St. Michael restoration complete with dedication and blessing

BY KAY COZAD

WATERLOO — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined St. Michael the Archangel pastor Father David Carkenord to concelebrate a special Mass of dedication and blessing on Aug. 29 for the enthusiastic members of the parish. The restoration of St. Michael has been completed after over six months of intense labor by construction workers and parishioners alike.

The Mass began with the greeting, after which the standing-room-only congregation watched reverently as Bishop Rhoades blessed the colorfully restored statues of saints, Stations of the Cross and the altar itself with holy water.

In his homily the bishop expressed his amazement at the parish’s history remarking on the “excellent research on the founding parishioners and their genealogies.” The first church building was built in 1881, followed 40 years later by construction of the present edifice. The bishop continued, “Now we are gathered almost 90 years after this church was built and dedicated for the blessing of the church’s renovation, restoration and dedication of its altar.”

Bishop Rhoades referred to the 14 founding families and subsequent parishioners who were “strong and faith-filled Catholics who worked hard and made incredible sacrifices of their time, talent and money to build this parish.” Noting the devoted priests and sisters who served at St. Michael over the years, with the six priestly vocations that came out of the parish, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the rapt crowd to continue to pray for and promote vocations.

Msgr. James Wolf, Sacred Heart pastor, dies

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WARSAW — Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, died Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, after a prolonged illness. Msgr. Wolf served as former co-vicar general and co-chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He served faithfully as a priest for over 40 years.

Born Jan. 21, 1940 in Fort Wayne to Walter J. and Ester B. Wolf, Msgr. Wolf was one of six children. He attended St. Jude School and Central Catholic High School, both in Fort Wayne, and entered St. Joseph’s College, Rensselaer, where his intended major was chemical engineering.

He also attended Resurrection College in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1969 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne.

In an interview with Today’s Catholic last year marking his 40th jubilee as a priest, Msgr. Wolf said, “I didn’t choose the priesthood. God chose me.”

Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy said, “Msgr. Wolf thought of himself, and I too considered him the quintessential parish priest. As pastor of St. John, Fort Wayne and later as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, he gave his whole heart to the work of Christ. The pastoral love which he poured out for both parishes and more
Brother André Bessette, CSC, to be canonized in October

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

Brother André and Holy Cross Brothers

On Oct. 17, Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Brother André Bessette, CSC, a servant of the Church. I am looking forward to attending the celebration. I remember as a seminarian in Rome attending the beatification of Brother André in 1982. Blessed André will be the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be canonized. We rejoice with all the brothers, priests and sisters of Holy Cross in our diocese to see this humble religious brother raised to the altar of sainthood.

I read the biography of Brother André, written by Jean-Guy Dubuc, which I read this summer and enjoyed immensely. It is entitled “Brother André: Friend of the Suffering, Apostle of Saint Joseph.” Brother André was a Canadian who lived from 1845 to 1937. God worked many miracles of grace in this simple brother whose assignment was that of porter (doorkeeper) for 40 years at Notre Dame College in Montreal. He helped and guided many students at the college and ministered to thousands of poor and sick people who sought him for advice, help and comfort. From his youth, Brother André had a great devotion to St. Joseph and became known as the “apostle of devotion to St. Joseph.” Brother André became famous for the miraculous cures and healings that occurred through his calling upon the intercessory prayers of St. Joseph. Because of the thousands of visitors who would come to him, Brother André was being the colony porter to that custodian of the St. Joseph Oratory, which he had built near by. The original oratory was a small chapel that was enlarged because of the many pilgrims and events that occurred through his calling. The statue of St. Pius X represents him as a boy walking to school with his shoes flung over his shoulder. It is a true representation since the young Giuseppe Sarto (future Pope Pius X) was very poor and walked barefoot five or six miles each day to school to preserve the condition of his only pair of shoes.

In visiting the various classes, I was impressed by the students’ knowledge of the faith and by their enthusiasm. I asked the students questions about what they are learning in religion classes and then answered questions the students posed to me. This excellent school is thriving, thanks to the committed teachers and staff, parents, parishioners and, of course, the dynamic leadership of Mgr. Bill Scholler, pastor, and of Mrs. Elaine Holmes, principal. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality!

Our Lady of Fatima House

After the day at St. Pius X School, I enjoyed dinner with the Holy Cross Fathers at Our Lady of Fatima House at Notre Dame. The resident priests there are hardly retired, as many are active helping in various parishes and apostolates. Mrs. Elaine Holmes, principal, and of Mrs. Elaine Holmes, principal. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality!

Knights of Columbus

On Aug. 28, I offered Mass for the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Patrick Church in South Bend. Father Leonard Chrobot, Father Joseph Brown, CSC, and Father Lawrence Teteh concelebrated the Mass. After the Mass, we gathered for a banquet at the Landing Banquet Center.

Congratulations to all the Knights from our diocese who were exemplified in the Fourth Degree on that weekend. This degree of the Catholic Knights of Columbus is founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and is focused on service to the Church and the community. It is an opportunity for the Knights to show their commitment to the mission of the Church.

St. Michael the Archangel Church

On Sunday, Aug. 29, I celebrated Mass with the Dedication of the Altar and the Blessing of the Church at St. Michael’s in Waterloo. The parish, under the devoted leadership of Father David Carkenord, recently completed a beautiful interior restoration. The parishioners worshiped in a local school room for seven months during the restoration. The sacrifice was well worth it. The church is a beautiful house of God.

I am traveling a lot between Fort Wayne and South Bend, at least once a week. I am enjoying my visits to many of our parishes in the country, like St. Michael’s. I enjoy the family atmosphere of these “country parishes,” built by past generations of farmers. St. Michael’s in Waterloo began 130 years ago with 14 Catholic families, mostly German immigrants and most, if not all, farmers. Their strong faith lives on in the present-day parishioners who are devoted to the Lord and to each other. This was evident to me last Sunday as I saw the extensive church restoration, made possible by the generous sacrifices of today’s faithful parishioners.

After the Mass, I enjoyed a delicious lunch in a large tent behind the church. St. Michael’s sits in the midst of large fields outside the town of Waterloo, a beautiful country setting.

Visit to The Franciscan Center

On Aug. 31, I had the pleasure of visiting The Franciscan Center in Fort Wayne, at the invitation of Jim Christie, the executive director, and Sally Ley, the CEO and founder. I spent a wonderful morning learning about the ministries of the Center and then visiting the volunteers preparing the Sack Lunch program and distributing food and goods to the needy in the St. Anthony’s Food Pantry and in the St. Joseph’s Medicine Cabinet program.

This 21-year-old center is a living witness to the Gospel, in imitation of Sts. Francis of Assisi and his love for the poor. It is housed at the former Sacred Heart School in Fort Wayne. Many thanks to the staff, volunteers and benefactors of The Franciscan Center. If you are looking for an opportunity to help the less fortunate, I encourage you to support this center. While helping at the food pantry, I noticed that they were out of canned chicken noodle soup, which several of the clients requested. I also noticed in the Medicine Cabinet program a need for rolls of paper towels. Maybe you could consider sending those items or a donation to help.

What impressed me most at The Franciscan Center was the spirit of love and joy of the people there and the great respect and kindness shown to the poor who came for assistance. May God bless this center and its ministry!

IPFW Newman Catholic Fellowship

After visiting The Franciscan Center, I went to IPFW to celebrate the opening Mass of the academic year with the Catholic community there. Though I was a bit late, getting stuck in traffic and then lost on campus, I arrived to celebrate the noon Mass. It was great to join with the Newman Fellowship, as well as to Mike Gibson, the Campus Director, and friends. I offered Mass for the students who attend IPFW to become active in the Newman Fellowship, especially the noon Mass every Tuesday in the Walb Student Center.

Today’s Catholic Wel-
Mishawaka schools’ reorganization discussed

BY ANN CAREY

MISHAWAKA — A committee spent years studying the declining enrollments and increasing expenses of the three Catholic grade schools near downtown Mishawaka announced its recommended plan for the schools’ futures at an Aug. 30 gathering at Marian High School.

As one parent at the meeting said, it is a “trinity day.”

One school called Mishawaka Catholic Academy would operate on three campuses that utilize each existing grade school building. Pre-K through second grade classes would be at St. Bavo, third through fifth grade at St. Joseph and sixth through eighth grades at St. Monica.

Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Joseph Parish and a member of the committee, welcomed the approximately 300 parents, teachers and friends of the three Catholic grade schools.

