocation, and has a unique part to play in God’s saving plan, in building up the Body of Christ, and in extending Christ’s Kingdom. I reflected on the words of Jesus in the Gospel that day: “It was not you who chose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” We prayed that the graduates would go forth to do the works of the Lord, to bear fruit that will endure.

After the Mass, I had the pleasure of meeting many of the Saint Mary’s graduates and their families, including several from our diocese and from the Diocese of Harrisburg. At a dinner reception, I met the co-vestidors of the class, two very impressive young women, both from Kokomo, in the diocese of Lafayette: Carly O’Connor and Audrey Marrah. Carly will be continuing her education at the Pope John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. She hopes to serve in family life ministry in the Church. Audrey will be going to Gwyna in South America to do mission work with the Mercy Volunteer Corps. How beautiful it is to see such young people using their talents in the service of the Church.

I also participated in the baccalaureate Mass and graduation at the University of Notre Dame that same weekend. Then, I shifted to our eighth-grade graduates, celebrating Mass for the graduates of 20 of our Catholic schools in the South Bend area at St. Matthew Cathedral on May 17. I remained in South Bend that evening for Catholic Schools’ Night at the Silver Hawks baseball game, where I stood on the pitcher’s mound in a light rain to throw out the first pitch. I got the ball over the plate, though the umpire, Msgr. Michael Heinitz, was very generous in calling it a “strike!”

This coming week, I move onto our high school baccalaureate Masses. I am looking forward to praying with our graduates from Marian, Saint Joe’s and Bishop Luers High Schools. Bishop D’Arcy will be celebrating the baccalaureate Mass at Bishop Dwenger High School, the same night as the baccalaureate Mass at Saint Joseph’s.

**Education for Ministry graduates**

On May 11, I celebrated Evening Prayer at the St. Theodore Guérin Chapel with the 47 graduates of our Education for Ministry program. For two years, these devoted men and women have gathered for classes in theology, preparing to serve the Church in a variety of ministries throughout our diocese. It is certainly impressive to see the dedication of these generous men and women to service in the Church. Special thanks to Our Sunday Visitor for funding this important program.

**Deacon candidates**

I had my first gathering with the 11 men in formation for the permanent diaconate in our diocese on May 15. I celebrated Mass with them on that day on which they were gathered for a weekend retreat directed by Father Jim Schafer. Using the example of St. Isidore the Farmer, whose feast day it was, I spoke to our deacon candidates about prayer. St. Isidore, a simple, peasant farmer got up early every morning to attend Mass, and then prayed constantly throughout the day while working in the fields. Interestingly, his wife, Maria de la Cabeza, is also a saint. This married couple is a beautiful example for all of living an ordinary life with deep faith and fervent charity. They were also known for their generosity to the poor, though they were poor themselves.

I am looking forward to the ordination of these deacon candidates next May. Speaking of deacon ordinations, this past Saturday I returned to Harrisburg to ordain 23 men as permanent deacons. I was happy to be invited back (they are still waiting for a new bishop in Harrisburg) since I accepted these men into the diaconate program and had been a part of their formation the past four years.

**Concordia Lutheran Seminary**

On May 18, Bishop D’Arcy and I were guests of Dr. Dean Wente, president of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, in Fort Wayne for a luncheon with him and some of the seminary faculty. We had a very enjoyable conversation about our ecumenical relationship and discussed ways for future collaboration and activities together. I was particularly happy to see our shared beliefs and common commitment in several areas of moral teaching, particularly regarding the sanctity of life and the sacredness of marriage as instituted by God. I look forward to a strong relationship with Concordia in the years ahead.

The Lord desires the unity of all Christians. May the Holy Spirit help us who believe to be one in heart and soul!
Holy Spirit creates unity, universality of Church, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The gift of the Holy Spirit creates unity and universality of the Catholic Church, overcoming barriers of nationality and language and opening people’s hearts to work with and serve one another, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“The Church is, by its nature, one and universal, destined to live among all nations, all peoples and in the most varied social contexts,” the pope said May 23 during his homily at a Mass celebrating the feast of Pentecost.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on the Apostles on the first Pentecost, continues to be given to Jesus’ disciples, the pope said.

Where there are tensions and misunderstandings, the Spirit “creates unity and understanding,” he said. And in the modern world, when many people see themselves simply as “individuals in competition or in conflict with one another,” the Spirit “opens them to the experience of communion” and helps them form one Church, he said.

“Unity is the sign of recognition, the ‘calling card’ of the Church,” he said.

The unity of believers is important in parishes and dioceses, Pope Benedict said, but it also is essential that local Catholic communities are in full union with the universal Church and its head, the pope.

Pope Benedict also said that the Holy Spirit’s constant movement toward unity is a key tool for determining whether a person or action is truly Christian.

“If a person or a community is closed off in its own way of thinking or acting, it is a sign that it has moved away from the Holy Spirit,” the pope said.

But, he said, the Holy Spirit’s unifying action does not grind away all differences among believers; rather, it values different gifts and helps people place them at the service of the entire Church.

“The Church is never a prisoner of political, racial and cultural boundaries; it cannot be confused with nations or even federations of nations because its unity is of a different kind and aspires to cross all human frontiers,” he said.

The pope said the Church can be a sign and instrument of unity “only if it remains autonomous from every nation and every particular culture.”

While he did not mention specific countries or areas of the world in his Pentecost homily, the pope did offer special prayers for Catholics in China when he recited the “Regina Coeli” prayer after Mass.

Pope Benedict has designated May 24 — the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians — as a day of prayer for the Church in China.

“While the faithful in China are praying for deeper unity among themselves and with the universal church, Catholics — especially those of Chinese origin — around the world are uniting with them in prayer and charity,” the pope said.

Cardinal backs bill fixing health reform law on abortion, conscience

BY NANCY FRAZIERN O’BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A bipartisan bill before the House of Representatives would bring the new health reform law “into line with policies on abortion and conscience rights that have long prevailed in other federal health programs,” said the head of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

In a May 20 letter to House members, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged passage of H.R. 5111, legislation proposed by Reps. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., and Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., and co-sponsored by 91 other House members.

“Efforts to ensure that our healthcare system serves the life, health and conscience of all will be a legislative goal of the Catholic bishops in the months to come,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

The cardinal warned, however, that if “these genuine problems are not addressed in their own right, they will be taken up and used as ammunition by those who favor repealing the (health reform law) outright, which would eliminate the positive as well as negative aspects of the new law.”

Cardinal DiNardo said the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama March 23, was “an important step toward ensuring access to health coverage for all Americans” but was “profoundly flawed in its treatment of abortion, conscience rights and fairness to immigrants.”

Cardinal DiNardo said H.R. 5111, called the Protect Life Act, would address problems in the areas of abortion and conscience rights in five ways. It would:

• Ensure that all funds “authorized or appropriated” by the new health reform law would be covered by the Hyde amendment, which limits federal funding of abortions to cases of rape, incest and danger to the mother’s life.
• Prevent the use of federal funds to subsidize health plans that cover abortions beyond those permitted by the Hyde amendment, consistent with the policy already in place for Medicaid and Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.
• Restore a conscience provi-on approved by the House last November to ensure that federal, state and local governmental entities receiving federal funds may not discriminate against health care providers who decline to participate in abortions.
• Stipulate that state laws restricting abortion or protecting conscience rights will not be preempted by the federal health reform law.

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response to the question, “What made you want to be a priest?” That answer, with slight varia-
tions, was, “I wanted to be like him,” with reference to a particu-
lar priest admired by a boy of grade school age, often an 
acolyte for a certain priest.

Just last week, I was in the 
midst of a congregation of 
grade school students, which quite pos-
sibly may have included one or 
much more undeclared candidates 
for priesthood. This was the 1:30 
p.m. Wednesday School Mass at the 
St. Joseph campus of St. 
Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 
School with Father Tim Wrozek, 
celebrant.

With up-tempo music and a 
few ad lib “shout-outs” between 
the celebrant and the student con-
gregation, Father Wrozek mini-
mizes his presence and brings the 
student body into a full mystical 
embrace of the sacrificial love 
taking place at the altar.

Tim Wrozek’s own childhood 
in Jackson, Mich., did not include 
visions or signs or portents as he 
iambled in the field of his 
 calling. He wanted marriage, kids and 
the idea of a happy life mirrored 
in Jackson, Mich., did not include 
taking place at the altar.

As the pill marks its 50th year, 
prolifery, and after 10 years, a promotion 
required that he move to Fort 
Wayne.

It was at this point in his life 
that he considered becoming a 
permanent deacon in the Catholic 
Church. It looked like a perfect 
setup, he could continue his job, 
which he enjoyed. He had a good 
salary and he could do sacramen-
tal work of the Church, so he 
went for it and was ordained as a 
permanent deacon in June 1983 
by Bishop William E. McManus.

Life as a deacon presented an 
unforeseen angle. Friends and 
students, he sees, may not have 
only casually suggested that he 
should consider priesthood. “You 
would be a good priest!” they said.

