Mishawaka Catholic, a new beginning

Bishop Rhoades visits the newly-consolidated Mishawaka Catholic School

By Karen Clifford

MISHAWAKA — “It’s a historic time for the Church in Mishawaka to have a new consolidated Catholic school,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades exclaimed as he greeted third-through eighth-grade students during Mass at St. Joseph Church in Mishawaka on Aug. 26. Bishop Rhoades was on hand to visit Mishawaka Catholic inter-parochial school, which consists of three campuses — the St. Bavo campus for preschoolers and kindergarten through second grade, the St. Joseph campus with grades 3-5, and the St. Monica campus which houses grades 6-8.

During his homily at Mass, Bishop Rhoades spoke of ways that students, teachers and parents could do God’s will in their lives. He reminded all that St. Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, taught that God wants us to become holy. He asked everyone to repeat the words with him, “This is the will of God — your holiness.”

He then urged those in attendance to become holy by participating in the many graces that God gives through sacraments such as the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and the need for daily prayer.

“Prayer helps us to become holy,” Bishop Rhoades said. “We need to love God with all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul. And we need to love one another as Jesus has loved us.”

He asked that prayers for former St. Monica principal, Sister Pat Gavin, who is very ill, be included in the congregation’s daily worship.

Following Mass, Bishop Rhoades met with students, teachers, parents and those who helped to shape the direction of Mishawaka Catholic.

Father Terry Fisher, executive pastor of Mishawaka Catholic, described the spirit of the new school.

“The teachers are organized and the kids are excited,” Father Fisher said. “The parents were happy to see which classrooms their children would be in during the open house we had. We have waiting lists for pre-k and eighth grade and are excited about the whole thing.”

Mishawaka Catholic School board president Mike Barneimer added, “It was a long time in coming and many people worked hard to put this together. But we are off to a great start.”

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The refurbished lobby of the Blessed John Paul II Catholic Center welcomes visitors and employees with artwork of Blessed John Paul II and St. André Bessette.

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MISHAWAKA — “Put out into the deep water” and “Do not be afraid” served the ministry of Blessed Pope John Paul II and now serves as a model for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These words resounded in the Sept. 1 Gospel and served as a reflection for Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades who blessed the diocesan Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka. The office, on the grounds of Marian High School, houses the diocesan offices and ministries that serve the South Bend area.

The two lines from Luke’s Gospel are also applicable to the New Evangelization proposed by Pope John Paul II and the work of the diocese, Bishop Rhoades said in his homily at the celebration of the Mass.

He explained how the initiatives of the diocesan workers are a part of “putting out into the deep.”

“We’re on a journey to reach out to those who do not have faith, to reach out to the poor and suffering,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He encouraged the diocesan staff to be not afraid. There will be hardships and opposition, just as John Paul II faced, but “Do not be afraid to speak the truth always in the Church.”

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At the diocesan offices in Mishawaka

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Preparing for the new translation of the Mass

In Truth and Charity

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

September 11th

This Sunday, our nation commemorates the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States that took place on September 11, 2001. It is an occasion for us to remember in prayer the victims of those horrific attacks and to pray for their families. It is also an occasion to remember all victims of violence and terrorism around the world as well as to pray for the safety of our service men and women in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world.

Our church bells will ring at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, calling all to pause in silent prayer. This is a personal moment of remembrance called all Americans to be united as we reflect on that ten-year anniversary, when so many innocent people were victims of evil and hatred. At the same time, it is good to recall the counsel of Saint Paul: “overcome evil with good.” As we remember September 11th, we also recall the goodness of so many, including the firefighters, emergency responders and police officers who gave their lives attempting to save others. We remember the great outpouring of love and generosity of so many who came to the aid of wounded in the attacks and to the families of the victims.

So let us all observe September 11th this year through prayer and a renewed resolve to “overcome evil with good.” And let us pray with particular attention the words of the Our Father: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us … and deliver us from evil.”

New Translation of the Mass

In less than three months, the new English translation of the Roman Missal will be implemented (on November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent). In these few months before we begin to use the new translation, it is important to prepare well in order to be ready for the newly translated texts of the Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to enter more deeply into the prayers of the Mass, to reflect on their meaning, and to recognize the importance of the words we pray as we offer the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Personally, I can hardly wait for the use of the new translation of the Roman Missal. This is a moment of grace for the Church and an opportunity to grow in our knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the sacred liturgy.