The number one goal the committee had was to keep the schools just as they are,” Father Fisher said. But, he continued, “If we look at it through realistic eyes; it’s just as they are,” Father Fisher said. He retired was to leave the schools

The committee announced three goals that they said their plan met: Keeping Catholic identity, building community and maintaining excellence — all three schools rank in the top 10 in ISTEP scores among diocesan grade schools.

Committee members noted that the three schools already work together on many projects and combine forces for their athletics teams, so many of the children and parents already know one another.

The plan, the committee said, would increase economic efficiency, lower costs and parish subsidies and maintain a good tuition. The committee projected that the schools would maintain 85 percent of their current enrollments for 2011-2012, the first academic year of the new structure.

Tuition projected for that first year was comparable to current tuitions in the three grade schools for 2010-2011. That rate would be $3,080 for the first child; $4,865 for two children and $6,510 for three children.

In spite of the deep emotions and uncertainty felt by parents and teachers at the gathering, the atmosphere was calm and respectful. After the committee presented the various aspects of the plan for an hour, a floor microphone was opened for questions and comments, a session that went on long past the one hour allotted.

Heartfelt comments and accompanying applause indicated that most people in attendance understood the issues and supported the plan in spite of sorrow for the loss of individual schools and complications it would cause many families. A few parents said they felt they were being given no choice in the matter, but virtually everyone in the audience agreed on two points: They love their parish grade schools and the dedicated teachers who staff them.

Some parents expressed logistical concerns of having to take children from the same family to three different school buildings.

Superintendent of diocesan schools, Dr. Mark Myers, said that issue had been discussed and would be addressed by staggering school start and dismissal times.

“St. Bavo is one-half mile from St. Joseph; St. Monica is 1.2 miles from St. Bavo and less than a mile from St. Joseph.”

“In response to more questions about specifics, Myers said that the committee’s goal was to hire a principal for the new school by Nov. 1. That principal would hire two assistant principals and teachers for Feb. 1. The principal and teachers then would iron out specifics like curriculum and schedules, which would be announced as soon as possible.”

Myers drew applause when he said hiring priority would be given to current teachers in the three schools. The committee also is recommending that teachers close to retirement be given an extra year credit toward retirement and that schools hiring experienced teachers be given a subsidy to help meet the teachers’ higher pay scale.

The committee’s plan now will go to Bishop Kevin Rhoades for his consideration.

Blessing

As he spoke of the anointing of the altar the bishop reminded the congregation, “The most important reason why this church was built and renovated, and the greatest act to be celebrated here, is the Eucharistic Sacrifice. ... The Eucharist is what builds you up as a parish and nourishes you to love as Christ loved and to be a true evangelizing community here in DeKalb County, a community that proclaims the truth of the Gospel in word and deed. ...”

The bishop concluded his homily by saying, “As I bless this sacred place, we are reminded that this building is not merely a gathering place or assembly hall. Rather, this building signifies and makes visible the Church living in this place, the Christian community of St. Michael, the members of which are called, as all Catholics are called, to be built into a spiritual house and to be ourselves temples of the living God.”

Following the Profession of Faith, the Rite of Blessing began with the harmonious chanting of the Litany of Saints. Bishop Rhoades then removed his golden chasuble and donned a white apron as he gently poured the holy chrism onto the altar and rubbed the precious oil into its surface.

The oil, said the bishop, is generally only used for person-centered sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, but holds a special place in the anointing of altars as well. The altar was incensed by the bishop after a group of women from the congregation reverently wiped the altar dry and then dressed it for the Eucharistic celebration.

The restored interior is stunning to behold with fresh paint, reworked original stenciling and newly constructed ceiling beams, new infield terrazzo flooring with new sanctuary steps and marbleized columns, and refinished pews. An elevator was constructed for those requiring accessibility and the lighting and electrical wiring were also enhanced. The original baptismal font was reworked to include flowing water source and is used for holy water at the entrance to the sanctuary. And in addition to a new efficient heating and cooling system, the exterior entrance stairway and the base- ment parish hall were also redone.

“At the close of Mass, the congregation gathered in the foyer and thanked all who were instrumental in completing the restoration and the blessing of the church. He remarked, “As we have transformed this building, I pray that we are transformed by it as we come to worship here.”

He praised the sacrificial efforts of the parishioners saying, “The people of the parish are so generous. They are a tremendous, loy- ing group of people. Thank you for making this possible for us and for God.”

Father Carkenord continued humbly, “In programs like this — the celebration of the project and blessing, we recognize the beauty of God. And we cherish that.”

Though the parish regularly holds a fall potluck and festi- val in August, due to the special events of the day, a catered luncheon was provided for the congre- gation following Mass on the church grounds where Rebecca Szeman joked with fellow long-time parishioner Robert Schiffl.

She said, “Just think, our ancestors built this church.” Schiffl’s great grandfather donated the land on which the church and cemetery were built.

Cathy and Hank Cornelius, St. Michael parishioners for 15 years, worked on the decorating committee for the event. They said of the restoration, “It’s everything we hoped for. We’re bringing life back to the old lady. It’s good to be back home.”
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recently that important parish at the mid-point between our two major cities was returned by the people who truly loved him.”

Msgr. Wolf’s appointments included the following: Assistant at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend from 1969 to 1973; assistant pastor at St. Mary Church, Decatur, from 1973 to 1977; associate pastor at St. Anthony Church from 1977 to 1980; as well as chaplain of Saint Joseph’s High School in South Bend in 1977; pastor of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1980 to 1986; appointed consultor to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and reappointed to the Committee for Retired Clergy in 1982; appointed co-vicar general, co-chancellor for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1986; and appointed co-rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception effective May 5, 1986; reappointed to the Board of Consultants for a five-year term in 1988 and in 1994; appointed by the Holy See as Chaplain for His Holiness, “monsignor” on July 1, 1995; appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, on Sept. 5, 2000; reappointed to the Board of Consultant in 2001; and appointed episcopal vicar for Region C for a three-year term in 2003. His years as co-rector at the cathedral included the seven-month restoration of the church from April to November of 1998. He also oversaw a renovation and addition at Sacred Heart Church and school in 2008-2009. Bishop D’Arcy added, “I know also that they will pray for our diocese; and let us all pray that the good Lord will give us good priests like these exemplary shepherds.”

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In this 2006 photo, Msgr. J. William Lester, left, and Msgr. James Wolf pose for a photo outside St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. They were part of a diocesan pilgrimage group for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin.

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Faroh reports that Msgr. Wolf knew the names and personalities of each student at the school and took great joy in his interactions with them at weekly Mass and various school events. One notable event that will live in the memory of the students and staff is the day Msgr. Wolf took a pie in the face during the volleyball championship celebration last year. Laura Gillis has worked with Msgr. Wolf as the parish secretary at Sacred Heart in Warsaw for the past 10 years.

“Whenever I hear the hymn at Mass ‘Make Me a Channel of Your Peace’ based upon the Prayer of St. Francis, I think of Msgr. Wolf,” she said. “He lived it! And I don’t know how he did it!”

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ACCRUS holds conference in South Bend

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

NOTRE DAME — Over 130 Catholic African clergy and religious delegates from across the United States gathered at the Quality Inn University Hotel Aug. 5-8 in South Bend. “A call to service: From the Second Synod of Africa. ‘You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world,’” was the theme of the 10th Annual African Conference of Catholic and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS) held recently there.

Featured keynote presentations included Bishop George Nkuo and Spiritan Father Paulinus Odozor. Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy celebrated Mass on Friday, along with Bishop Joseph Afrifa-Agyekum, bishop of Koforidua, Ghana. Also in attendance was University of Notre Dame theology professor John Cavadini.

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“There has been tremendous progress in the African churches on evangelization,” said Bishop Nkuo. “Between the years 1994 and 2007, the Catholic Church in Africa grew from about 55 million to about 146 million. There was also explosive growth in vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well.”

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Left, Spiritan Father Paulinus Odozor, who hosted the 10th Annual African Conference of Catholic and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS) recently held in South Bend, processes into St. Patrick Catholic Church for the closing Mass. This year’s theme was the “Second Synod of Africa. ‘You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.”

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**Response to Eucharist is gratitude for undeserved gift, pope says**

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — When attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, Catholics must be filled with gratitude for God’s great gifts, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of his former students. “Despite the fact that we have nothing to give in return and we are full of faults,” the pope said, Jesus “invites us to his table and wants to be with us.” The pope presided at a Mass Aug. 29 in Castel Gandolfo during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany.