Tim liked the level he was 
at and did his best to suppress such 
thoughts of advancement, but at 
the end of one year, he requested 
permission to enter the seminary, 
and in five more years was 
ordained to the priesthood by 

Years after growing up in a 
darish dedicated to St. Joseph 
The Worker in Jackson, Mich., Father 
Tim Wrozek finds a level of spiritual 
peace that he had when he was a 
pupil at St. Joseph the 
Worker in Fort Wayne. He is 
uplifted by his part in bringing the 
sacraments to others. In 
Reconciliation he sees the penitent 
experience of welcoming oneself from 
the Holy Spirit. In Anointing the 
Sick, he sees an example of how to 
die, and in Baptism and his Mass 
with students he sees innocence and 
hope and faith.

“My aim and goal with my 
Mass for the kids is to have them 
see Mass as a loving 
worship and praise to God.”

In observing Father Wrozek’s 
student Mass, one can see how 
certain students may love to 
give to the Mass where they can see 
themseives as someday offering it for 
others.

As the pill became more widespread, the divorce rate 
doubled from 25 percent of all 
U.S. marriages in 1965 to 50 per-
cent in 1975. Only when the United States had reached the 
point that all women who wanted access to the pill had gotten it did the 
divorce rate level off, Smith 
contends.

• Although abortion did not 
become legal throughout the 
United States until 12 years 
after the advent of the pill, the 
availability of birth control has not 
reduced abortions, which totaled 
more than 45 million between 
1973 and 2005. The number of 
abortions slightly decreased each 
year in the 2000s, but few credit 
the pill for the decline. The 
Guttmacher Institute says 
about 54 percent of women who have 
abortions used a method of con-
traception during the month they 
became pregnant.

• The well-being of children 
has declined by a variety of 
measures, from depression to 
the number living in poverty, and the number experiencing 
child abuse or neglect, according to the Federal Interagency 
Forum on Child and Family Statistics.

The belief persists, however, 
that the pill has had a positive 
influence on the lives of children, 
families and especially women.

• Fifty-six percent of respon-
dents to a CBS News poll in 
early May said they thought the 
pill had improved women’s lives, 
although men (59 percent) 
thought so more than women (54 
percent) did.

• Half of the respondents also 
thought the birth control pill had 
improved American family life, 
but opinions differed widely 
depending on the respondents’ 
religion. Only 38 percent of 
Catholics and 41 percent of white 
Baptists thought the pill had 
improved family life, but 52 per-
cent of mainline Protestants 
thought so.

• The margin of error for the 
CBS News poll was plus or 
minus 4 percentage points.

Alvare, who served for many 
years as the U.S. bishops’ chief 
pro-life spokeswoman, believes 
that the achievements women 
have made toward obtaining 
equal treatment with men were 
“nothing to do with the chemicals 
they’ve swallowed.”

Even though women today 
might have “access to places and 
positions that once belonged to 
men,” that “isn’t a full measure 
of women’s equality and dignity,” 
she said. “They’re not in all the 
places where men were, but 
they have never been seen more 
as sex objects than they are now.”

The major disconnect caused 
by the arrival of the pill has been a 
loss of “the idea that men and 
women make babies,” Alvare 
said. “In any literature today 
about sex, it seems that unprotected 
sex makes babies” or even 
that technology can make babies 
apart from any human connec-
tion.

“With that package of love, 
the intimate sharing of life was 
broken apart by the pill,” she 
said. “And as technological advances 
in artificial reproduction 
are made, the idea that God 
plays a role in procreation” is lost 
in favor of the idea that “technol-
yogy does or the failure to use it 
does,” she added.

The Catholic Church’s teach-
ing that artificial birth control is 
morally wrong was reaffirmed by 
Pope Paul VI in 1968 in the 
encyclical “Humanae Vitae (“Of 
Human Life”).

Writing recently in a blog 
for the Ontario-based National 
Post, Canadian writer Barbara Kay 
said the pill “conceded with, 
and arguably caused, the greatest 
paradigm shift in relations between the 
sexes in all of human histo-
ry.”

In the 50 years since its 
arrival, Kay said, “we have 
hardly even begun to take an honest 
cultural measure of what has 
been gained and what has been 
lost in the transition.”
Three sisters to join the ranks of centenarians

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — It is not often that three religious sisters turn 100 years of age during the same spring. Sisters Francis Rose Roppert, Lourdes Kelly and Rose Veronica Mattingly will join the ranks of Sisters of the Holy Cross centenarians, including Sisters Aloysia Marie Mulcaire, Helen Patrice Whelan, Joseph Marie Cuminkey and Laurenitia Boyle. A very lively Sister Lourdes was born May 21, 1916, in Ireland and they were thrilled.”

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Sister Francis Rose Roppert will also soon join the ranks of Holy Cross centenarians. Born June 18, 1910, in Washington, D.C., she attended the Academy of the Holy Cross. She entered the congregation after graduation. She chose Holy Cross because “I really liked them.” She was in the middle of eight children, all of whom lived a long life. Her sister Erma lived to be 100. “Our family has good genes,” she said.

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June 6 marks the 100th birthday of Sister Rose Veronica Mattingly, who was born in Nashport, Ohio, just outside of Zanesville. She had three sisters and one brother. Two of her sisters entered religious life. One joined the Daughters of Peace of the Mother, and the other, Sister Regina Dolores, entered Holy Cross.

Although Sisters of the Holy Cross never taught her, she did have a great-aunt in the congregation, and she was one of the inspirations that led Sister Rose Veronica to eventually join the community.

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The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 27 grants totaling $149,000 from the St. Mary’s Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. Total requests amounted to $739,828.88. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

Parishes — $33,000

Fort Wayne:
• St. Joseph — $5,000 for tuition assistance for distressed parish families at St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
• St. Mary of the Assumption — $10,000 for tuition assistance for nine student parishioners at St. John the Baptist, Queen of Angels, Bishop Luers and St. Charles Borromeo schools

South Bend:
• St. Casimir — $6,000 to help pay part-time adult education coordinator for English as a New Language Program

Area:
• Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw — $2,000 to beautify and safeguard entrance to the church
• St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — $5,000 to start a day-care for Hispanic working families

Schools — $108,000

Fort Wayne:
• Bishop Luers High School — $25,000 for Catholic education for families who want one
• St. Theresa — $4,000 for families in need
• St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel — $6,000 for tuition assistance

South Bend:
• Holy Cross — $2,000 to match Freedom 22 scholarship funds
• Holy Family — $5,000 for tuition assistance to match up with Freedom 22
• Our Lady of Hungary — $7,000 part-time resource teacher

The $3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 to provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary’s Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration of the late St. Mary’s Pastor, Father Tom O’Connor, and parishioners who used money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the fund has awarded annual grants totaling $3,220,347.88 from interest gained on the fund’s principal.
Maritime Mass gives special recognition to those affected by oil spill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Mass for mariners and people of the sea celebrated in Washington May 22 took on special significance in light of the massive oil spill endangering people’s livelihoods and sea life in the Gulf of Mexico. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, the main celebrant and homilist, dedicated part of his homily to the situation. “Perhaps it takes a tragedy such as the events in the Gulf of Mexico to remind us of how life-giving the water is and how it touches all of us in one way or another” said the archbishop. Hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Apostleship of the Sea national office and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, the Mass was celebrated in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Concelebrants were Scalabrinian Father Anthony Dall Balcon, Msgr. William Cuddy Jr. and Father Joseph Opalda. Since November 2003, the U.S. bishops have declared May 22 as the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea. The Mass was celebrated to commemorate merchant mariners, seafarers, fish and water workers, port personnel and others in the maritime community.

Vatican greets development of first synthetic cell with caution

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The successful development of a synthetic cell can have many practical applications, but the technology must be regulated, said the Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano. A team of geneticists in the United States announced May 22 that it had created a living artificial cell. After mapping on a computer the complete DNA code of a bacterium, the team led by J. Craig Venter, inserted the synthetic DNA into a bacterial cell, which was then able to replicate and be controlled by the synthetic genome. Synthetic cells could be used to convert carbon dioxide into fuel or to create new vaccines for treating diseases, Venter told CNN May 22. The Vatican newspaper emphasized that scientists should not create or utilize living artificial cells.

U.S., Mexican president meet; bishops urge them to focus on migration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the presidents of the United States and Mexico declared their intentions to work together on immigration-related problems and other issues, the bishops who head the migration committees of the two nations called on them to critically examine their immigration policies “and their adverse impact on human beings.” In prepared statements at the White House Rose Garden May 19, Presidents Barack Obama and Felipe Calderon noted that in earlier talks that day, the two had paid special attention to migration issues, particularly the recently passed Arizona law which, among other provisions, requires officers to arrest those they encounter in the course of police work if they are not able to provide documentation of their legal status. Both Obama and Calderon criticized the law and said they would work to address border-related problems, including drug and human smuggling. Other topics of the presidents’ talks included trade, the environment, hemispheric cooperation and battling crime. In a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Mexican Episcopal Conference, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, who heads the U.S. bishops’ migration committee, and Bishop Rafael Romo Munoz of Tijuana, Mexico, who heads the Mexican bishops’ migration commission, said that while they “respect the obligation of both countries to ensure the integrity of their borders and the security of their peoples, we believe they can achieve these goals without sacrificing the basic human dignity and rights of the migrant.”