I encourage all to be prepared for the new texts through prayer and study. Our priests will be helping to prepare our parishioners through their homilies and other means. The priests themselves have much to prepare for, since the prayers recited by the priests are all newly translated, including the Eucharistic prayers. As I reflect and meditate on the new translation of the Eucharistic prayers, I am struck by their richness. It is vitally important that our priests, many who have recited the “old” translation for so many years, be ready to pray the new translation. The language, as I have said, will be closer to the Latin, more elevated, and more poetic. Some sentences will be much lengthier. It will take me and the priests some practice to become comfortable in praying with the new translation.

I could give hundreds of specific examples of the new translated texts and explanations of the changed texts. It is obviously not possible to do so in this column. There are dozens of resources, found on our website and on the USCCB website, that explain the texts much better than I can do in a column. But I would like to mention one example which everyone will quickly notice. The people will no longer respond to the greeting of the priest The Lord be with you with the words And also with you. I always wondered why we said in English And also with you when the response in Latin is Et cum spiritu tuo, a response literally translated in all the other vernacular translations of the Mass (e.g. Spanish Y con tu espíritu, Italian E con il tuo spirito; French Et avec votre esprit; German Und mit deinem Geiste.) It seems to me important that we be united with all our brothers and sisters of the Latin Rite in our prayers at Mass. Also, there is a difference in meaning between saying and also with you and saying with your spirit. The latter literal translation of the Latin brings out a theological truth in the people’s response to the priest’s greeting. The faithful are recognising the sacramental reality of the priest, that, as the celebrant of the Mass, he is speaking with the voice of Christ, that he is representing Christ the Head to whom he was configured at ordination. By saying and with your spirit, the people are acknowledging that the Holy Spirit is acting through the priest in a unique way when he celebrates Mass. In other words, they are saying not merely may the Lord be with you; they are saying may the Lord be with your spirit, recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit conferred at his ordination so that he can indeed offer the Eucharistic sacrifice in the person of Christ.

As I said, I am eagerly looking forward to our use of the new English translation in a few months. I encourage all to become familiar with the new translation. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in our knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the sacred liturgy. This is a moment of grace for the Church and for the authentic renewal of the liturgy envisioned by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. Blessed John Paul II asked for the new translation several years ago. He gave us the principles for a new, more literal, and richer translation. As we prepare to implement the new translation, may Blessed John Paul II intercede for us!
Revised Roman Missal binds Catholics across a 2,000-year history

BY DENIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the third edition of the English-language version of the Roman Missal is implemented at Advent, it will mark the continuing evolution of the Eucharistic Liturgy that began in the earliest days of the Church.

The most recent changes — which more closely reflect “Liturgiam Authenticam” (“The Authentic Liturgy”), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments’ 2001 document on liturgical translations — are unlikely to be the last, liturgists agree.

From Aramaic to Greek to Latin to vernacular language after the Second Vatican Council, the Mass has evolved over 2,000 years in an effort to help worshippers appreciate the mystery that is God.

“It’s not the changing that’s abnormal,” said Jesuit Father John Baldwin, professor of historical and liturgical theology at Boston College, who explores the history of the missal and the new English translation in a video series on the National Jesuit News website.

The translation that began being implemented in English-speaking countries in 2010 has been openly criticized by some clergy and liturgy experts for its structurally complicated language that they believe strays from the intent of Vatican II’s liturgical reforms. But other liturgists responsible for catechesis on the missal are reminding the faithful that the translation helps bind modern-day Catholics with early Christians through its more authentic language.

“The idea of trying to codify the liturgy prior to the invention of the printing press, it was just a huge obstacle because you couldn’t reproduce it,” Father Hilgarter said.

Until the late 16th century, holy books were reproduced by hand by monks, making widespread distribution of sacred texts impractical. But long before the first missal was promulgated, a desire for consistency in worship began to emerge. Some Mass prayers can be traced to the third century, said Ruta Thiron, director of the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich., citing the second eucharistic prayer, which dates to about 215.

In a series called “Welcoming the New Roman Missal” on the Lansing diocesan website, Thiron wrote that by the fourth century worship became more formalized because of a growing concern for orthodoxy. That concern led to standardization of prayers and readings in various rituals.

By the fifth and eighth centuries the sharing of prayer texts became more common, Father Hilgarter said. Sacramentaries also were assembled, the most notable being the Old Gelasian Sacramentary in the seventh and eighth centuries and the Gregorian Sacramentary in the late eighth century.