**New Yorkers protest refusal to light building to honor Mother Teresa**

NEW YORK (CNS) — More than 1,000 people filled a cordoned traffic lane across from the Empire State Building Aug. 26 to protest the decision of the building’s owner to deny a request to illuminate the top 30 floors. The event, organized by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, featured the lighting of a four-foot high cross, the lighting of 100 candles on the cross, the lighting of a cross on the Side of the building and the lighting of a cross on the top floor, with the colors associated with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity, was turned down in May without explanation after he was given verbal assurances that it would be accepted. He said he then launched a worldwide campaign to protest the “indefensible decision.”

**Judge's ruling on embryonic stem-cell funding called 'victory for common sense'**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo praised a federal judge’s recent ruling that temporarily stopped federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research, but the U.S. Department of Justice said it would appeal the decision. The cardinal, who heads the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and chairs the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called the Aug. 23 decision by Chief Judge Royce C. Lambeth of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia “a victory for common sense and sound medical ethics.” It also vindicates the bishops’ reading of the Dickey-Wicker amendment, approved by Congress since 1996, which prevents federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed, Cardinal DiNardo said in an Aug. 25 statement. In congressional testimony in 1999, the bishops’ conference argued that “a mere bookkeeping distinction between funds used to destroy the embryo and funds used to work with the resultant cells is not sufficient” to comply with the amendment. In his 15-page ruling granting a temporary injunction, Lambeth said Drs. James L. Sherley and Theresa Deisher, both adult stem-cell researchers, had standing to challenge the Obama administration’s guidelines on stem-cell funding because they faced the possibility of losing funding from the National Institutes of Health when NIH funding for embryonic stem-cell research was expanded. The lawsuit had originally been filed on behalf of the two doctors; Nightlight Christian Adoptions, an adoption and counseling agency; two couples; and the Christian Medical Association. The lawsuit alleged that the judges overreached in ruling the FCC’s policy concerning fleeting expletives. The July ruling by a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals “invites us to his table and wants to be with us.” The pope presided at a Mass Aug. 29 in Castel Gandolfo during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany.

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AUBURN parish to host mission Sept. 13-16
AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. 7th St., will be conducting a parish mission, Sept. 13-16 from 6:30-8 p.m., to enhance the spiritual growth of the parish and community. The theme, “The Compassionate Life,” will offer presentations given by Father Andy O’Reilly, a member of the Congregation of the Precious Blood.

The reflection topics are Living with God’s Compassionate and Unconditional Love: Living with the Challenges and Pain of Life; and Living with the People of God. On the fourth evening, the mission will conclude with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Light refreshments and fellowship will follow each evening presentation in the parish hall.

Child-care and transportation will be available, if needed. For information contact the office at (260) 925-3930.

South Bend community to hold 40 Days for Life
SOUTH BEND — The South Bend community will be uniting with many others from coast to coast — and internationally — for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization, the 40 Days for Life campaign, from Sept. 22 through Oct. 31. Faithful believers across America are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America.

A prayer vigil will run 24 hours a day next to the Women’s Pavilion, which is located at 2010 Ironwood Circle in South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the South Bend campaign with the rosary on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the vigil site.

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism.

For additional information, contact Mary Akre, campaign director, at MAkre33@gmail.com or (574) 807-1991 or Shawn Sullivan, vigil director, at Sullylaw@sbcglobal.net or (574) 286-7800.

Scholarship contest celebrates canonization of Brother André Bessette
NOTRE DAME — Ave Maria Press, an apostolate of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is excited to celebrate the canonization of the first Holy Cross saint, Brother André Bessette. Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Brother André on Oct. 17 in Rome. In honor of this occasion, Ave Maria Press is sponsoring a $500 academic scholarship to be awarded to one student currently enrolled in a Catholic high school in Brother André’s honor.

Scholarship guidelines:
- Write a 500-word essay entitled “Brother André Bessette: A Model for Humble Service.”

Focus of the essay:
- Apply Jesus’ message of the first Beatitude — “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” — to the life of Brother André.
- How did Brother André recognize by his life of service that everything he possessed was from God?
- How are you personally able to live a life of humble service modeled on the example of Brother André?

Also include in the essay:
- Biographical information on Brother André Bessette.
- Inclusion of Brother André’s devotion to St. Joseph and how St. Joseph himself modeled humble service to God.
- The events surrounding Brother André’s canonization.
- One winning student will be selected. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 17, at 4:30 p.m. Essays should be double-spaced, printed and include:
  - Name of student
  - School of student
  - Location of school
  - Name of theology teacher
  - Entries should be mailed to: Brother André Essay Contest, c/o Michael Amodei, Ave Maria Press, P.O. Box 428, Notre Dame, IN 46556

One $500 scholarship payable to a Catholic high school or to the college of a 2011 Catholic high school graduate in the name of the winning student will be announced on Saturday, Oct. 2, as part of the Ave Maria Press Enrichment Day for high school religion teachers.

Charity auction, dinner to benefit Mustard Seed
FORT WAYNE — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank will host its Seventh Annual Charity Auction and Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Coliseum Expo Center.

Tickets are $65 per person; tables of eight are available for $600 (includes special recognition). Sponsorships are available. Please contact the Mustard Seed office at (260) 471-5802 ext. 100 or e-mail director@mustardseedfortwayne.com to secure a reservation or receive additional information.

The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts basic furniture, linens, blankets, towels and kitchenware from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 3636 Illinois Road — between Jefferson and Hillegas Roads. For more information visit www.mustardseedfortwayne.com

Author Thomas Cahill to give 2010 Christian Culture Lecture
NOTRE DAME — The Department of Humanistic Studies at Saint Mary’s College has announced that Thomas Cahill, best-selling author of “How the Irish Saved Civilization,” will give its 2010 Christian Culture Lecture. His talk, “The End of Christian Divisions: Achieving Reunion Through Truth-telling,” is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in O’Laughlin Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Those interested may reserve a ticket at www.moreaucenter.com or by calling (574) 284-4626.

“We are delighted to host Thomas Cahill at Saint Mary’s College,” said John Shintners, the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair of Humanistic Studies. “He has a real gift for bringing history to life, so we look forward to his talk. It will discuss how the age-old divisions of Christianity — Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox — could achieve reunion by setting aside their differences.”

Grant provides support for first-generation, low-income students
FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for its Student Support Services (SSS) Program. The grant is $220,000 annually for five years, totaling $1,100,000.

“The University of Saint Francis was awarded this grant through the TRiO Student Support Services Program of the U.S. Department of Education. We are very pleased to receive it, and we know that the funds will be of great assistance to us in providing services to our students,” said Dr. Rolf Daniel, provost of the University of Saint Francis.

The TRiO Program is a set of federally funded college opportunity programs designed to provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRiO targets low-income, first-generation or disabled college students, with the program’s goal being to improve these students’ retention and graduation rates.

“First-generation and low-income students face significant barriers in pursuing a higher education,” said Sister M. Elise Kris, president of the University of Saint Francis. “Often, these students lack adequate preparation for college or the financial means to continue on the path they have chosen. Thankfully, with the assistance of the TRiO Program grant, the university will be able to continue its long-standing and successful efforts to see to it that first-generation and low-income students receive the services and assistance they need.”

Services available to qualified participants in the university’s SSS Program will include academic tutoring, college selection advising, student aid information, assistance in improving students’ financial literacy and information on applying to graduate school. Participating students will be expected to adhere to SSS Program requirements for retention, good academic standing and graduation.

Catholic-Mennonite day of reflection planned
SOUTH BEND — Blessed are the Peacemakers: A Day of Reflection, will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St., in South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the day with morning prayer, as well as participate in the opening panel discussion.

For reservations call (574) 257-3377 or (574) 291-0924 to help with meal preparations. This conversation is sponsored by Michiana Bridgefolk, a local network of Catholics and Mennonites, with special thanks to the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.
SACRISTAN’S TODDLER WELCOME AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — From the time William Waltman was in his mother’s womb, the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Jude Church in South Bend decided to “adopt” him in their hearts. Affectionately known as the parish baby, Will is the son of Gail Waltman. Waltman has been a substitute teacher at St. Jude School and has been a sacristan in the parish for several years, so her cheerful face has been a part of the St. Catherine of Siena community for some time. At the time of Waltman’s pregnancy with Will, she and her husband had four other children that were 14, 11, 10 and 7 years of age. So Will’s arrival was a bit of a surprise.

The surprise turned out to be a blessing as members of the parish checked on Waltman throughout her pregnancy. “Many school parents, friends and parishioners were so surprisingly excited over my pregnancy. Every day, whether at school or the church, people would ask how I was feeling. It was the fact that they truly cared to know and not being polite,” Waltman recalls. St. Catherine of Siena pastor, Father John Delaney, says that her presence as a sacristan at daily Mass provided visibility to others in the parish and school as her pregnancy progressed. “Those daily communicants and many of the grade school families (kids and parents) would see her so often, that all became attentive to the day-to-day progress leading to Will’s birth. We all felt like we’d seen him through his ‘incubation period’ to birth and all were excited with anticipation as well as when he arrived!”