Evangelization is urgent task in contemporary culture, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Spreading the Gospel message has become a more urgent and in some ways more difficult task in a contemporary culture that tends to exclude God, Pope Benedict XVI said. Modern evangelizers need to be prepared for resistance, other types of trials and even persecution as they announce Christ, he said in a talk May 21 to officials of Pontifical Mission Societies meeting in Rome. The pope described the Church’s missionary duty as “immense,” especially because the modern age is marked by “a lack of wisdom and reflection and the spread of a humanism that excludes God.” Nevertheless, he said, announcing the Gospel remains an “immeasurable service” that the church performs for the world, because “no people or sector of society should be deprived of the light and grace of Christ.” Modern-day missionaries will inevitably face problems and suffering because “they run into the resistance and the powers of this world,” the pope said.

People of faith want pipes that carry Internet data to be ‘agnostic’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It’s one of those situations where context makes all the difference. In the world of religious belief, faith leaders want their people soundly committed to their faith, not agnostic, defined as a person who “cannot know” whether there is a God. But many faith leaders would like the pipes that carry Internet traffic to be agnostic, which they define as not knowing what is moving from one comput-
Queen of Angels teacher receives Golden Apple Award

FORT WAYNE — A special surprise assembly was held on Monday, May 10, in honor of fifth-grade teacher, Mary Waning. With school children, fellow faculty, parents and family members looking on, Jennifer Blomquist from Indiana’s NewsCenter began by introducing the purpose of the assembly.

The Golden Apple Award is designed to bring recognition to schools by rewarding outstanding teachers for their contributions to education and the students they teach. Blomquist invited four students to come forward to read from their nominations of Waning.

Jacob Kelly wrote, “Fifth grade has been my hardest year, but Mrs. Waning has always taken the time to help me when I am confused or not doing things right, even during her free time. This is Mrs. Waning’s last year of teaching. We will miss her dearly and that is why this will mean a lot.”

Emily Noye wrote, “She treats everyone with kindness and even calls us ‘cherubs.’”

Waning was then called forward to accept the May 2010 Golden Apple Award.

She has been teaching in the diocese for 25 years, spending the last 15 years at Queen of Angels School. She will retire at the end of this school year, but will have many lasting memories of this very special day to take with her.

USF offers summer tutoring in reading, math and writing

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis’ Oaks and Willows Center is offering an academic support program for children Monday through Thursday mornings on the university campus, beginning June 24.

The program is open to all students in the community who need individualized help in reading, math and written expression for remediation or enrichment. Students work in a small group of their peers with one tutor to enhance their skills. Work within the group is prescriptive. The program provides computer-assisted instruction along with a variety of hands-on materials under the direction of experienced teachers from the university.

Children in grades 1 through 3 attend class from 8:30-10 a.m. Children in grades 4 and up attend class from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

The cost is $250 for the first child and $200 for each additional child in the same family. A 10 percent early bird discount will be given if a 50 percent deposit is received by June 1. The fee includes all activities, evaluations and supplies the child will need while on campus.

For further information and registration, please contact Staci Mathias at (260) 399-7700, ext.

8409. The registration deadline is June 11, 2010.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

TACOS BRING FUNDS TO HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

Holy Cross Father Kevin Russoa did a little moonlighting in May for a good cause.

“Rev. KeV,” as he is affectionately known, put in some hours at two South Bend area Taco Bell restaurants to raise scholarship money for Holy Cross College. Having worked at Taco Bell during his college years, Father Russoa said it was nice to be back during the May 3-6 shifts he worked in Roseland and South Bend. According to Robert Kloska, vice president for mission advancement at Holy Cross College, Father Russoa raised about $6,772.83 serving up tacos and hot sauce to packed restaurants each night. Taco Bell contributed 10 percent of all store sales during Father Russoa’s shifts.

Correction

In the May 16 issue of Today’s Catholic, the photo of Holy Cross Brother Charlie King was inadvertently placed in Brother Gregory Teodecki’s write-up. Today’s Catholic is publishing this photo of Brother Gregory Teodecki and his writeup. We apologize for the error.

50-year jubilarians

• Holy Cross Brother Gregory Teodecki served as a skilled electrician and maintenance man for his entire religious life. On two occasions he served at St. Joseph Farm in Granger for a total of eight years. He then served nine years at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame before he retired at Columba Hall in 2005.

Courseyard at Saint Anne renovation completed

FORT WAYNE — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on May 5 to unveil a completely remodeled courtyard for the residents of Saint Anne Home. This new courtyard was designed and landscaped by Paragon Landscape, Inc., in Harlan.

The design was chosen because of its Scripture-based theme and increased accessibility for residents. Following the ribbon cutting opening was 103-year-old resident Edna Williams, who proclaimed, “this is a beautiful day, a beautiful courtyard, we are so very blessed.”

Father John “Jack” Overmyer, Saint Anne’s full-time chaplain, was on-hand to provide the blessing.
Victory Noll Sisters continue their environmental efforts

HUNTINGTON — Stewardship of the earth’s natural resources has long been a part of the mission of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and recent events at Victory Noll serve as an example of how the sisters have drawn on their past conservation efforts with an eye always on the future.

For the past 40 years, Victory Noll has celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day with blessings of their grounds and planting of new trees around the 150-acre campus, located on the west side of Huntington.

Each year, students from Huntington Catholic School are invited to take part in the event, and each student takes home a sapling tree to plant at their own home. This year’s program was held on April 30, with students and sisters celebrating with songs and prayers.

On the same day, the Victory Noll Sisters took another step to improve the ecosystem for fish, frogs, turtles and other animals surrounding the Wabash River Valley.

They have cared for their farmland, and it also included orchards. The sisters took part in the harvest and even took care of their own bee colony that helped to pollinate the fruit trees. Flowers and other flora are in bloom with ever-changing colors throughout the seasons, culminating with a spectacular final burst of color in the fall.

The sisters created the Cherish the Earth Committee, which guides the course for the community’s efforts in taking care of the grounds. Sister Mary Joan Ginsterblum was part of the initial efforts in the conservation and environmental efforts, and even now at 90 years old, she still takes an active role in maintaining the grounds and directing efforts for new initiatives.

“It’s a really special place here because of the variety of what we have, and how we’ve taken care of it. We’ve tried to keep it beautiful,” says Sister Mary Joan, who joined Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in 1939. “It brings you close to God. God gave us all this. I find it real hard to sit in the chapel and think of God, but if I walk outside, there’s no end to it. I can praise God for so much. He’s given us so much beauty here.”

The farmland has been replaced by areas of native prairie grasses supporting numerous bird species and other wildlife. There are wooded areas that are home to deer. On the southern end of campus, a hillside was turned into a wildlife corridor as a variety of tree species were planted to not only stabilize the hillside but to provide habitat for animals and birds. Sister Mary Joan maintains more than a dozen birdhouses on the grounds.

“When I was a younger sister, one of the other sisters got me interested in birds,” says Sister Mary Joan. “She gave me this great big book and told me to study the birds. I didn’t have any binoculars or know anything about birds, so I went out and looked in all the bushes, and I could see these little sparrows and their nests. For years, I’ve kept charts to keep track of the birds I see and I check it every week.”

A number of trees across campus include tags identifying the species of tree, and also includes the name of a Victory Noll sister. Each sister, past and present, has a tree dedicated in her honor, now totaling more than 350 trees. Additional trees have been donated to Victory Noll over the years, and those also include markers. Sister Mary Joan maintains a catalog of each tree’s type, location and associated sister.

“Another sister and I went through the woods and made a trail. We wanted to put tags on the trees, but we didn’t know what kinds of trees they were,” says Sister Mary Joan. “So I would gather up leaves and look them up, and I started making a book of all the trees on our grounds. Then I started on the wildflowers. I would draw them and watercolor them in a book as a catalog to the different kinds here. It’s been very interesting to be here at Victory Noll. I feel that the trees and the flowers are my friends and that they are part of us.”

Sister Mary Joan has been instrumental in the creation of many of the southern wildlife areas, including Lake Kateri and the wildlife areas. She also helped create areas for reflection on the campus.

In 1989, a summer storm toppled part of a large blue spruce tree at Victory Noll, with only the bottom 10 feet of the tree left intact. Sister Mary Joan had the bark stripped from the dead tree and she spent the rest of the summer carving a peace pole. The pole honored the Miami Indians who once lived on the land, and contains many Native American symbols. There is a peace prayer carved in both English and Spanish, along with “pehokia,” the Miami Indian word for peace.

The peace pole is the centerpiece of the Peace Garden, also created and still maintained by Sister Mary Joan.

Many other areas take advantage of the natural beauty of the Victory Noll campus.

The Victory Noll Cemetery is surrounded by the land’s original wooded area. The cemetery is the final resting place of many of the sisters, as well as Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters founder Father John Joseph Sigstein and Archbishop John Francis Noll, the primary benefactor in bringing the Victory Noll Sisters to Huntington in 1925. Stations of the Cross are built into the natural hillside at Victory Noll. Most recently, a labyrinth was constructed on top of the hill overlooking the valley.