In 785, Pope Hadrian I gave a copy of the Gregorian Sacramentary to Charlemagne, king of the Franks, who unified liturgical practice in Western Europe by expanding the Sacramentary’s use among faith communities across the continent.

At the same time, Latin was being recognized as the language of the people, he said. After the Council of Trent it would be more than four centuries before the Roman Mass saw significant changes. Even though several popes granted concessions to missionaries to allow Mass to be celebrated in local languages to aid evangelization — including Mandarin in China in the early 14th century, Arabic for the Carmelites in Persia in 1624 and Iroquoian for the Jesuits in 1773 near modern-day Montreal — Mass changed little until Vatican II.

The first document to emerge from Vatican II in 1963 was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (“Sacrosanctum Concilium”), which called for “full, conscious, and active participation” of all people in the liturgy. The missal reflecting those principles, known as the Missal of Paul VI, was approved in 1966.

That missal was translated into English by 1973 by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL. It was slightly revised in 1975 with the addition of new eucharistic prayers for reconciliation. That English translation appeared in 1985 and remains the missal in use until Advent.

But some Vatican officials felt that version of the missal could be improved and set about working on still another translation.

In 2001, the third translation was issued. It incorporates the changes that will take effect at Advent. It took ICEL nearly a decade to translate the changes into English and gain Vatican approval, but not without tension.

Diocesan-based liturgists and Thiron both have included a discussion of liturgical history in their workshops on implementing the translation after initially hearing from people who perceived the translation as betraying Vatican II’s promises. With knowledge of history, the anger has largely disappeared, they said.

“One of the things (people) appreciate most about the Catholic faith is tradition,” Thiron said.

“They see tradition is being preserved, they’re comfortable with that.”
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets guests at the blessing of the new St. Vincent de Paul Society facility. The blessing took place on August 28, 2011.

New St. Vincent de Paul Society facility blessed

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told hundreds of guests gathered for the blessing of the new St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County’s building, “May this be a place where you will feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give counsel and advice to those who need it.”

The bishop was on hand Sunday, Aug. 28, to officially bless and dedicate the new facility, located at 520 Crescent Ave., in South Bend, the site formerly known as Madison Center’s Sunshine Clubhouse.

Remarking on the new building, Bishop Rhoades noted that “By the great works that will be done for the poor and underprivileged you will further the mission of Jesus Christ and bring His people closer to Him.”

Bishop Rhoades then walked through the building blessing each room, person, and the garden.

Charlie Thompson, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County, was pleased that Bishop Rhoades provided the blessing and said, “We are honored to have Bishop Rhoades at the open house and providing this special blessing for our new facility. His presence is symbolic of the society’s mission and vision to serve as the voice of the poor in our ongoing efforts to reduce poverty in our area. The new building houses the society’s administrative offices and programs, and provides space for meetings, retreats, liturgies, training and social functions. Many of the offices, which will be used for counseling and other services, are decorated with soft lighting and comfortable furniture to make visitors feel at ease.

“I think this building is a gift from God,” said Mary Pramson of Mishawaka. “I had to call on the St. Vincent de Paul Society a few times last year and they were very nice. So I thought it would be nice to come over and see their new place. I just love the garden out back and when the bishop blessed it, I cried. I’m so happy I was able to be here today.”

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County is a Catholic lay organization with a long history of service to neighbors in need. It offers support such as food, clothing and household necessities, as well as counseling and other services, are provided with the services provided by the public schools offered to our children with special needs, there are serious problems associated with acquiring the money to pay teachers to teach the children directly in the urban school area.

Funds awarded on behalf of our children enrolled in Catholic schools administered by our larger, public inner school districts are disbursed without adequate reports to show how much money is acquired and disbursed on behalf of the children attending Catholic schools. Instruction for children is inconsistent, and our schools are not allowed to define the services required in their buildings.

Our urban Catholic school principals have asked that special needs funds be used to provide teachers for our children with special needs in the classrooms.

House Bill 1341 requires that state funds allocated for special needs students enrolled in non-public schools be spent on the child’s behalf. If the Department of Education officials allow for funds allocated for children in Catholic schools be committed to serve the students directly by paying for teachers in the classroom, our students would benefit significantly. We expect numbers of children enrolled with special needs to increase over time. We have taken all legal and appropriate steps to acquire much better services for our children.

The law allows for the contractual services for special needs children to be opened for public bids. This bid process would identify the amount of funds available for children attending Catholic schools and potential services available.

Presently, the urban school superintendents are not willing to consider this option for children attending Catholic schools, however. We will continue to seek adequate and just funding for children with special needs and we will keep you informed.