The outpouring of love and support from the parish was important to Waltman and her family. “They were happy to be a part of my pregnancy, even if just seeing me daily and watching the natural progression. Many parishioners I know and those I didn’t know well included me in their daily prayers for a healthy baby,” says Waltman. During her pregnancy, Waltman decided to continue her duties at daily Mass once Will was born and bring him with her into the sacristy. To prepare Father Delaney for Will’s arrival in the sacristy, Waltman and fellow St. Catherine of Siena parishioner Elva Gable decided to surprise Father Delaney with a taste of what is was like to be around small children. One morning Father Delaney walked into the sacristy and found toys on the floor, and baby clothes hanging in the closet amongst his vestments!

All through her pregnancy and Will’s birth, Father Delaney was very supportive of Waltman’s decision to continue as the parish sacristan. “During an all-school Mass a few days before William was born, Father John gave me a blessing. I never had a blessing with my other children nor did I know anything about one for expectant mothers until I became sacristan.”

This was a special moment,” Waltman stresses. Since Will’s birth on Nov. 10, 2008, there has been mutual adoration between him, Father Delaney, associate pastor Father Paul Choerathody and the parishioners. “He gets so excited when he watches me vest that we all are wondering what is going through his mind as he does so, since with each thing I put on, he just stands in awe and kind of quivers as I go through the process. All eyes!” Father Delaney chuckles.

Waltman notes that Will’s first learning experiences have been at church. “He would watch Father John and Father Paul during Mass and what they were doing. He would instantly know their voice from the ambo when the Gospel was proclaimed and would turn his head toward them.” Parishioner Mary Ann Schenkel predicts Will’s “grandmother” to Will. “I have walked around church with him holding my hand, and he listens when I tell him who the statues are. He looks very intently at the Pietà and I wonder what is going through his mind. He genuflects at every bench and sort of squats down while holding onto the end. I suppose that is what he has seen many seniors do.”

Sobieski predicts that Will’s future at St. Catherine of Siena will be a long one. “One of his favorite church activities is playing the piano. We walk over, he sets on my lap and we play and sing. He has a gentle touch and someday will probably be the music director.”

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Family spirit at Bishop Luers

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “It’s a good place for young people. God is present here every day,” says Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer.

Keefer and Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Myers were greeting students, teachers and staff on Aug. 18 as anxious students gathered for a first day of classes.

Whether its academics, athletics or the arts, clubs wrapped with the Catholic faith, Bishop Luers’ students often find themselves overlapping interests. It is not unusual for a football player to also sing and dance in show choir. It’s not unusual for an athlete to serve at an all-school Mass or be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

“You have to be willing to give,” Keefer says. “This is a good time and a good place to learn.”

Teachers at Bishop Luers often stay for years. “When they leave, they cry,” Keefer says.

Science teacher Dave Kruse has taught at Bishop Luers for 22 years. “Year after year, I have pretty good kids,” he says. The Christian environment and the kids combined create a positive atmosphere.

Keefer, who is not Catholic, is also a Luers parent. His daughter is entering her senior year at Bishop Luers and his son, music major at Ball State University, graduated from Luers four years ago. “Luers offers a good education and a good experience,” he says. “We don’t lower our standards.”

Academically, the school offers everything from an academic success program to help students who may need assistance and tutoring to Advanced Placement where students can earn college credit for high school classes.

“Kids either dig in or retreat,” Keefer says. “We’re here to offer encouragement and we’ll help you get there.”

The goal of the spectrum of learning is “to prepare students for what’s next,” Keefer says.

She boasts that the students value each other, have a strong work ethic and do what they are asked to do.

Bishop Luers High School juniors, from left, Sarah Bartels, Cheyenne Kramer and Paul Lohmuller are greeted by Principal Mary Keefer on the first day of school.

The school has also seen graduates seeking vocations to the priesthood. Robert Kinney and Daniel Davis are recent Luers’ graduates who currently attend seminary.

Once a month, Franciscan Sisters, a sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, talks with young women who have a interest in religious life. And the school sponsors a popular vocation day.

The presence of priests include chaplains Father Drew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne; Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne; and Father Larry Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbus City.

“Twice a week, a priest is available for Reconciliation. Keefer says it is not uncommon for 15 to 20 students to receive the sacrament. And a peer ministry group coordinates retreats in the school, helping prepare liturgies, serves at Mass, lectors and maintains the chapel.

This atmosphere pulls 20 students from Huntington and one family from Wilsbshare, Ohio, both over 25 miles away from the school, but Keefer says 20 to 25 feeder schools in the community are represented at Bishop Luers.

“We teach the standards of the state of Indiana infused with faith,” Keefer says. Her resume includes 17 years as principal, 10 years of teaching at St. John the Baptist, serving as the Bishop Luers theology chair for three years and a stint as assistant principal at Bellmont High School, a public school in Decatur. Keefer does not compare Bishop Luers to the public schools, because “we’re different.” And she says the Luers families want something different than the public schools.

Through the economic difficulties, Bishop Luers has maintained steady enrollment figures. The school enjoys a great deal of loyalty from parents and alumni. “Once a Knight, always a Knight,” claims Keefer.

Bishop draws lucky Christ Child Society winner

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — On an annual basis, the Christ Child Society (CCS) of Fort Wayne gathers with their spiritual advisor for Mass and dinner. This year’s event took place on Monday evening, Aug. 23, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was expected to be the celebrant in his first get-together with the group, but was unable to attend due to the death of his dear aunt and godmother, Catherine Rhoades.

Fortunately, Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy was available to fill in. During his homily, Bishop D’Arcy compared the writings of Pope Benedict XVI to the work of this extraordinary organization. In his first encyclical, “God is Love,” Pope Benedict declares that the Church can no more ignore the poor and acts of charity than the sacraments. Like Christ, as he hung on the cross, all humans thirst for love, especially the poor.

Bishop D’Arcy’s prayer for those gathered began, “Dear Lord, as we serve the children, help us to love them as You love them.”

After Mass, a record-turn out of members and their spouses, gathered in the parish hall for a reception highlighting another much-anticipated annual tradition for the night — when the bishop drew the lucky winner of four tickets to the upcoming Notre Dame vs. Purdue game.

Thanks to the gift of the tickets and the tremendous sales efforts of the nearly 200 members, the organization was able to net just over $11,000 to meet upcoming budget needs. Along with other fundraisers like a spring garage sale, a fall golf outing, a St. Patrick’s Day Celebrity Wait Night and a Christmas Cookie Walk, the moneys all go towards funding the tasks the Christ Child Society takes on such as providing 2,700 coats this winter to area children, distributing over 6000 layettes to each of the area hospitals and other Fort Wayne agencies to new mothers in need, providing nearly 300 backpacks to school-age youngsters and financing $20,000 worth of diapers they purchase for the Women’s Care Center Cob Club at the three Fort Wayne locations.

“Raising funds is an ongoing challenge as our demands continue to increase and we try to remain fiscally responsible given the economy and influx of immigration in our city,” explained one of the Christ Child Society’s original members, Dee Dee Dahm.

Dahm is excited about the upcoming golf outing, “Golfing for Kids” to be held Sept. 20 at Autumn Ridge Golf Course.

Christ Child Society President Sherri Miller, detailed to the crowd the officers’ meeting with Bishop Rhoades prior to the event. She told how he was looking forward to supporting the cause and was very knowledgeable of the works of the group despite not having a chapter in his former diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.

See information on page 24 for registration details or to support “Golfing for kids.”
Biology class comes alive in Saint Joseph’s High School’s courtyard

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — Biology is the study of life. Yet, when students are asked to explain what “life” means to them, an array of ideas are expressed. Because actions speak louder than words, the science department of Saint Joseph’s High School decided to put the students’ ideas into action.

Through the Our Place project of the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC), sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, the task was assigned to create a student-driven garden. With a limited amount of grant money, the students explored all of the possibilities. What was finally agreed upon was a courtyard garden across from the chapel, an abundance of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The main idea of this garden was to provide a beautiful, tranquil area that is conducive for praying, learning and sharing.

Tracy Gergely’s biology classes, consisting of 120 students, designed, created, grew and planted a variety of “living” items. Beginning with only seeds, each student selected two pots and spent over five weeks taking care of their sprouts. The plan was to harvest the produce to be consumed by each student. During the weeks taking care of their plants, the students donated not only their time, but also flower bulbs, perennials and beautiful stones to create the purposeful garden.