The labyrinth is a popular stop for reflection for those visiting Victory Noll Center, which provides programs for spiritual growth, personal development and social justice education.

The new windmill may be the newest sight on the Victory Noll campus, but Sister Mary Joan says the work will continue to go on.

“We’re putting in a bird bath, and we’re going to put in a new hummingbird feeder in an area where our sisters who can’t get outside can still enjoy watching out the window,” she says. “We keep thinking of new things to do. God provides.”
DONALDSON — Being empathetic by not arguing and actually listening to those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and/or dementia can help not only the person, but the caregiver as well.

Instead of frustrating and fruitless attempts to make the person believe that they are in 2010, it is better to tune into what they are feeling and thinking, said Naomi Feil, a certified social worker who recently led a workshop on Validation Method at Ancilla College for both healthcare professionals and caregivers.

Feil has personal experience when it comes to the elderly. She grew up in a geriatrics home that was managed by her father, who was a psychologist. Feil’s mother was a social worker.

The technique of validation was developed while Feil was working as a group therapist with elderly and disoriented people in a Cleveland nursing home. There she found that when she used reality orientation, behavior orientation and confrontation, she found her patients became more withdrawn. Feil instead tried to then listen with empathy and without judgment.

“When you use (validation), their eyes light up, their gait improves, the well-established, familiar social roles return, there is less need for chemical restraints, less crying, blaming, swearing, acting out,” said Feil who has written about her method.

Feil has spoken at workshops such as the one held at Ancilla. “A very old person, who is disoriented and suffers from physical and sensory deterioration, is often not emotionally nor logically in the present,” Feil said. “A worker (or family member caregiver) should ask questions which accept the reality of the old person and help her resolve unfinished business which she buried before.”

That’s how one patient could believe that someone in the kitchen was poisoning her in the nursing home, Feil said as an example. Instead of arguing about how unbelievable her accusation was, Feil noted that caregivers should instead ask her what the food tasted like in order to try to uncover her past. She may have overfed by someone as a child and felt out of control at mealtimes.

Feil gave another example of how another patient yelled and punched the air as if she were band who used to bully her. Feil’s method, which is Christian-like, teaches that the person is accepted without judgment. It begins where the person is in his or her head and does not try to convince them otherwise. The therapy also draws on helping the individual resolve the pain of past conflict.

“It helps them to bring peace to a disoriented elderly person. Each time a caregiver works with confused older adults, they may not be our children. But we treat them like they are.

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BISHOP D’ARCY CELEBRATES MASS WITH SCOUTS AT JAMBOREE

Bishop John M. D’Arcy celebrated the feast of the Ascension Mass Sunday, May 16, at the LaSalle Council Boy Scout Jamboree held at the Saint Joseph County Fairgrounds. The jamboree celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Approximately 2,500 people, including 1,500 Scouts, attended the event on Saturday, May 15. Many Scout troops are sponsored by churches, both Catholic and Protestant. Today’s Catholic will feature Catholic Eagle Scouts from the diocese and other Scout awardees in the July 4 issue.
St. Joseph, Bluffton, honored the Blessed Mother with a rosary procession around the parish’s grounds on May 9. Father Francis Chukwuma, pastor, proposed the procession idea which as he informed his flock is quite commonplace in his homeland of Nigeria. Nearly 40 parishioners spanning all ages joined in the solemn tribute to Mary with the first Communicants leading the way, followed by senior high school youth group members shouldering the procession, which housed the statue of the Blessed Mother, that dates back to the first Catholic church settlement in Bluffton nearly a century ago. The ceremony concluded with a final blessing in the church narthex followed closely by the official May Crowning at the 10 a.m. Mass.

St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne held a May Crowning May 7. The school processed from the church, around the block to the front steps for the crowning ceremony. In the photo, pastor Father Tom Shoemaker speaks to students.
GOSHEN SCHOOL HELPS THE POOR IN BANGLADESH

Rhent Addis and Grace Ritchie from St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen present a check for $863.41 to Father Bob McCahill, a Maryknoll priest. The students raised the money during Lent by participating in a “penny war.” Father Bob McCahill serves the poor in Bangladesh.

Jaxson Burkins named salutatorian of Bremen Senior High School

BREMEN — Jaxson Burkins has been named salutatorian of Bremen Senior High School class of 2010. The Bremen native is a member of St. Dominic Parish.

During his academic career at Bremen High School Burkins says his senior year will be a standout memory for him. “Most of my senior classes have been advanced classes that are taken with only other seniors. I have been able to bond with my classmates and make some great memories,” he says.

Extracurricular activities include four years on the men’s basketball team, as well as being basketball and women’s tennis team manager. Clubs the scholar served on include National Honor Society, Student Council, Math Academic Team, Interdisciplinary Academic Team, Spell Bowl, Fellowship of Christian Students, Yearbook Staff and DECA.

Burkins also enjoys reading, playing tennis, skiing and watching old Disney movies.

As a member of St. Dominic Church, Burkins has been active in the Antioch and Youth Groups, assisting with retreats and various service projects. He has also given witness talks at retreats and served as altar server and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Of his faith he says, “I try to incorporate my faith in everything that I do, whether it is going to youth group meetings, daily Mass or simply saying daily prayers. I have decided to go to a Catholic college where I can learn more about my faith. From there I hope to get married and raise a Catholic family.”

The salutatorian feels he has much to be thankful for and says, “I would like to thank the generics: my family and friends. This sounds cliché but they have made such an impact on me. I would also like to specifically thank Mark Wagner, Chip and Virginia Leinen, Lynn Berndt and all of my other youth leaders. They have helped form my faith, and I will never be able to thank them enough.”

Burkins plans to attend the University of Saint Francis in the fall to study accounting.

Scuba instruction makes a splash for St. Anthony

SOUTH BEND — For the second year in a row, physical education teacher Chris Fowler has brought the world of scuba to the Midwest. In partnership with local business Just Add H2O, St. Anthony’s offers the seventh-grade class a glimpse into the world of scuba. Fowler’s goal as a teacher is to constantly challenge his students from pre-K through eighth grade to see physical education as a lifelong commitment that can come in many forms.

Fowler took his scuba certification through Just Add H2O and through this relationship with owner Kathy Lampert, the idea to expose his students to scuba developed.

Seventh-grade teacher Jaci Byrne loves the uniqueness and excitement that the scuba experience brings to the seventh graders. She praised the Just Add H2O team for their knowledge and ability to work with the children at their comfort level. The class was held at the YMCA in South Bend and each child was able to experience scuba and do as much or as little in the water as they felt comfortable.

Student Ben Taelman enthusiastically claimed it to be “cool, terrific and not scary at all.” Fellow seventh-grader Matthew Faccenda thought it was a blast and wants to not only do it again but also get certified.

Fowler, along with four scuba instructors, worked with the students from the initial introduction and question-and-answer period through getting into the water and actually diving. The instructors worked with the students in groups of four and were patient in teaching them about the equipment, how to breathe, move around and dive.

Parent Maureen Sibilla attended the session and was incredibly impressed with the instruction, patience and care provided by Just Add H2O. She is so pleased that St. Anthony’s can present new and different experiences that help the students challenge their thinking about physical activity and what it can offer for a lifetime. Student Gio Schulte summed it up by saying she thought it was a blast and realized how lucky she was to have the opportunity to discover something new and now says, “bring on the ocean ... I’m ready for more.”

Just Add H2O has been doing business in the area since 1976 as JR Aquatic. In 2008, they changed their name to Just Add H2O but their commitment to offering comprehensive training and a full range of scuba equipment has remained unchanged. They now offer two locations to serve the public, their original location on 11th Street in Niles, Mich., (269) 684-7007 and their newest location at Heritage Square in Granger, (574) 217-7724.
Pope Benedict’s record speaks for itself in fight against clergy sexual abuse

HUNTINGTON — The latest accusations against Pope Benedict XVI regarding the clergy sexual abuse problem have left Catholics and others confused, disillusioned and angry. Many, relying solely on secular media reports regarding the scandal, have rushed to hold the pope responsible for how bishops dealt with abusers in their dioceses, even to the point of calling for his resignation.

Gregory Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor, one of the largest Catholic publishing houses in the world, was one of those frustrated with both sides of the communication divide. The secular media was only telling part of the story, but on the other hand, Catholic media was either too quiet or speaking in language easily misinterpreted by the general public. Either way, people were confused about the issue and didn’t know what to believe.

“When the accusations intensified against the pope, I could no longer rely on other sources to define the crisis for me,” says Erlandson. “I made a commitment to follow the truth, no matter where it took me, to get to the real story.”

“Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Working for Reform and Renewal” (Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholic Almanac) by David Mills is a critical study of the woman who grew into her own as her understanding of the Gospel and how to live it out deepened. The author reconstructs the personality of Clare using the “Legend of Saint Clare the Virgin,” written by the pope’s order on the occasion of Clare’s canonization. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-950-8

“Experiencing God: The Three Stages of Prayer,” by Thomas H. Green offers an easy-to-read guide with advice on how to deepen one’s relationship with God through prayer. The book provides three chapters including getting to know God, from knowing to loving and from loving to truly loving that lead the reader to the heart of prayer. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-245-6

Summer reading stimulates heart and head

“Abandonment to Divine Providence,” by 17th century French Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre de Caussade is a great classic work relevant to any age. De Caussade’s belief in the sacredness of the present moment offers insight into how one finds holiness and God’s will in everyday situations. Expert commentary by Dennis Billy accompanies the text. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-0-87061-253-4

Two new Marian books inform, inspire Catholic readers

Two new Marian books add clarity about the life of Mary. Through these books, we come to a fuller appreciation of how she can be a shining source of inspiration for our lives.

“Discovering Mary,” by David Mills is a straightforward, well-organized collection of facts and simple apologetic arguments about the historical Mary and her place in the Church. Originating from a writing assignment for Our Sunday Visitor newspaper, Mills’ book strives to eliminate opinion and conjecture, leaving just the facts and quotes from magisterial works. The result is a clear and concise presentation of what is known about Mary and what is surmised in Church teachings, without further elaboration. In Mills’ words, he presents the “atoms and molecules, but leaves the physics to the experts.” After a personal account of his limited understanding of Mary before and after his conversion to Catholicism, Mills delves into the subject, organizing the information in six chapters: the life of Mary, Mary in the Bible, Mary in Catholic doctrine, the feasts of Mary, Mary’s titles, and, lastly, Marian devotions, prayers and apparitions. This valuable book will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in learning more about the Queen of Heaven.

“The Secrets of Mary,” by Janice T. Connell presents a collection of stories about Mary in a much more prayerful and inspirational style. A recognized authority on Marian apparitions, Connell’s collection spans the centuries since Mary followed her Son along the road to Calvary. Scripture, photos, prayers and devotions are woven together to create an inspirational resource for daily devotions. The book includes many stories of saints and their personal commitment and devotion to Mary. For instance, we find an ancient account of St. Augustine’s discovery of Mary’s saving grace and power. Many centuries later, we read a powerful account of how St. Norbert’s devotion to Mary helped him shake the entrapments of his youth and guide him to initiate Christian renewal in Europe. Connell’s expertise in Marian apparitions is recognized in her descriptions of the Fatima secrets in Portugal, the Church-recognized apparition in Akita, Japan, and the reported visitations in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Throughout the inspirational stories and accounts of Mary’s influence throughout history, there is a palpable, real sense of powerful devotion. This is a rich, prayerful collection of stories in which readers will find daily comfort and guidance in the gifts from the Blessed Mother.

Christopher Fenoglio is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and an award-winning columnist for The Tennessee Register diocesan newspaper in Nashville, Tenn.
Annual Holy Cross history conference slated June 3-6

NOTRE DAME — The 29th annual conference on the history of the Congregations of Holy Cross will be at Holy Cross College on June 3-6. Ten papers will be presented during the weekend.

Blessed Brother Andre Bissette, who will be canonized in October, is the major focus of Canadian Brother Vianney St. Michel’s Friday presentation. “Holy Cross Religious At College Saint Caisare, Quebec, 1869-2009” — 141 years in Brother Andre’s hometown.


For information about the conference contact Holy Cross Sister Kathryn Callahan or Holy Cross Sister Bernice Holleenhorst, Archives, 101 Bertrand Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5000, or by e-mail at kcallahancscsisters.org or by telephone at (574) 284-5902.

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USF symposium offers education for the care of creation

FORT WAYNE — St. Francis of Assisi is a familiar figure in many gardens. The 13th century saint was widely regarded as a friend of nature before he was proclaimed the patron saint of ecology by Pope John Paul II in 1979.

But the Franciscan view of the environment goes far beyond enjoying the beauty of flowers and birds. It calls us to a deep understanding of creation and our duty to understand the human role in wise use and conservation of the world around us.

Educatig for the Care of Creation: Contemporary Verses for the Canticle of the Creatures, at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, June 8-11, will take an in-depth look at these issues.

The university is hosting the fourth biennial Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) Symposium. This national gathering will bring together more than 250 faculty and staff from 22 AFCU members as well as representatives from other Franciscan organizations.

The public is invited to opening night keynote at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at the North Campus Auditorium of the University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne. Franciscan Brother Keith Warner will speak on The Incarnation Matters! Franciscan Education for Ecological Conversion. Brother Keith is assistant director for education, Center for Science, Technology and Society and lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, in California.

Brother Keith takes the view that seeing St. Francis as the “patron saint of ecological consciousness” is more faithful both to John Paul II’s ecological teaching and to recent scholarship of Francis’ spirituality. This presentation will synthesize traditional Franciscan approaches to the organization of knowledge with the cultivation of an awareness of creation based on relationship. It will propose a holistic approach to higher education so as to foster ecological consciousness and ecological conversion.

There will be a free will offering that night for Catholic Relief Services for Haitian earthquake relief efforts. The symposium is dedicated to those in Haiti.

“The entire university community has prepared for this event,” said Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis and current chair of the AFCU Board. “We expect that our attendees will take away ideas to implement on Franciscan college and university campuses. We also anticipate that they will make connections with colleagues which will endure long after they leave Fort Wayne.”

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FATHER CORAPI’S JULY CINCINNATI EVENT HIGHLY ANTICIPATED

CINCINNATI — After much anticipation, Father John Corapi finally revealed the special theme for his all day conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 17 at The Cintas Center.

Through a series of first-time ever-heard talks, Father John Corapi will be addressing the teachings of the Church regarding the social issues of our time. Father Tom Euteneuer of Human Life International has agreed to be the emcee for the event.

“I think the event is becoming so popular because deep down, we all desire spiritual direction and knowledge on how to face today’s social norms that challenge the Christian way of life,” said conference host, Amateurator Joe Condit, founder of CMG Booking, Inc.

All interested in attending are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. Tickets may be purchased by contacting CMG Booking at (513) 593-0089 or logging on to www.CMGbooking.com.

The floor seating has been completely sold out. Remaining seats available are mid section, $49, and upper section at $39. Handicap seating is available.

Parking for the event is free.

The event will start at 8 a.m. on July 17 and end with Mass around 4 p.m. Father Corapi will give four talks throughout the day in addition to his conversion story.

His latest and newest merchandize will be available for purchase at the event.

“There is a spiritual battle among us in the times we live and we need to fight it by hearing the greatest preacher of our time,” said Condit. “We expect an atmosphere and energy that has never been seen before at a conference like this.”
**Guest Commentary by Lisa Everett, Office of Family Life**

The bitter pill: Facing the facts after 50 years

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the advent of the birth control pill, championed by many, then and now, as the long-awaited solution to unplanned pregnancy, child abuse, overpopulation and marital stress. After five decades of living with the pill, however, many facts have emerged from various fields of science that paint a very different picture.

**Fact:** The sexual revolution of the 1960s was facilitated in large part by the pill.

When the pill was introduced into American society, one of the main disincentives to sex for women (for example, the increased access to contraception for teens leads to higher pregnancy and abortion rates, as well as a dramatic increase in STD rates among 16- to 19-year-old girls. Even more striking was a recent report of the Guttmacher Institute, which found that the states which ranked highest in access to contraception also rank lowest in per capita teen births. Several studies and the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation)."

"Combination oral contraceptives act by suppression of ovulation, other alterations include changes in the cervical mucus (which increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus) and the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation)."

"So now, if you're 'dead enough,' it might, paradoxically, cause people to legitimately speak for him have not been given their informed consent."
Tragic loss of life sends torrent of tears

This article appeared in the May 14 issue of the Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn. It was written by Mary Margaret Lambert, the secretary to Nashville Bishop David R. Choby whose father and stepmother, Joseph and Bessie Formosa, died in the recent floods.

My heart is filled with grief as I write this column, something that I must do to begin the long process of healing from an unthinkable tragedy. On Sunday, May 2, Nashville was deluged with rain of biblical proportions, and flooding occurred in many areas of our city. Waters from the Cumberland and Harpeth rivers exceeded their boundaries, and creeks all over town turned into raging streams, destroying and enveloping anything within miles of them.

My 88-year-old father and his 78-year-old wife, unaware of the seriousness of the situation, got into his truck and started out of his condominium complex onto the main road, which was partially covered with rushing water. Despite shouts from bystanders for him not to proceed any further, his hearing loss and stubborn determination prevented him from heeding their warnings, and by the time he realized that the water was too deep and the current too swift, his truck was swept under the raging waters, trapping both of them inside.

We have spoken with eyewitnesses on the scene who told us of the heroic attempts of a young man who nearly lost his own life in a valiant effort to save theirs. We pray for him and ask God to bless him for his actions.

We had just left town early that morning, headed for a weeklong vacation at the beach, and I spoke with my father mid-morning from my cell phone and cautioned him not to leave the house because of the heavy rains and predictions of flash flooding. By the time neighbors started calling us with reports of heavy flooding in our area, I was unable to reach Daddy by phone and had friends and family members trying to locate him, thinking he was evacuated to a shelter with others.