According to the Indiana Department of Education, “The purpose of the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) programs is to measure student achievement in the subject areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. In particular, ISTEP+ reports student achievement levels according to the Indiana Academic Standards that were adopted in November 2000 by the Indiana State Board of Education. An applied skills assessment and a multiple-choice assessment are used to measure these standards; they are required components of the ISTEP+ program. The ISTEP+ End-of-Course Assessments (ECA4s) are criterion-referenced assessments developed specifically for students completing their instruction in algebra I, biology I or English 10.”

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These student subgroups include: those students enrolled in our Catholic schools; and graduation rates (for students enrolled in our Catholic schools); and graduation rates (for high schools). The ISTEP+ adds, “Since 2002, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) has required public schools to make AYP for both the overall student population and any demographic group within the school that includes 30 or more students (often called ‘subgroups’).

The difference for Catholic schools is economic background, race/ethnicity, limited English proficiency and special education. Schools must make AYP in every student group in order to meet AYP. The goal of NCLB is for all students to achieve proficiency in English/language arts and math by 2014.

According to the IDOE, there are two ways for schools to make AYP:

• Meet all performance, participation and attendance/graduation targets for the overall student population and each student subgroup with 30 or more students;

• Or reduce the number of students who do not meet performance targets by 10 percent and meet attendance/graduation rate targets (called Safe Harbor).

According to the ISTEP+ test scores, ACT scores, SAT scores, and rigor in course selection.

While public schools can meet state progress standards by improve-ment in attendance and achievement, Catholic schools will continue to look beyond state requirements to support every student. While our schools are strongly academically, our principals are constantly looking for ways to improve teaching and learning strategies in an effort to better prepare children attending our diocesan schools.

Dr. Mark D. Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
Mary Kloska is first hermit in diocese

BY THERESA THOMAS

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades received the eremitic vows of Mary Elizabeth Kloska of Elkhart, during a Mass at St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend on Saturday, Aug. 27, in the presence of three priests, a master of ceremonies and immediate family members, their spouses and children. Having taken temporary (three year) eremitic vows, Kloska is now a professed hermit, the first ever in diocesan history.

“We have great reason to rejoice,” said Bishop Rhoades in his homily at the Mass of the Rite of Public Profession of the Evangelical Counsels for a Person Following the Eremitic Life, “for Mary becomes the first professed hermit in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The consecrated life of a hermit goes back to the early years of the Church. ... Today, Mary embraces a station of life where she separates in some ways from the world to be more united with the Lord Jesus.”

Encouraging her assembled family he continued, “Be assured we can still talk to her, but most of her day will be spent in prayer.”

According to definition, a hermit withdraws from the world, and spends most of the day in seclusion and silence, praying and fasting. A hermit publicly professes the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, and follows a rule of life that the local bishop has approved. Kloska’s specific rule and vows reflect her vocation of being a hermit of “crucified love,” which means her “plan of life” is centered on Christ crucified. Because Kloska’s vows reflected her dedication to the crucified Christ, the priest’s vestments during the rite were red, signifying the blood of Christ or martyrdom.

Bishop Rhoades, in his homily, said that St. Paul wrote that many in the culture think those following Christ are strange or foolish. But, he pointed out, “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.” – 1 Cor. 1:25

Bishop Rhoades also stated that the Blessed Mother stood at the foot of the cross and is a role model for Kloska as she seeks to live out her vocation. Since Kloska made her vows on the feast of St. Monica, Bishop Rhoades reminded Kloska that St. Monica, too, can be a role model for her, as she demonstrated steadfastness and a prayerful life.

Kloska studied languages and theology at the University of Notre Dame, where she also played a role in starting Eucharistic Adoration on campus and a prayer group on the vocation of women. She graduated in 1999 and spent five months in a hermitage to discern her life’s work. She then contacted a priest she knew who was preparing to found a mission in Eastern Siberia. He spoke to his order’s founder and received permission for Kloska to accompany him and a religious sister the following year into Siberia, Russia.

During this time, Kloska stated that her particular vocation became very clear — “Jesus was calling me to live a spirituality of littleness, spousal love and the Cross,” she said.

From 2003 to the spring of 2011, Kloska lived as what she calls a “pilgrim hermit,” dividing her time between praying and serving the poor in missions and spending time of solitude in hermitages. While in mission work she worked with the local bishop and lived within a parish or religious community that had invited her. Mission work varied greatly and included serving some of the more than 200,000 people living in trash dumps in the Philippines, caring for sick and orphaned babies in Tanzania and orphaned children in South Africa, giving retreats in Eastern and Western Europe, weeding gardens, visiting prostitutes and working on prayer teams.