Other pieces of concrete were used to encompass the waterfall slowly trickling down. Other pieces of concrete were used to create a healthy environment for the plants to take root. Sturdy raised flower beds were created and could be moved to a new location. On behalf of the class of 1969, funds were made available for perennials, new picnic tables and umbrellas. These items will make the move to a new location.

Because this project was designed to be similar to a “green” time capsule, including past, present and future students, the students preserved as much of the used materials as possible. A statue of St. Francis was relocated to another area of the garden. Hostas, irises and daylilies were moved as well. Concrete pieces were used to build a grotto for a new statue of Mary with a waterfall slowly trickling down.

From left, Holy Cross Brothers Thomas Scheuer and Roland Driscoll receive Holy Communion. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited Columba Hall, celebrated Mass and had lunch with the brothers Aug. 24.

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BY KAREN CLIFFORD

LAKEVILLE — Parents often know the daunting responsibility of taking care of babies. Feeding, cleaning and rocking babies to sleep can take a great deal of physical and emotional endurance.

For Rose Culp, a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena and lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church in Lakeville, this fortitude extended beyond her three adopted children to include the foster care of 79 babies from 1965 to 1975. With her first husband Norbert Grzesiak’s sudden death in 1964, Culp’s emotional life was in disarray.

“I was having a hard time of it. I had these three kids, Anita, Brian and Tom, and I couldn’t sleep nights. Peg, my social worker for my two adopted children and my (then) foster child, and I became good friends. She said, ‘Rose, why don’t you take foster babies and then you won’t have to worry about sleeping nights because you’ll be up anyhow.’ I said, ‘Well, let me try it.’” Culp recalls.

Culp believes her children and foster babies saved her sanity after her husband’s death. “I was busy all day with children and so I couldn’t sit back and feel sorry for myself. Usually when the social worker took one of the babies from me for an adoption, she brought another. Very seldom was I without a baby, although sometimes I could only keep them for a week or two.”

To remember each child, Culp gave boys and girls names in alphabetical order and took pictures of them for her baby scrapbook. When the babies left her home for adoption the only information she passed forward was about their formula and how they responded while in her care.

Usually she took care of multiple foster babies, up to six at a time. She remembers laying pillows on the kitchen table, feeding and burping each infant, laying them down on the pillow before starting the same procedure for the next baby. She would then change each child’s diaper before putting them to bed. Her sister-in-law Lauretta Grzesiak, who lives next door, would often help Culp with the care of the babies and take one home to care for at night.

In addition to taking care of her children and her foster babies, Culp also cleaned at Queen of Peace Parish and School.

“It was easy with the babies because you take them with you, and Father didn’t care how long it took to get things clean, as long as we (Culp and her sister-in-law) got it done. If the babies cried you picked them up, you burped them, you changed them, and you laid them down,” she says, adding, “In the summertime there was a play-ground right outside the school window and I could let my children play there because I could keep an eye on them.”

One of the greatest challenges of foster parenting is not becoming too emotionally involved, Culp emphasizes. “Most of the time babies sleep. But if they look at you and start cooing, then you can get attached.”

Culp recalled two infants to whom she grew very close. “One time I had a little boy named Bobby who was about 10 months old when I got him. I was standing at the sink and he came up to me and took my pants and starting saying ‘mama.’ My children were calling me mama. I called Peg (her social worker) and said, ‘You are going to have to come and get Bobby.’”

The second baby was a premature girl she named Holly, who only weighed three pounds at birth and only five pounds when Culp received her for foster care. “I kept her for three months to fatten her up,” she remembers.

In 1975 Culp started to spend time with her future husband Jim Culp. Before they were married Jim would come over to her house and hold the babies. “He said, ‘You know Rose, we can’t do this. I don’t know if I could give this baby up!’”

After Rose and Jim were married, Rose stopped being a foster parent. Upon reflection, she credits her strong Catholic faith for getting through life struggles and her love of foster parenting.

“My husband’s death and not being able to have my own children were very hard for me to accept. I prayed to God and St. Anthony for everything. But then when I had Brian that all changed, and then I had Anita and Tom and I love all three. I loved being a foster parent because I love babies. Every baby they brought me I thought was beautiful.”

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GRANGER — During Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades’ first visit to St. Pius X School on Aug. 27, five new parish statues were blessed following an all-school Mass attended by students, parents and other parishioners. After Mass and the blessing of the statues, Bishop Rhoades visited the school’s classrooms. There the questions ranged from serious subjects such as first Confession and the meaning of the stigmata, to the innocent inquiry from a third grader who asked if the bishop’s pectoral cross came with his outfit.

As he began his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke to one of the fourth-grade classes about St. Monica, who is their class’ patron saint. “Happy feast day,” exclaimed Bishop Rhoades. “St. Monica spent years praying for her son who did not believe in God. And she loved her son so much and cried because he didn’t believe in God. So she kept praying and never gave up and eventually he got baptized.”

Bishop Rhoades then explained that her son Augustine, who later became a saint and whose feast day follows St. Monica’s, eventually became a priest and one of the greatest bishops in the history of the Church. Bishop Rhoades emphasized that Augustine’s greatness came from his mother’s faithful prayers.

It is from the spiritual union of all members of the Church, living and dead, that we are united, Bishop Rhoades stressed. “When we speak about the Catholic Church, we usually think about all of us here on earth. We are the Church, but we are not the only part of the Church. The Church is bigger than us. There is the Church in heaven with all of the saints — our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

He continued, “And the Church also includes all the people who have died that are waiting to go into heaven. They are being purified in purgatory. So we all are a part of the Church; the souls in purgatory, the saints in heaven and we who are still here on earth. We are pilgrims, which means we are on the way somewhere. Because our true hope isn’t on earth, our fervent hope is in heaven in the presence of God and all the saints.”

Bishop Rhoades also included the significance of the statues to be blessed during his homily. Three of the five statues make up the Holy Family and include the Good Shepherd, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The fifth statue is of a young San Giuseppe Sarto carrying his shoes over his head. He came from a poor family and barefoot when walking to school would wear out his shoes, Bishop Rhoades explained.

“Every morning when you see the statue of Jesus, it will be a reminder that Jesus who lays down His life for His sheep. Mary is our Blessed Mother and maybe you will or ask Mary to help you to grow in your faith. He added, “St. Joseph is the whole Catholic Church. He was Jesus’ foster father. And Joachim is Jesus’ extended family of St. Anne, Jesus’ grandparents. I probably would never have become a saint of the parish and school if it wasn’t for my grandparents, Msgr. W. Schooler and Bishop Rhoades. The fifth statue is of a young San Giuseppe Sarto who would later become Patron of the Parish and School.”
When you come to school you are the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep and we are His Mother so when you pass want to say a Hail Mary follow her son Jesus.”

She is the patron saint of the carpenter and Joseph prays for us also.”

This is represented in the statue of St. Anne and her mother. “St. Anne and her patron saints of grandparents have become a priest if he who had such a deep faith comes to us from our parish and then to us,” said Young Giuseppe Sarto, a Sarto, Pope Pius X, the patron saint of Pius X school. The statue shows him on his shoulder. Because of this, Sarto decided to go to school so that he wouldn’t be. Bishop Rhoades explained to the

While visiting the kindergarten class, Bishop Rhoades was asked several questions about his appearance. Kindergartner Matthew Helms asked Bishop Rhoades why he was not wearing glasses in the picture in his classroom. Bishop Rhoades responded by saying he used to wear contact lenses, but not currently.

Sixth graders greeted Bishop Rhoades with “Buenos Dias” as he entered their classroom. Two of the students in the class were from Colombia, South America, and were able to converse with Bishop Rhoades in their native language.

Eighth-grade students were intrigued by the significance of the cross the bishop wears around his neck.

“In 2005 I went to Rome as part of the new bishops and Pope Benedict XVI met with us and gave each of us a cross. It is called a pectoral cross. ‘Pectoral’ is Latin for over the ‘breast.’ If I have a suit on I wear it in my pocket over my heart,” Bishop Rhoades said.

Principal Elaine Holmes noted the impact of Bishop Rhoades’ interaction with the students and parents. “We felt extremely blessed to have Bishop Rhoades visit St. Pius during our opening week. He celebrated our opening all-school Mass on Friday morning, blessed all of our new statues, and visited with every one of our grade levels. He has a great sense of humor and put our children totally at ease. Many of our parents were in attendance at the Mass and the liturgy was beautiful with all of our children’s music liturgy groups participating. ‘To Recognize Christ at the Core’ is in our mission statement and Friday was a full day of living our mission statement. It was a wonderful way to start the school year.”