One of our sons heard on the evening news that an unidentified elderly couple had lost their lives when their truck was submerged in high waters. He called the hospital, gave them my father’s name and was told only that he was in the ER there. Upon arrival, he learned that both of them were deceased and I was called with that tragic news.

We drove all night to get back home and could not absorb the reality of what had happened. The last image of my daddy was the day before we left, when we went to visit and leave him a list of contact phone numbers for our

Trinity explains us and how we live

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPBELL

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
Jn 16:12-15

T he Book of Proverbs developed in a fascinating process with which people in 2010, especially parents, easily can relate.

It is part of a collection of Scriptures called the Wisdom Literature. It came about as Jews, who had fled or left the Holy Land for other places because of bad conditions at home, tried to keep their children within the fold of the Chosen People.

Their young people faced enormous pressures from the pagan culture all around them. Holding onto the God of Israel was not easy.

The pagan culture presented itself, or was perceived, at the ultimate expression of human wisdom.

Proverbs, thoroughly rooted in a deep faith in God and in the majesty of God so awesomely manifested in creation and especially in God’s loving mercy, ultimately builds on the principle that knowledge and acceptance of the revelation of the God of Israel is the most profound human wisdom. This book fundamentally says that trust in God, or belief in God, is not far-fetched. Proverbs is a series of maxims and statements of advice, many of which have found their way into commonplace speech. Since it draws its messages from many Middle Eastern cultures, and from many experiences of the Hebrew people, over a period of centuries, it is difficult to date.

A literary device in the Wisdom Literature, to personify wisdom, occurs in this reading. The Wisdom of God becomes a person and speaks.

St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans declares that those who have accepted Jesus as Lord are at peace with God. Moreover, as a result of this bond with Jesus, and of his proof of peace, true disciples have within themselves the very life and love of the Holy Spirit.

For the last reading, the Church on this feast selects a part of St. John’s Gospel. It is the word of Jesus spoken to the disciples. Splendid itself in a Gospel renowned for its eloquence and depth, Jesus promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will be with them.

These words surely are reassuring, but they also reveal the oneness of the Lord with the Holy Spirit. Jesus and the Spirit are one. Jesus and the Father are one. Therefore, Jesus, the Spirit and the Father all are one. Followers of Jesus are linked with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit inseparably and eternally. This reveals the Trinity.

Reflection

The Church this weekend concludes the Easter season. Last week, in the aftermath of the feast of the Lord’s Ascension, it celebrated the feast of the Pentecost. At Pentecost, the Church asked us all to remember the unity we have in the community of believers, the Church, and the power to live virtuously that comes to us in the Holy Spirit.

At the Ascension, human and divine, crucified but risen, Jesus returned to the glory of God. But, Jesus did not leave us. Pentecost reassured us of the presence and guidance of God with us, in Jesus, through the Apostles, in the structure that has been called the Church.

Today’s readings again emphasize that Jesus is God, perfectly living with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In addition, continuing the very essential message of salvation in Christ, and the providential gift of the Spirit, celebrated at Pentecost, the feast powerfully tells us that God loves us. He shares with us the most intimate detail of divinity, namely the Trinity.

It is much more than an ethereal, an interesting, indeed awesome, but nevertheless distant, aspect of God. It explains the blueprint of life, especially of life as a Christian. We are created in the image of God, the Trinity. We are redeemed by Christ, and vivified by the Spirit. The Trinity explains us and how we should live.

READINGS

Sunday: Psv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Ps 16:1-12

Monday: Zep 3:14-18 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6, 5,6 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18 Ps 902:4, 10,14, 16 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12 Ps 123:1-2 Mk 12:18-28

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:18-15 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 166, 167, 168 Mk 12:33-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8,9,14-15, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Campbell

In May we note the Trinity. This quiz looks at a few hat tricks.

1. Genesis 5 tells us that Methuselah’s father lived 300 years after the birth of his son. Who was this aged father?
   a. Enoch
   b. Jacob
   c. Kronos

2. The three sons of Noah were
   a. Hirn, Shep and Curley
   b. Chico, Grouch and Harpo
   c. Shem, Ham and Japheth

3. Noah also built something 300 hundred cubits long. What was it?
   a. a temple
   b. an ark
   c. a cross

4. In Exodus, Moses was kept at home after birth for only three months. What happened to him then?
   a. He was sent to the Land of Canaan.
   b. He was set adrift on the Nile.
   c. He was sold off by his brothers.

5. In Exodus we also learn that this had to be three cubits high and made of acacia wood.
   a. the ark of the covenant
   b. cross
   c. an altar

6. Leviticus 23:16 shows a difference in tax rates: girls paid three shekels and a boy
   a. five
   b. 30
   c. 300

7. Numbers refers to Aaron, Moses and Miriam as the three. What three were they?
   a. They were siblings.
   b. Nothing is meant by three here.
   c. They were three top collectors of taxes.

8. Number 35 refers to the six cities of asylum. These were divided into three in the Land of Canaan and the other three are
   a. in Egypt
   b. beyond the Jordan
   c. east of Eden

9. In Judges 7 only 300 soldiers passed this weird test:
   a. They scaled the walls of Jericho.
   b. They had all their hair shaved off and yelled “ooohh.”
   c. They lapped up water in their hands to drink.

10. What is usually the third Gospel listed in Bibles?
    a. Matthew
    b. Luke
    c. John

11. How do we know there were three Wise Men or Magi?
   a. We don’t; it is a tradition based in the number of gifts.
   c. There were three camel corpses found in the desert in 1945.

12. This island is named for the Trinity
   a. Trinidad
   b. Threbitzon
   c. Theresa (Eire)

13. One of the issues that divided Eastern from Western Christianity during the Great Schism was this mind numbing issue, more commonly referred to as the “Thiogra”
    a. the fact that the father is greater than the Spirit
    b. the double procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son
    c. the fact that Constantine was his own grandpa

14. The Slavic three barred cross has this unusual feature:
    a. The bars are all different lengths
    b. The top bar is both a titulus and a nimbus
    c. The lower bar is slanted

15. When was the Third Vatican Council?
    a. during WWII
    b. in 1973 (in secret)
    c. there has not been a third Vatican Council (yet)

ANSWERS:

1. a, 2c, 3b, 4b, 5c, 6a, 7a, 8b, 9c, 10b, 11a, 12a, 13b, 14c, 15c
Trusting that God listens

You’re in my thoughts and prayers. I must have heard that a dozen times in the last week as my brother recovers from surgery. And I’m sure each one of you has said it to someone who has encountered some physical ailment or mental anguish.

It’s a wonderful thing to say and a well-intentioned gesture. In many instances, it’s about the only thing someone can say to the hurting or bereaved.

That’s a lot of prayers being said for my family and me. It’s good to know. I’m not sure that I believe that all these prayers actually are being directed at us as often as it is articulated. But everyone appreciates the kind thoughts, and really, kind thoughts are their own kind of prayer.

Do you ever wonder what impact someone else’s “thoughts and prayers” have on you or a loved one?

Most of us probably think in terms of those thoughts and prayers leading to the outcome that we’re hoping for. You know, pray for the successful outcome of a surgery or ask for God’s intervention in a situation that could go either way. If the outcome is in our favor, then God answered the prayer.

But as Msgr. Michael Heintz from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend pointed out in a recent exchange of ideas, “we have to get away from the idea that it’s a kind of negotiation — bargaining with God — like we really have anything that gives us leverage.”

What if my prayer for dry weather so a charitable event can be successful is in direct opposition to the farmer who desperately needs the rain to save his crops? Who wins? Whom does God choose to favor?

A couple of years ago, I sat down and began to make a list of people for whom to pray. I tried to include not only family and friends, but my so-called “enemies” too.

I don’t really have enemies. You’ve got to be more important than I am to actually have enemies. Let’s just say there are a few people out there who don’t love me quite the way some do. They were put on the list.

But like so many other well-intentioned thoughts/acts, I never quite finished the list, and I didn’t stick to the goal of having that list near my desk so I could look at it, think briefly about a person in my life, and offer up a warm thought or prayer for that moment or day.

I wish I would have finished that list and stuck to my intentions. I recently lost a friend who could have used more of my thoughts and prayers. Would we still have him today if I had actually included him on my list? Would he have found peace and comfort had just one additional person been praying for him?

Prayer isn’t going to change God’s mind — as if He had the type of “mind” that could be changed. Rather, we express our desires to God in order to cooperate with Him in bringing about certain effects that He has ordained for our good.

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**St. Paul preaches in Perga**

Why did St. Paul sail to Perga on his first missionary journey?

The Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament says that St. Paul, St. Barnabas, John and Mark set sail from the city of Paphos on the island of Cyprus to the city of Perga (or Perge) in southern Turkey (or ancient Asia Minor) in A.D. 46. Perga was a stepping stone to other cities in central Turkey that St. Paul wanted to visit and preach the gospel.

Perga was purposely a little inland from the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, so it would be more protected from pirates and invaders. To reach Perga from the Mediterranean Sea, you would sail up the Cestrus river, navigable in St. Paul’s time, and there on a rise you would see the utterly magnificent city of Perga. St. Paul also could have chosen to land at one of the nearby seaports of Attalia (now Antalya) or Side, but the Bible does not specify his exact route to Perga. When he eventually left Turkey on his first missionary journey, the Bible does say he left from Attalia.