Kloska insists that her most important work is prayer, and she sometimes spends up to seven or eight hours daily praying or in the presence of the Holy Eucharist.

In the spring of 2011 Kloska felt strongly that God was calling her to “somehow be buried even deeper in the Church.”

“Jesus had been showing me clearly over time how the greatest way I could touch and serve all those suffering ... in the world is through more intensified prayer and less travel to physical missions,” she said.

She met with the bishop then to discuss her vocation. The hermit’s life of silence and solitude is not absolute. Kloska will follow a plan of life and solitude is not absolute. Kloska will follow a plan of life daily including times of complete silence/solitude, but also allowing for times of “work,” which can include manual labor, language study, works of mercy if a dire need arises, personal spiritual growth, spiritual correspondence/direction with people seeking help, as well as occasionally giving retreats or talks, all under the direction of the bishop.

Bishop Rhoades summed up Kloska’s vocation: “(Mary) offers her life as bride and spouse of Jesus and as a prayer for others, as a prayer for the Church, for her family, for priests and for her spiritual children and all intentions the Lord places on her heart. I for one am going to be counting on her prayers.”

Mary Kloska professes her temporary three-year vows to the eremitic life during the Mass of the Rite of Public Profession of the Evangelical Counsels for a Person Following the Eremitic Life.

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as emotional and spiritual support through one-on-one interactions with those who are suffering.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides support by making home visits. During these visits the members provide emergency food, clothing and financial assistance. More importantly, they offer friend-

SUMMER CAMP OFFERS FAITH ASPECT

Camps Steve Murphy, Jaylen Knapp-Petty, Ben Holland, and Jacob Moon join volunteer Josh Comeau in song as Ellie Comeau looks on at Catholic Youth Summer Camp, held in early August at Camp Tannadonah. Nearly 40 young people from the diocese enjoyed a week of camping fun with sacramental emphasis. Campers enjoyed arts and crafts, swimming, campfires and many sports. Area priests celebrated daily Mass and also offered the sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Bob Lenegirch taught campers about Eucharistic Adoration and then led a Eucharistic Procession around the camp. The camp was for children entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

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A man holds up a white cross as people demonstrate against violence in Monterrey, Mexico, Aug. 28. At least 50 people died in an Aug. 25 arson attack on a casino in Monterrey. The wealthy city increasingly has fallen prey to the ravages of drug cartels and organized crime.

Parishes fare well though areas hard hit by Irene

WASHINGTON (CNS) — From the Carolinas up the Atlantic Coast into Canada, the trail of Hurricane Irene was one of dramatic floods, wind damage and other disruptions. More than 40 people in various states were reported to have been killed by floodwaters, falling trees, car accidents and powerful waves. Irene hit the Carolina coast Aug. 27 and skirted the coastline, causing destruction in a dozen states before dumping inches of rain and causing at least two deaths in Canada. A survey of some who were caught in the wrong place at the wrong time revealed the worst effects were felt found few significant problems at church properties, though the communities around them suffered serious losses. In Vermont, where raging floodwaters from what was by then Tropical Storm Irene damaged or destroyed hundreds of roads, Joanne Prosty, bookkeeper at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales in Bennington said the rushing water and the damage it caused were amazing. The main highway connecting Bennington to the east, Route 9, is cut off. “The road looks like it’s broken in half,” Prouty said. “It looks more like an earth-quake hit it than floodwater.” All bridges in the area are at least temporarily off limits, some only until they can be inspected for serious damage.

CROSS IS HELD UP AS DEMONSTRATORS PROTEST VIOLENCE IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

Crude Catholics haven’t done enough to evangelize, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cradle Catholics haven’t done enough to show people that God exists and can bring true fulfillment to everyone, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of his former students. “We, who have been able to know (Christ) since our youth, may we ask forgiveness because we bring so little of the light of His face to people, so little certainty comes from us that He exists. He’s present and He is the greatness that everyone is waiting for,” the pope said. The pope presided at Mass Aug. 25 in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany. Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna, a regular participant in the Ratzinger Schulerkreis (Ratzinger student circle), gave the homily at the Mass, but the pope made remarks at the beginning of the liturgy. The Vatican released the text of His Holiness’ remarks Aug. 28. Pope Benedict highlighted the day’s reading in Psalm 63 in which the soul thirsts for God “in a land parched, lifeless and without water.” He asked God to show Himself to today’s world, which is marked by God’s absence and where “the land of souls is arid and dry, and people still don’t know where the Living Water comes from.”