St. Pius X pastor Msgr. Bill Schooler summed up Bishop Rhoades’ visit as a delightful experience for all involved. “Our students loved the bishop’s visit to our school today. For many of them, it was the first time they have had a close encounter with a bishop, and they were intrigued by him, by his office, and by what he wore. They were not afraid to ask him questions, and he answered them very well. By blessing the new statues, Bishop Rhoades also paid tribute to those generous parishioners who made the project a reality.”
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Holy Cross Village nurtures residents’ spirituality

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Village is dedicated to the spiritual well being of its residents, with the belief that “the later years of life are a time of intense spiritual growth” for most people. The staff at the village provides various activities to support the movement towards oneness with God.

These opportunities are provided to nurture and assist the residents in their spiritual journey. Holy Cross Sister Marilyn Zugish, and Fathers Kenneth Grabner and Andre Leveille, the spiritual care staff, are available for visits, spiritual direction and the administration of the sacraments. Mass is celebrated daily, and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is provided both individually and communally on a regular basis, as is the sacrament of Reconciliation. Centering prayer and Bible study groups are two more ways that nourish spiritual growth.

“The residents really initiate a lot of things themselves, for example, the book clubs,” says Sister Marilyn, director of Spirituality and Mission. “It is not anything the village does per se, but the village in terms of everybody who lives here, is a part of it.”

Resident Peg Vander Gracht, originally from Detroit, Mich., declares, “The village encourages all
Meet Robert and Lois Byer

We moved to Harbour Assisted Living because I had open heart surgery and was unable to return home. We did not want to burden any of our five children by moving in with them.

What I like most about living here is how very kind the workers are; all of them! Of course, I love having my laundry, cleaning and meals planned and prepared for me; who wouldn’t? And I love the new friends we have made here!

— Lois Byer

BISHOP RHOADES VISITS OUR LADY OF ANGELS CONVENT

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at the Our Lady of Angels Convent on Saturday, Aug. 21. A brunch and visit with the sisters in the infirmary followed the Mass. The sisters at Our Lady of Angels Convent are those whose sole apostolate is prayer, as well as the sisters who care for them. These sisters take care of most of the daytime hours of adoration in the perpetual adoration chapel.

Residents enjoy a late summer day at Holy Cross Village.
Last chapters in the book of life

By Mark Weber

FORT WAYNE — It may be dark humor to refer to a retirement home as God’s Waiting Room, but in real terms, retirees select such places because life there is designed to fit the needs of someone who chooses to set aside the everyday burdens of daily responsibilities in a setting of spiritual serenity. It cannot be denied that an adjustment period is required to settle in smaller quarters and new surroundings, but day by day, the “new place” becomes a comfort zone.

At Saint Anne Home and Retirement Center in Fort Wayne, new residents describe the early relief experienced at no more grocery shopping or cooking and the delight of a menu selection for meals.

Another supportive discovery is that other residents have similar experiences — the death of a spouse or the loss of another close friend or family member. These shared feelings bond new and strong friendships which were not anticipated. There is also the sharing of common interests in hobbies, books, flowers and television programs.

Established in 1967 by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Saint Anne’s offers five specific levels of care including comprehensive 24-hour nursing, rehabilitation suites and services, independent and assisted living, Alzheimer’s and dementia care and adult day care.

As a Church and community center of interest for 43 years, residents select Saint Anne’s through word-of-mouth from friends, pastors or family members, although full media marketing is also used to reach potential clients. With 97 apartments occupied, there is an eight-month waiting list for new residents. Other levels of care also have waiting periods, depending upon the kind of assistance needed.

Spiritual options at Saint Anne’s are numerous. The chapel is always open for private visits and Mass is celebrated each day before lunch. Several small prayer groups and Bible study groups are there for those who are interested. There is a resident Catholic chaplain, Father Jack Overmyer, plus five other priests who are residents.

Although the clientele at Saint Anne’s is about 80 percent Catholic, other Christian faiths have chapel services each weekend on a rotating basis.

As the first days of September steal a little light from each evening, residents here watch leaves fall from Saint Anne’s tall oaks with no concern about jammed eaves or cluttered gutters; and when snow falls, it is enjoyed for its beauty, and not as a task at hand. It is thus so with the awareness that just as the leaves and snow cover all, so does the providential arm of the Almighty.

Saint Anne Home on Randalia Drive in Fort Wayne was established by the diocese in 1967 and serves seniors of all faiths.
Sanctuary Senior Living Communities offer relationship-driven care

BY ANN CAREY

When older adults move to a senior living community, what many seem to miss most are the simple things in life: Their neighborhood, their own home, their family members, their daily routine of household tasks. To address those needs, the Trinity Senior Living Communities, the Sanctuary model was developed recently to reflect the Catholic faith and heritage of the Sisters of Holy Cross and the Sisters of Mercy, who merged their health-care operations into Trinity Health System, the parent company of the senior living communities. The patron of Sanctuary is St. Brigid, an Irish saint, who is known as a protector of all and a healer of body and spirit, who welcomed strangers to her heart.

The core concepts of Sanctuary are that each person is valued, accepted and respected as a unique individual. At the heart of the Sanctuary model is the relationship between the resident and the caregiver who is permanently assigned to that person. Known as an “Anam Cara” — Gaelic for soul friend — these caregivers are specially trained to provide “relationship-driven care, what we find sacred,” explained Gasior. The Anam Cara’s job is to ensure the resident is as happy as possible, not just do tasks like change sheets, which is important but not as important as seeing the patient as a person and hearing the stories she has, Gasior said. This added role, of course, means extra training for employees over and above training for attending to physical needs. Sanctuary training includes the tenets of Sanctuary: How to be a soul friend, how to engage in meaningful conversation, how to make residents feel safe, secure, loved and in control.

Scheduling of meals and other activities is flexible at Sanctuary, an effort that helps residents feel more like they are at home rather than in an institutional setting. For example, Gasior said that residents may wake up, whether it’s 6 a.m. or 10 a.m. And the staff works with doctors to dispense medications at times most convenient for the residents, thus avoiding a middle-of-the-night wake-up, when possible.

Renovations are ongoing at Sanctuary senior living communities to make the facilities feel more intimate and homelike and reflect the Sanctuary philosophy, according to Gasior. About 25 percent of the Trinity Senior Living Communities have been reconfigured, a model that will be repeated in all the communities. In the renovated communities, hallways have been shortened into “neighborhoods” and “hearth rooms” created to promote social interaction.

The mission of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Sisters of Mercy is a charitable one, according to Craig Prokupek, administrator for Provena Sacred Heart Home and Holy Cross and the Sisters of Mercy, who merged their health-care operations into Trinity Health System, the parent company of the senior living communities. The patron of Sanctuary is St. Brigid, an Irish saint, who is known as a protector of all and a healer of body and spirit, who welcomed strangers to her heart.

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Mission drives compassionate care at Provena Sacred Heart

BY TIM JOHNSON

AVILLA — At Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, just north of Fort Wayne, the mission statement, “Provena Health, we build communities of healing and hope by compassionately responding to human need in the spirit of Jesus Christ,” is the driving force for the Christ-centered care.

“That’s where it all starts and everything flows from there,” says Craig Prokupek, administrator for 11 years. “I’ve had many people tell us we run this more like a ministry and less like a business,” he adds.

“I really view this as we’re just carrying on what the (Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart) started,” Prokupek says, “and to continue all of their traditions, and their approach in caring for people.”

Provena came about through the merger of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Mercy Sisters of the Chicago Province and the Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfurt, Ill., have a presence at the facility. “It’s a daily reminder of who we are and who we ought to be — it’s an evolving-type of thing,” says Prokupek.

“Our retired sisters offer a ministry of presence in the volunteer work they do around the home,” adds Tom Novy, pastoral associate at the home.

The facility offers Mass six days a week. On Saturday, a Communion service is offered.

“We have the area priests from six parishes coming in — each one has a day,” comments Novy. “It’s worked out very well.”

On Sundays, Father Bernard Ramenadon from St. Gaspar Parish in Rome City celebrates a 4 p.m. Mass with the residents and staff.

About one third of the 154 residents at Provena Sacred Heart Home are Catholic. But the facility also offers worship services for non-Catholics twice a week. Novy presides over a Wednesday evening vespers service. And the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered quarterly and within the Mass.

“I would say for our Catholic residents, the Mass is very important. It’s one of the best things we have to market, it’s something that stands out,” Novy says.