Perga is a beautiful and well-preserved archaeological site. Its main streets were over 21 meters wide. The main entrance into the city is huge, allowing many chariots with their horses to parade in side by side celebrating their victories in war.

E. Blake mentions the main streets of Perga were lined with colonnades and a water channel ran down their center in a series of small pools. The colonnades stood the shops. The stadium and theater at Perga still survive. The stadium, seating 14,000 people, is one of the best preserved in Turkey. The theater held 15,000 people. There was a large and beautiful Temple of Artemis, in the time of St. Paul, but it has not yet been discovered.

D. Darke mentions at Perga you see the Roman baths, the agora or marketplace, and granite columns. There are ruins of a basilica where St. Paul is said to have delivered his first sermons on the Asia Minor mainland and won his first converts.

There is the nymphaeum, from which the water channel down the center of the main street was fed. There is also a palaestra or open courtyard by the gymnasion where exercises were done. The tombs at Perga are laid out in the normal way, beside the roads leading to the city gates. Then there are the ruins of the tomb of Antipatris Magna, the second century A.D. priestess of Artemis who held the highest office in Perga, that of demigive or magistrate.

A. Edmonds mentions another famous resident of Perga, namely Apollonius, a third century B.C. astronomer and mathematician who believed that the moon went around the earth as the earth went around the sun. His ideas were rediscovered during the Renaissance.

M. Grant says the Christian martyr Nestor died at Perga during the persecution of the Roman emperor Decius in A.D. 251. The line of Perga’s bishops known by name goes back to the fourth century A.D. In the seventh century A.D. Arabs conquered Perga and most of the population left for the seaport of Antalya.

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From the Sidelines

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**Tim Prister**

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Maritan High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

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**Scripture Search**

Gospel for May 30, 2010

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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**The Spirit**

O JUSTIFIED I OUR LORD WE STAND
GLORY OF GOD LONGING
BY FAITH ACCESS
TO THE TRUTH POURED OUT
WHAT IS MINE DECLARE
PEACE
GRACE
HOPE
DISAPPONT
HEARTS
FATHER

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**Guest**

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sons in case he needed something while we were gone. He was busy painting little “yard art” statues for their patio, which was so typical of him. He always had a project of some kind going on. Before we left, I kissed him on his forehead and told him we would see him in a week and I would call when we got to our destination so he wouldn’t worry.

My mother and father married at the age of 18, and 10 months later, the day before his 19th birthday, I was born. He had saved coins in a jar for the duration of the pregnancy, and paid the hospital bill with his savings. My father was a curly-headed Italian boy who worked hard and arose before daylight every morning to work with his father and two brothers in the family produce business, he was a bit of a rebel and always headstrong, but faithful and loyal to his wife and children.

When I was 11 years old, and hoping for a baby sister, I got a baby brother, who quickly became the blessing that made our family complete.

Daddy served in World War II as an aircraft mechanic, and after the war, he obtained his own pilot’s license and small plane.

His ultimate goal was to teach me to fly as well, but my mother put her foot down on that plan very quickly.

He loved to build things and tinkered with engines constantly. He loved to fish and always liked being on the water. He and his brother bought a little fishing boat together and from there, he acquired a little runabout that he took on his first in a series of boats he owned and enjoyed throughout his life.

Some of his happiest moments were spent at Commodore Yacht Club with my mother and their many friends. When Mamma died at the age of 59, his world crumbled and he grieved for such a long time. Three years after her death, he remarried and found companionship once more that lasted for 26 years, until the day they died together in that tragic accident.

We are so very grateful for the many prayers, the countless acts of kindness and the love that has sustained us during these past days. Without each person’s concern and God’s grace, we would not have been able to endure this loss. Please continue to pray for all who have lost their homes and possessions as a result of the flood and do whatever you can to assist those in desperate need.

Treasure every moment with those you love for we never know when it might be the last time together.
PRIESTS TO RACE MARATHON FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, CHIARA HOME


ST. ANTHONY PANTHERS TAKE ICCL AAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

The sixth-grade boys from St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend won the recent ICCL AAA baseball tournament and were also regular season co-champions of the league, completing the season with a record of 8-2. In the championship game St. Anthony defeated South Bend St. Joseph, 6-2. In the front row, from left, are Dan Taitman, Lucas Mazurkiewicz, Joe Canter, Benedict Adriatico, Lorenzo Martinez, Spencer Lippert and Andrew Hankins. In the back are Alex Krupp, Coach Fran Martinez, John Griffith, Evan Drinkall, Charlie Williams, Murphy O’Brien, Bob Canter, manager, and Coach Bobby Williams.

BISHOP DWENGER STUDENTS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT Bishop Dwenger High School’s third baseman and catcher Mike Mugg and distance runner Nick Brand recently signed letters of intent. Mike Mugg will be continuing his baseball career as a preferred walk-on with Indiana University-Purdue University (IPFW) in Fort Wayne. A member of the 2009 Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocesan Cross Country Team, Nick Brand will continue to run both track and cross country for the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

St. Vincent Panthers take CYO soccer crown

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Kreager Park was the field where the 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) boys’ soccer championships were determined by the most goals scored during the regular season and went to St. Joe/St. Elizabeth. In last year’s championship match, the number one seed was determined by the most goals scored during the regular season and went to St. Joe/St. Elizabeth.

In his fourth season, Sorg and assistant coach, Martin Heiny’s roster consisted of 16 eighth-grade boys. Although not all players were able to get into the championship game, Sorg explains, “They all helped us get there in one way or another. It takes an entire team to win a championship.”

All players contributed in multiple roles for the Panthers during the season. Josh Lapp played the majority of his time as a defender. Derek Gloudemans, Michael Reecer, Evan Pagryzinski and Austin Hillman were all able to come into any of the positions when needed. The majority of Ian Arcellana, Jared Holihan, Eddie Byrne and Luke Severinak’s time was spent between midfield and forward positions along with Jordan Bly as a speedy forward. Stephen Colligan reluctantly started playing the most important role of goalie as a fifth grader. As the years went by, so did his reluctance. Through the entire season, Colligan only allowed four stingy tallies.

Just before the post-season, Sorg moved a strong rookie player, Ryan Watercutter into a center defensive position, upon Heiny’s recommendation. Next to club player Jason Brand, the two were able to shore up the defensive line. This also allowed a Nick Heiny move to a crucial center midfield spot where he dominated play throughout the latter part of the season and throughout the tournament.

In the first round, the Panthers beat St. John Fort Wayne, 6-0.

Round two of the tournament was rained out twice. Finally, as the sunshine dried a soggy Kreager Field, the Panthers faced St. Charles in the semifinals. The halftime score was knotted at zero in an intensely even match. It was not until Nick Sorg was able to break away from his club team practice about five minutes into the second half that Lucas Capito started his scoring rampage. Capito finished with four goals over the next 18 minutes for a 4-0 victory for the Panthers.

During the regular season game with St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, the Panthers’ only tie of the season, St. Vincent had an unlikely hero — Grady Eifert, who rejoined the team for his eighth-grade season after playing golf the past two years. The Panthers were down, 1-0, until midway through the second half, when Eifert was able to even the score with a great left footed shot. Despite not participating in any previous organized soccer, both coaches noticed early on that Eifert’s natural athletic ability and sense of where to be on the field would prove to be an asset to the Panthers.

The championship rematch started in the Panthers’ favor, much to Sorg’s surprise. Just two minutes into the game Nick Heiny pushed a high ball to Nick Sorg who headed directly to Eifert. Looking like a cool veteran, Eifert trapped the ball to an open space then placed a beautiful pass forward to Capito who knew exactly what to do with it. The rest is Panther history.

As runner-ups, Coach John Cardoza was a great coach. St. Vincent. Summarizing St. Joe-St. Elizabeth’s awesome run, Connolly said, “We had fun and played hard. Hopefully the boys learned a little about the game of soccer and a little about the game of life. It was a great season.” The Panthers also listed 16 on their 2010 roster.

For the younger boys’ Catholic Youth League (CYO) soccer, St. Charles sixth graders beat St. Vincent 6-0 by a narrow margin of 4-3 for the 2010 championships. Coach Jim Allegerie’s Cardinals and Bill Khorshid’s Panthers went head to head in an all-out shoot-out with a halftime score of 4-3 in the title match while the second half provided a defensive battle. The undefeated Cardinals were led by Nathan Conroy (two goals), Adam Whitecraft and Andrew Harter on the offensive attack, while center back Patrick Allegerie and goalie Joe Steger. Meanwhile, the Panthers closed the defensive effort that allowed only one goal the entire regular season. Khorshid felt the championship was a great contest. “There was a lot of hustle from both teams,” he summarized.