Catholic Church has evolving answer on reality of Adam and Eve

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — Adam and Eve recently made an appearance on National Public Radio — not as guests, but as the topic of a discussion about their existence. “Adam and Eve,” a regular feature series, examined the current debate among evangelical Christians over whether the first couple actually lived or are characters in a legend that makes a point about God and His creatures. In simplified form, the fundamentalist view is that there was a real person, the first human created by God, while science argues that human beings evolved as a group. Some Christians hold that they must follow scientific findings and adapt their faith’s teachings to that information. Similar debates between science and religion have gone on for a long time, and the Catholic Church has worked through those disputes for centuries, according to Franciscan Father Michael D. Guinan, professor of Old Testament, Semitic languages and biblical spirituality at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif.

“Since the first human, Adam, he said, “the traditional views of Genesis have suffered three challenges: Galileo on the movement of the earth around the sun and not vice versa; the growth of geology in the 18-19th centuries and discoveries about the age of the earth;” and Darwin’s theory of evolution, which the Church has negotiated these challenges, but without struggles. Today, no reasonable person in or out of the Church doubts any of these three,” Father Guinan said in an interview with Catholic News Service. The controversy — the one that divided the Church down the middle of the 18th century — involves the competing theories of polygenism and monogenism, that is, the question of whether humans descended from many ancestors or, as science argues, from one couple, as Genesis seems to posit. “In the past, the Church’s statements regarding original sin have resonated that Adam and Eve were historical people,” the priest explained. “The question of monogenism and polygenism never occurred to those writing the documents.

Some say it’s too early to know ramifications of lockout at WYD vigil

TORONTO (CNS) — Alan Law wanted to know why the gates were closed tightly at Catholic Church Square on the eve of the papal vigil at World Youth Day. So he posed this question on the wall for the official World Youth Day Facebook group, run by event organizers. “Why were the gates closed so early? A lot of people were locked out,” wrote Law, a Toronto teacher and youth development worker with Tour Design, a travel company that took many Canadian pilgrims to Madrid. He waited for a response but heard nothing. So the next day, he checked again. His comment had been erased. As group leaders and pilgrims return home after World Youth Day, discontent at the fact that up to 250,000 pilgrims were locked out of Cusco Vientos Airbus for the overnight vigil and closing Mass continues to be vocalized. About 1.4 million pilgrims showed up for the overnight vigil, and World Youth Day organizers were equipped to handle only about a million, turning away registered pilgrims from around the world. “It is the recommendation of the Office of Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto that we do not go so far as to request refunds or do any type of formal protest just because we understand that we’re dealing with the Church here,” said Christian Elia, director. “The Church in Spain already has financial issues and, as an act of charity, we’re not going to take those actions.” However, individual pilgrims have told Elia they will be writing letters to World Youth Day organizers in Madrid and the Madrid cardinal’s office. Elia said it’s important that World Youth Day organizers rethink how they organize the international event. “A lot of people aren’t enthusiastic about going to Rio do Janeiro because with less than two years until the next World Youth Day, it’s hard to imagine how a less-developed nation will do a better job than a more developed Western European nation,” said Elia.