“One of the things that I’ve always been so impressed with is the number of families over the years who have said, ‘You know, you guys not only provide excellent health care, but your folks do it with a lot of love. They enjoy their work.’ And that says a lot!” Novy adds.

Provena Sacred Heart Home offers independent patio homes, assisted living, short stay care, skilled care and an Alzheimer’s care.

Prokupek notes, “We’re growing. We’re adding 12 more assisted living apartments. And we’re also adding eight more short stay options, which is a private room that is popular with today’s consumer. For those in

resides in assisted living. This allows the couple to stay connected in the same building.

“I think that has always attracted people,” Prokupek says of the assisted living offering. “We keep the costs competitive. It’s a flat rate. We don’t have add ons.”
Heartfelt treasures from Katrina experience

My family and I spent Katrina in an enclosed corridor leading to the stairwell of my fourth-floor office, a decision that with the clarity of 20/20 hindsight ranks somewhere on the top 10 list of “Mistakes I Have Made In My Brief Sojourn on Earth.”

There’s a line describing a person who turns an easy job into something difficult as “someone who could make a freight train take a dirt road.”

Our office is right across the street from the Union Passenger Terminal on Loyola Avenue, and believe me, the freight train that Monday, Aug. 29, at 3 a.m. careened across the asphalt and headed straight up the stairs like some Mr. Beetle Zephyr at Pontchartrain Beach.

I still have difficult dreams about that morning. I remember listening to WWL radio, our information lifeline. Truly, the WWL reporters forever will remain heroes in my eyes because they honored their vocation and risked their lives to save others.

I became alternately worried and angry when I heard WWL speak to every civil parish president, even Benny Rouselle of Plaquemines Parish, where Katrina officially made landfall. As the hours ticked on and the windows of my office continued to crash in, I wondered, “Where was (New Orleans Mayor) Ray Nagin?”

I knew the WWL studios were just across the street from City Hall, but no Nagin could mean only one thing: Something must be seriously wrong in the city of New Orleans.

In a few days, from the safety of a dear friend’s home in Baton Rouge, we discovered an entirely different story, a sad and lifeless and God-forsaken tundra: no birds, no life. One of the images taken by the deafening silence. New Orleans was Antarctica at the equator.

And now, we are here, perched on the precipice of a five-year anniversary of a life-changing event that everyone wants to forget. My emotions are a jumble of snapshots burned into memory:

Driving into the city a week after the storm, I was overwhelmed by the devastating silence. New Orleans was Antarctica at the equator. It was a brown and lifeless and God-forsaken tundra: no birds, no life. One of the images taken by Clarion Herald photographer Frank J. Methe crystallizes what I was feeling that day: a small white crucifix floated out of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Violet and came to rest half-buried in the cracked mud. This was Calvary, horizontal and below sea level. But that crucifix also symbolized the promise of the empty tomb — and new life.

• When the roller coaster of my daily emotions swayed wildly from hope to despair, Methe’s stunning picture of the large crucifix above the altar at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in Marrero reminded me of the meaning of redemptive suffering. Katrina’s winds had blown off the right arm of the corpus, and a shard of stained glass, traveling at warp speed, became a spear that buried itself in the left side of the crucified Christ. The brown shard remains in the restored crucifix as a symbol of Katrina. It speaks this to me: Though we were pierced and suffered so many deaths, big and small, through faith we grasped the promise of Resurrection and wouldn’t let go.

• Methe’s picture of a college group from the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, working in the mission area in the Watts section of New Orleans. That money was earmarked for St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in New Orleans.

But the real treasure was buried inside one of the collection envelopes. On the outside of an envelope, written in Spanish, were these words: “Para las victimas del huracan, no traia dinero pero esto esta dedicado a ellas.” “For the victims of the hurricane. I did not bring any money. But this should be of some value. It is with all of my heart.”

It was a woman’s plain gold wedding ring.

Methe’s picture of Msgr. Doug Dossain, the pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel, holding the crucifix near the restored image of Christ’s hope.

Said Franciscan Father Peter Banks, pastor of the small Watts parish: “It is very humbling to realize I am living among the poorest of the poor, but they are the wealthiest in so many ways.”

And they have enriched our lives.

From the Aug. 21 Issue of the Clarion Herald, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It was written by Peter Finney Jr., editor and general manager.
The next time you channel-surfing to find a TV show, you’ll probably notice that you’re seeing more and more over-the-top emotional outbursts. But is it just a media phenomenon — or is it catching? As viewers we are being influenced to have our own meltdowns? And are these emotional over-reactions becoming more acceptable, more the norm?

A recent article in USA Today asked, “Is TV causing our reactions to boil over?” Certainly, television has been blamed for being a breeding ground for feisty children, to excessive violence for generations. So what’s different now? Perhaps it’s the type of violence as well as the participants and their situations that have been changed.

Reality TV has become immensely popular on both broadcast and cable outlets. Most of these shows put everyday people in unusual circumstances, usually vying against one another for prizes. Other programs offer what are supposed to be slice-of-life situations. Still others have celebrities competing, sometimes for charitable donations. But the overall appeal to audiences appears to be that all of these programs are unscripted and real. Whatever the participants say and do — however outlandish or inappropriate — is strictly up to them.

Many viewers realize that a reality show — from its concept to the specific urgings of the producers or hosts — encourages extremes of behavior. More than that, these over-the-top words and actions are simply not normal.

Sarah Coyne, a professor of family life at Brigham Young University, is the co-author of a study on aggressive behavior in TV. After reviewing programming from five reality shows and five non-reality programs including dramas, comedies and soap operas, she found that reality TV averages 52 acts of aggression per hour and non-reality TV averages 33 per hour. These acts include physical aggression (especially punching, pushing and kicking) and verbal aggression (most commonly yelling, arguing). It is a result that Coyne believes such levels of media violence are “producing this culture of being mean to each other. We’re setting up our culture to be over-reactive.”

God’s forgiveness is unending

The Book of Exodus furnishes this weekend’s first reading. As the name suggests, this book of the Old Testament recalls the flight, or exodus, of the Hebrew people from Egypt, where they had been slaves.

The Exodus did not occur as a result of the people’s own strategy or good luck. Rather, God made it possible. He repeatedly frustrated and subdued the Egyptian overlords, destroying lost sheep— Heidi Montags, an abiding blessing.

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The Solidarity difference

Thirty years ago, on Aug. 31, 1980, an electrician named Lech Walesa signed the Gdansk Accords, ending a two-week-old strike at that Hanseatic city’s Lenin Shipyards. Walesa signed with a giant souvenir pen featuring a portrait of Pope John Paul II. The choice of pen was not, as Marxists might have said, an accident. Neither was the distinctive revolution that unfolded in the wake of the Gdansk Accords, which were forged over two weeks of high drama on Poland’s Baltic coast.

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Today’s Catholic

FORT WAYNE — Many familiar faces return to the Catholic Youth League (CYO) sidelines with a few new leaders on the scene as the 2010 football season kicked off Sunday, Aug. 22.

In 2009, the St. Vincent Panthers finished the regular season with a perfect record before losing, 8-0, in a hard-fought battle to Holy Cross in the CYO championship game under Coach Cory Kitchen. This year Kitchen has taken a position with the varsity staff at Bishop Dwenger and handed the reins to Coach Drew Linder. Along with their coach, the Panthers will be new in every single position this season graduating each of the players from their 2009 lineup when their team went 10-1. However, Linder notes, “We’re expecting big things from our kids this year. They are very aggressive defensively and we are hoping to be more tough season a year ago.

In their debut, the Panthers defeated a solid St. John, New Haven team, 18-6, at Bishop Dwenger field. Sammy Schenkel returned it 95 yards for a spectacular touchdown.

“Setting the tone for the Panther offense was Jeremy Kalonji, who Linder felt had a great day running the football,” Linder added, “Our defense did a great job with the line and linebackers stuffing the run and the backs shutting down the Raider passing game.”

The Raiders’ lone score came late in the fourth quarter when Adam Hoffer recovered a fumble inside the 10-yard line and returned it 95 yards for a spectacular touchdown.

Troy Hoffer will lead the Raiders once again this season with small numbers but good contributions expected from his incoming seventh graders and a determined eighth-grade unit who continue to persevere despite a tough season a year ago.

Hoffer explains, “This is a very spirited and fun group to coach and we are hoping to be more competitive than a year ago. We are very aggressive defensively and have balanced passing and running offensively.”

In their sixth season, Coaches Steve Bennett and Bruce Kilpatrick feel their Holy Cross Crusaders are looking tough again for the upcoming season. Holy Cross, however, lost much of their 2008 and 2009 championship teams to graduation and will be playing with many new seventh graders this season.