Members of the winning grades 7-8 boys 2010 CYO championship soccer team, the St. Vincent Panthers, are shown in this photo.
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was called up to the minor leagues for a one-day appearance with the South Bend Silverhawks, where he threw out the first pitch before a game with the Fort Wayne TinCaps. Bishop Rhoades is pictured here with his catcher, Holy Cross Father Kevin Groves of St. Joseph Parish, and umpire Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. On the far right is Silverhawks owner and former Notre Dame catcher, Joe Kernan. Kernan presented Bishop Rhoades with a souvenir bat, thanking him for taking part in Catholic Schools’ Night at the Cove May 17. Student representatives from South Bend-area Catholic schools ran out onto the field during pre-game introductions before heading back to their seats to enjoy Dollar Monday and the ballgame. When asked which team he was rooting for, Bishop Rhoades tried to be diplomatic and praised both clubs. A re-match and another Catholic Schools’ Night may be necessary since Fort Wayne swept the three-game series in South Bend.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, in his homily to the eighth-grade graduates from the Fort Wayne area schools, challenged them to keep an active prayer life during their high school years. He encouraged them to keep God as their best friend as they make new friendships in the years ahead. He also asked them to stay as active in the Church as they will be in high school clubs and sports. In the bottom photo Bishop Rhoades distributes Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to area eighth-grade students, parents, school faculty and staff.

Position Opening
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church (South Bend) seeks a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. This position furthers the mission of the Parish by directing a comprehensive youth ministry program to high school and, to a lesser degree, junior high school students, in accordance with the U.S. Bishops’ document, Renewing the Vision. Youth Ministry at St. Joseph Parish aims to bring young people closer to Christ and his Church. Programming includes Sunday evening gatherings (thematic sessions structured around catechesis, community-building, and reflection/discussion), prayer and liturgy, retreats, service opportunities, and a summer mission trip. Qualified applicants will have a love for the Church and demonstrate a commitment to its teachings and mission. Applicants must possess a bachelor’s degree or be on track to receive a bachelor’s degree and have at least one year of related ministry experience. The successful candidate will also be open to the questions and concerns of young people, will have an enthusiastic and nurturing spirit, will be committed to works of charity and service, and have the capacity to carry out administrative tasks. Hours are flexible and include evening and weekend meetings and events. Qualified candidates should send a letter of introduction and resume to:

St. Joseph Parish
226 N. Hill Street
South Bend, IN 46617

Questions may be directed to Fr. John DeRiso, CSC, Pastor, at (574) 234-3134, ext. 20.

Music Director
(FULL TIME)

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana seeks a highly motivated, reliable, organized, full-time music director to lead and develop the music ministry in parish of 1100 families, including adult choir and bell choir. Responsibilities include planning liturgies and music (weekends, weddings, funerals, other sacramental celebrations), developing formation and training for liturgical and musical ministers. Vocal skills desirable. Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent experience) in liturgy or music required. Pay is commensurate with ability and experience. Applications accepted until position is filled. Cover and letter and resume to:

Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, Pastor
FrPiechocki@diocesefwsb.org
7215 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835
Phone: 260-485-9615

Movie Capsules

NEW YORK (CNS) – Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Letters to Juliet” (Summit)

Director Gary Winnick’s old-fashioned romantic comedy explores time-honored themes of love, loss, family and destiny amid a beautifully photographed Italian travelogue as it chronicles New York-based magazine fact-checker Sophie’s (Amanda Seyfried) journey to Verona—the city of “Romeo and Juliet”—where, left on her own by her food-obsessed chef fiancé Victor (Gael Garcia Bernal), Sophie visits Juliet’s house and discovers a kind of Wailing Wall for the amorous, where lovesick women leave letters seeking relationship advice. Sophie’s answer to one such missive, penned 50 years before by Englishwoman Claire (Vanessa Redgrave), prompts Claire to return, with her obnoxious grandson Charlie (Christopher Egan) in tow, determined to find her long-lost idol Lorenzo. An implied premarital relationship, a brief obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

“Robin Hood” (Universal)

Thematically ambitious yet energizing version of the much-filmed legend concerning the 13th-century English outlaw (Russell Crowe) who, in this serious reworking awash in political intrigue and salacious civics lessons, goes from common archer on King Richard’s Crusade to the valiant unifier of a downtrodden, suffering nation. Director Ridley Scott drains the tale of energy and emotion without offering action thrills that would ingratiate a new generation of viewers. Though hovering on the edge of bawdiness, and despite jabs at the cold-hearted, oppressive church leaders of the period, the movie may be acceptable for some mature teenagers. Much — mostly bloodless — battle violence, a non-graphic sexual situation with fleeting rear nudity, an attempted rape, callous clergy, some innuendo and anatomical references, one instance each of crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.
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: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.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.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic procession
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will have a Eucharistic procession around the parish grounds on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 6, concluding the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

Young Catholic Musicians to perform
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will host the Young Catholic Musicians, a 40-member orchestra and choir of teenage musicians from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They will lead the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 5, followed by a concert of American patriotic and popular music in the gym. They will also lead the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 6, before continuing their tour to Toronto.

First Saturday devotions
The First Saturday Devotions on June 5, will be held at these locations:
- Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, 7:15 a.m.; St. Charles, 7:15 a.m.; Sacred Heart, 7:30 a.m.; Arcola — St. Patrick, 7:15 a.m.; Garrett — St. Joseph, 9 a.m.; St. Louis Besancon, 8:10 a.m.; New Haven — St. John, 6:35 a.m.; Warsaw — Sacred Heart, 8 a.m., North Manchester — St. Robert, 8 a.m. For changes call (260) 459-7731.

First Saturday devotions
Fort Wayne — First Saturday Devotions will be held June 5 at the Our Lady of the Angels Oratory (former St. Andrew Church) from 9-11 a.m. The event includes Mass, rosary, consecration and holy hour followed by a talk on the biblical foundations of Marian devotion.

Prayer for Priests
Mishawaka — Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 Dragoon Tr., on Thursday, June 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a special day of prayer for priests. Morning prayer and Mass, 7 a.m. rosary, evening prayer and Benediction, 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day.

Theology on Tap for summer
South Bend/Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap summer series—for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at The Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St. on Tuesdays in June at 6:30 p.m. Series theme is “The Church and Society.” On June 1, “The Church and The Priesthood,” with Father Stephen Koeth, CSC; June 8, “The Church and Science and Technology,” with John O’Callaghan; June 15, “The Church and Reproduction,” with Lisa Everett and June 22, “The Church and Politics,” with Father Daniel Scheidt. In Fort Wayne Theology on Tap will be held Thursday, June 3, at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St., at 6:30 p.m. on the topic “The Spirit of St. Francis,” with Father Dave Engo, OFM, Cap.

All family rosary
Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on Sunday, June 6, from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, 1114 S. Michigan St. on Tuesdays in June at 6:30 p.m.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Knights sponsor trip to Marytown
Granger — A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Marytown, Ill., will be Thursday, June 10. Tickets are $79 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Call (574) 274-8403 by June 1.

Funfest 2010 at PB
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have Funfest June 4-5. On Friday dinner from Big Eyed Fish will be from 5-8 p.m. and a beer tent will be open from 5-10 p.m. On Saturday family fun will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner will be from 4-7 p.m. and the beer tent will be open from 6-11 p.m. with music from Loose Change. Raffle both days and no admission charge.

TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

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Due to the French Open the TV Mass will air at 6:30 a.m. in Fort Wayne and at 6 a.m. in South Bend on June 6th.

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The Bishop will stop at four predetermined sites where there will be communal prayer and blessing of the houses and community there. Neighbors along the route have been invited to set up tables displaying favorite saints so as to symbolize “the saints and people are receiving the Lord.”

Once the Benediction takes place there will be a fiesta held at Our Lady of Hungary Church. After the Mass, all are invited to join me in the outdoor Eucharistic Procession through the streets from St. Matthew Cathedral to Our Lady of Hungary Church.

The beautiful tradition of the Corpus Christi procession is a wonderful opportunity to publicly express our love and devotion for the Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Carrying the Most Holy Eucharist through our streets and neighborhoods reminds us also that we are to carry Christ with us when we leave church, bringing His love and mercy into the world,” said Bishop Rhoades, who added, “Let us all be mindful of the amazing gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ ever in our midst. Christ is with us in this sacrament of love. Come, let us adore Him!”

Roman-DeJesus reports the expected crowd of over 1,000 processors will park on the west side of Our Lady of Hungary and ride to the cathedral via shuttles or car pools. She requests participants be at the cathedral the hour before the start of Mass to assemble.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presents checks to the four diocesan Catholic high schools with funds from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. In the photo, from left, are Bishop Rhoades; Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne, Principal J. Fred Tone; Marian, Mishawaka, Principal Carl Loesch; and Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, Development Director Jeff Boetticher. Bishop Luers High School’s representative was not available for the photo.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE FUNDS FROM ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL

“and the fragments left over filled twelve wicker baskets...”

Generous Abundance
brings to mind the plentiful kindness demonstrated by our readers when donations were requested to support the effort of bringing Today’s Catholic into the home of every registered Catholic household in the diocese. Last year, two collection envelopes were available for this purpose, and your response was gratifying and beyond. This year, only one envelope will be in your paper, and that will be on June 20, 2010. Therefore, we take this occasion to thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and ask again for your continued support of this weekly expression of evangelization.

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