‘Unprecedented’ HHS mandate must be rescinded, attorneys say

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The federal government’s mandate that all health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization from charge “represents an unprecedented attack on religious liberty” and creates “serious moral problems” that require its rescission, attorneys for the U.S. bishops said in comments submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services. In a 35-page comment submitted Aug. 31, Anthony R. Picarello Jr. and Michael F. Moses, general counsel and associate general counsel, respectively, for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the HHS mandate “unprecedented in federal law and more radical than any state contraceptive mandate enacted to date. Only rescission will eliminate all of the serious moral problems the mandate creates. Only rescission will correct HHS’ legally flawed interpretation of the term ‘preventive services.’” The mandate and a proposed religious exemption to it was announced Aug. 1 by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and are subject to a 60-day comment period. The USCCB attorneys also took issue with the religious exemption proposed by HHS, saying it “represents an unprecedented intrusion by the federal government into the precepts of religion that, if unchecked here, will support ever more expansive and corrosive intrusions in the future.” HHS has proposed that only religious employers meeting four criteria would be exempt from providing contraceptives and female sterilization through their health plans. Those requirements are that the organization (1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization “under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code. “Under such inappropriately narrow criteria — criteria bearing no reasonable relation to any legitimate (let alone compelling) government purpose — even the ministry of Jesus and the early Christian Church would not qualify as ‘religious,’ because they did not confine their ministry to their co-religionists or engage only in a particular ministry,” the USCCB comments said.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI told a group of his former students. “We, who have been able to know (Christ) since our youth, may we ask forgiveness because we bring so little of the light of His face to people, so little certainty comes from us that He exists. He’s present and He is the greatness that everyone is waiting for,” the pope said. The pope presided at Mass Aug. 25 in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany. Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna, a regular participant in the Ratzinger Schulerkreis (Ratzinger student circle), gave the homily at the Mass, but the pope made remarks at the beginning of the liturgy. The Vatican released the text of His Holiness’ remarks Aug. 28. Pope Benedict highlighted the day’s reading in Psalm 63 in which the soul thirsts for God “in a land parched, lifeless and without water.” He asked God to show Himself to today’s world, which is marked by God’s absence and where “the land of souls is arid and dry, and people still don’t know where the Living Water comes from.”
FORT WAYNE — The Little Flower Holy Hour, which was instituted over a decade ago by several lay couples, has been a steadfast opportunity for those in the diocese to pray together for vocations to the Holy Priesthood. The Holy Hour, under the patronage of St. Therese of Lisieux, is currently being held on the first Tuesday of each month in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on the cathedral grounds, under the tutelage of Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus.

Bishop D’Arcy preached at the Holy Hour on Sept. 6. An additional Holy Hour is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 20, with Msgr. Robert Schulte. The Vocation Monstrance, blessed by Pope John Paul II, will be available that evening. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the celebrant Oct. 4.

MISHAWAKA — Knights of Columbus Council 1878, located in Mishawaka, recently was recognized for their activities and growth in the past year.

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, celebrated the final profession of vows and ordination to the Order of Deacon of Marion native Matthew C. Kuczora. Provincial Superior Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson preceded at the celebration of the Eucharist, at which Kuczora took his final vows, on Aug. 27 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. On Sunday, Aug. 28, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presided over Kuczora’s ordination to the diaconate in the Moreau Seminary Chapel. Kuczora holds a master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame and will be ordained to the priesthood in April 2012.

The Tuesday sessions will focus on critical reading, writing and grammar, while the Thursday sessions will address math and science.

The class fee is $195 and includes both an ACT test and SAT text for the course.

The class is open to any high school student in the Fort Wayne-Allen County area. For more information and registration, contact Bishop Dwenger High School at (260) 496-4700 or visit www.bishopdwenger.com for information.

USF offers online and hybrid special education degree, licensing

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has launched a re-designed master of education degree and licensing program in exceptional needs (special education) for the new academic year.

Students holding bachelor’s degrees may choose from two options to complete the master’s degree. They may choose a hybrid of online instruction which combines periodic face-to-face instruction with online courses; or take courses delivered fully online.

Two master’s degree programs, mild intervention and intense intervention, prepare candidates to work with students with exceptional needs. Courses are geared for adults who must renew existing teaching licenses or who wish to expand their licensing qualifications to cover additional grade levels. Part-time teaching may also complete a certificate in 21st Century Interventions, which meets the requirements of the State of Indiana’s Registered Teacher to Instruction / Intervention mandates.

“The new program meets the university’s ongoing commitment to quality preparation of teaching professionals, while addressing students’ needs for flexible course delivery options,” said Dr. Daniel Turpin.

For information, contact Maureen McCon, licensing adviser, at mmcon@sf.edu, (260) 399-7700, ext. 8415, or visit sf.edu/sf/admissions.

Center for Spirituality to offer lecture on future of religious life

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary’s College will welcome Sister Sandra Schneider, a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to campus to present lecture “The Future of Religious Life” on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m., in O’Laughlin Auditorium. The event is in conjunction with the “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America” exhibit, which opened at the Center for History in South Bend on Sept. 2.

For information, contact 260-354-6628, ext. 174, email victornollcenter@olvm.org or visit www.olvm.org/vncenter.
Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza to promote prayer, forgiveness

Immaculee Ilibagiza to speak at diocesan Arise women's conference

Sept. 24

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Registration for the third annual Arise Women’s Conference, titled “Offer Forgiveness and Receive Peace,” is well underway and Natalie Kohrman, director of the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, says the women of the diocese who will attend will not be disappointed. With the focus on the complex virtue of forgiveness, the speaker line up promises to inspire even the most weary of hearts.