“We have a lot of new faces and a whole new offensive line,” explained Kilpatrick. The Crusaders return the versatile Lane Lewis who will play many roles including quarterback, receiver and running back, as well as linbacker this year, along with running back Rylen Asher and free safety/receiver Jordan Kindig, to lead their unit.

In their first game of the season, the Crusaders downed Pat Hohnline’s St. Jude Eagles, 14-0. The Eagles are coming off a 4-4 record from a year ago and have seen much improvement in their program over the past few years. This group of nearly 30 consists of a core group of dedicated eighth graders who have played CYO football since the fourth grade.

In other Week 1 action, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St. Therese/St. Aloysius (JAT) Knights got a “W” with a 20-0 victory over the Most Precious Blood/Queen of Angels Royal Reds.

Eric Downey has taken over the Knights’ head spot while the Royal Reds are led by Jeff Weddle once again.

Weddle’s numbers are down for 2010 fielding just 16 players on his roster. However, he feels this is one of the most coachable teams he has been involved with during the past four years. Weddle explains, “This is a very tight group dominated by a disciplined bunch of eighth graders wanting to compete to their fullest potential.”

Returning starters from a year ago are Cameron Kahlenbeck, Matt Gillett and his soft hands, Peyton Kimes and Todd Austin. Austin will lead the big linemen group and will be joined by two newcomers who have been well trained in the PAL program and are ready to contribute.

Moved to signal caller this season for the Royal Reds, Weddle describes Kahlenbeck as a hard working, very skilled player. Kimes is also predicted to have a big season in 2010. He, along with Kahlenbeck and Jackson Grabovac...
Car raffle to assist World Youth Day scholarship funds

FORT WAYNE — In an effort to raise scholarship funds for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, the diocesan offices of Youth Ministry, Campus and Young Adult Ministry and Catholic School are spearheading a raffle in which a car will be given away.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will host a group of young people who will join him on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain, in August of 2011 to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI and an estimated 2 million other Catholic youth.

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Bishop Rhoades added, “The cost for such a pilgrimage is great, and for many young pilgrims, a challenge. They have been faithful in personal and parish fundraising. Many pilgrims, however, may be in need of additional assistance. To provide financial aid for World Youth Day, the diocese will hold a raffle. A local car dealership has generously donated a new vehicle for this raffle.”

The raffle will have their choice of a 2010 Dodge Caravan or a 2011 Hyundai Sonata donated by Glenbrook Dodge Hyundai in Fort Wayne, and the taxes will be paid on the vehicle. Tickets sell for $50 each. The goal is to sell 3,000 tickets, which would create $150,000 in funds for pilgrims who need assistance.

Bishop Rhoades has invited parishes to participate in this diocesan-wide effort, “as the entire diocese will experience the blessing and fruit of our young people’s participation in World Youth Day. World Youth Day is also instrumental for fostering vocations. Some of our own young priests credit this celebration with planting and nurturing the seeds of their vocations.”

Parishes have received raffle information packages from the diocese. All tickets must be reported and returned by Nov. 1. Bishop Rhoades will draw the winning ticket on Monday, Nov. 22.

The diocesan offices are requesting that pilgrims apply for financial aid through their parishes. Pastors are requested to evaluate and articulate the need of the pilgrims. A committee will distribute the funds and notify parishes and pilgrims of financial awards by Dec. 1.

The raffle license number from the Indiana Gaming Commission is 121966.

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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, PO Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: thogan@fw.dioceسفw.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.

Prayer for world peace  
Knoll — A day for prayer for world peace will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Shrine of World Rosary for Peace at 2 p.m. Prayers, rosary and dinner will be offered. Bring a lawn chair. Father Ed O’Connor, OSC, will give a talk on Mary. Call (574) 772-2606 for information.

Fall festival at St. Therese  
Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish, 2222 Lower Huntington Rd., will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A 5K run, corn hole tournament, bake sale/farmer’s market, food, games, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, live auction, bingo, beer tent and casino games. Mass in the grass at 5 p.m. will be followed by an adult-only beer tent with the Pop-N-Fresh band. For information call (260) 747-9139 or visit www.sttheresefw.org.

Live in harmony with nature  
Fort Wayne — All married and engaged couples as well as single women are invited to learn the science of NaPro TECHNOLOGY at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sept. 18, from 9-10 a.m. in the Mother Teresa room. Contact Theresa Schortgen, CFCP, at (260) 749-6706 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net to RSVP. The event is free.

Birthday party for Our Lady  
Fort Wayne — The Legion of Mary will celebrate Mary’s birthday on Saturday, Sept. 11, with a party in the gym at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St. Joe Rd., starting at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, a potluck dinner, live music and games for children.

There will be a brief presentation on Mary as the official patron saint for the U.S. RSVP to Connie Acistro at (260) 486-1001.

Pancake breakfast planned  
Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 8:11 to 11 a.m. in the church hall. Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children 5-10 years, and children 4 and under free. St. Pius X announces senior group  
Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On Sept. 14 the speaker will be Joan Lorraine from Forever Learning. For information call (574) 271-7853.

NFP classes offered  
Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or email roxshannon@verizon.net.

Luncheon card party  
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary’s St. Anne Society, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a luncheon card party Sunday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. Donation is $5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

‘Souper’ movie night  
Albion — Blessed Sacrament Parish will have a “souper” movie night featuring “The 13th Day” a story of Fatima, starting Saturday, Sept. 18, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. A free-will donation soup supper will follow Mass with popcorn during the movie. For information call (260) 636-2072.

Hog roast planned  
South Bend — St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 63568 U.S. 31 S., will have a hog roast, Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults/carry out, $3 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. Carry-out closes at 2:30 p.m. For information call (574) 291-3775.

Pancake breakfast  
Ossian — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Sept. 12, from 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Pius X. Adults $5, children 6-12 $2.50.

Wife of the month  
South Bend — St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 63568 U.S. 31 S., will have a bog roast, Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults/carry out, $3 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. Carry-out closes at 2:30 p.m. For information call (260) 636-2072.

Dinner & HAM  
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Fried Chicken & HAM Dinner  
Join us for our old fashioned church dinner. Enjoy delicious fried chicken, homemade noodles, “for sure” mashed potatoes and gravy, salads, and “Ege style” cole slaw, topped off with homemade pie!

In the Big Top  
Mechanical Bull Riding & Inflatables - Noon - 6 pm  
Music by “Dr. Feelgood” - Dancing 8-10 pm  
“The Third Ward” Jazz Trio 6 - 7 pm  
“Nelson’s Port-a-Pit” CHICKEN - RIBS  4 - 7:30 pm  
LIVE MUSIC at the 365 Bar & Grill  
CASH RAFFLE 9 pm

REST IN PEACE

FATIMA TO BE SHOWN  
Syracuse — “The 13th Day,” a film about the miracle at Fatima, will be shown on Sunday, Sept. 26, at St. Martin de Porres Parish following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the library. For information, call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

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PARISH FESTIVAL!  
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010

St. John the Baptist • Fort Wayne
4500 Fairfield Avenue

•Children’s Games Noon - 6 pm  
•Mechanical Bull Riding & Inflatables - Noon - 6 pm  
•Concessions: Cotton Candy, Nachos  
•Caramel Apples and More  
•Silent Auction - 4:6-4:45 pm  
•Casino Games 4-10 pm  
•Beer/Margarita Tent 4-10 pm

$10,000  
(Total in Prizes)  
CASH RAFFLE 9 pm

Bring the Family... Fun is Good!
Thought provoking quotes begin each of the chapters, discovering what talents you bring to a job. A variety of work should be to writing a resume and interviewing to features timely information from understanding whatation, a successful career path can be discerned. Dreams and passions. He believes that as these elements ing their God-given talents, personality traits, values, ers in creating a life plan that is founded on understand- the world. As a career coach Miller guides hundreds of jobseek- ers use in their own life includes the five steps process when faced with a decision. He writes, “... we approach the process as follows: 1. State the problem; 2. Get the advice and opinions of others; 3. List the alternatives; 4. Choose the best alternative; 5. Act. Then the Millers allow a two-week period to choose how to act. The 224-page book concludes with appendixes that not only include a suggested reading list but also sample resumes, cover letters, mission statement worksheet and helpful inter- net sites to peruse. In this age of economic uncertainty and unemployment, where the average job is held for only three and a half years, “48 Days to the Work You Love,” by Dan Miller is a welcome job search compass for any reader. Whether unemployed, underemployed or in a job you dislike, it affords a practical approach to the spiritual dimension of finding work that honors God and brings joy to your mission.

Reflection questions are found at the conclusion of each chapter.