Author, speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, a 1994 Rwanda genocide survivor, and Sister John Sheila Galligan, a sister of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will share their insights on forgiveness and prayer. During an afternoon session she will speak on Our Lady of Kibeho and the Marian apparitions that occurred prior to the genocide.

Building on the previous year’s conference theme of the dignity, strength and hope of women, Kohrman says this year’s conference will highlight the call for women to forgive as their heavenly Father forgives. “Immaculee Ilibagiza’s testimony offers us a raw and emotional look at what destruction and hatred can bring, but it also shows the beauty of forgiveness,” says Kohrman. “Her story forces us to take a look at our own lives and determine whether we are ready to embrace the peace that forgiveness has to offer.”

Ilibagiza will relay to her audience the traumatic events that took place in 1994 when she and seven other women went into hiding in the cramped bathroom of a pastor’s home in Rwanda in an attempt to escape death during the bloody genocide. After 91 painstaking days she was able to escape, frightened and emaciated, only to learn that most of her family had been brutally murdered by Hutu militia members. Her powerful testimony of the painstaking process of facing her anger and deepening her prayer life culminated in her decision to forgive the man who murdered her mother and brother and live in peace. Ilibagiza believes prayer and forgiveness have great power and says enthusiastically, “Prayer can change everything.”

Following her escape from the murderous turmoil in Rwanda this deeply passionate woman immigrated to the U.S. and currently lives in New York with her husband and two children. Her remaining extended family includes one brother, along with an aunt, uncle and cousins.

Ilibagiza has written several books, including New York best seller “Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust” (Hay House, 2006), and lectures around the globe promoting forgiveness and peace. She has received honorary degrees and numerous humanitarian awards including The Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace 2007.

The focus of her talk on Sept. 24 will draw on peace and truth. She says of the ravages of the genocide, “Why did it happen? — Love was not there.”

She herself lived in burning anger for a time following the destruction of her family and country. But eventually she knew she must change her thinking to survive. “I felt Jesus say to me, ‘You hating them doesn’t change anything. You must pray for them to change,’” she says. And so she prayed for the will to forgive.

The faithful and courageous Ilibagiza eventually did forgive and changed many hearts with her righteous act. She now shares her story on her website where she offers retreats on hope and healing, and awards including The Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace 2007.

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Arise women’s conference

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Allen County War Memorial Coliseum-Expo II, Fort Wayne.

Registration runs through Sept. 16 and is $35 per person.

Contact Mary at (260) 399-1447 for information. Sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization and co-sponsored by Redeemer Radio AM 1450.

Sandra Schneiders, IHM

Professor Emerita, Jesuit School of Theology

The Future of Religious Life

Saturday, September 24, 2011

11:30 a.m., O’Laughlin Auditorium

Schneiders is a renowned author and a leading authority on Catholic women’s religious life. Her lecture is in conjunction with the Illinois O’Spirit exhibit on display at The Center for History, downtown South Bend.

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Miss Ilibagiza says, “We have to think of other people instead of ourselves. We talk as children of God — if not, so many things can happen.”

To learn more about Immaculee Ilibagiza and her powerful message of forgiveness and hope visit www.immaculee.com.
Mishawaka Catholic
Consolidation has Mishawaka Catholic excited

Mishawaka Catholic School Statistics
Executive Pastor — Father Terry Fisher
Principal — Vikki Wojcik
Faculty members — 34
Preschool enrollment for 2011-2012 — 52
K-8 enrollment for 2011-2012 — 368
Web address — http://mishawakacatholicschool.org

Mishawaka Catholic students enter St. Joseph Church Aug. 26

At right, students carry the offertory gifts at the all-school Mass Aug. 26 at St. Joseph Church in Mishawaka.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades engages students of Mishawaka Catholic during his homily at the all-school Mass Aug. 26.
Mishawaka Catholic Principal Vikki Wojcik is committed to keeping the traditions of each of the campuses.

“We definitely want to preserve the K-8 feeling in our school,” Wojcik told Today’s Catholic. “In order to do that we will need to be creative in how we structure learning opportunities across grades and across campuses.”

Events and programs that will intersect across grades and campuses include all-school Mass, Faith Families, science fair, reading experiences, an oratorical event, and a health day with a food fair and exercise, as examples.

Wojcik stressed that the faculty and staff are looking forward to examining what and how students learn, and taking the results and applying them in a variety of ways.

Two programs to which Wojcik wants to apply new learning methods include art and music classes offered at the school.

Art teacher Cindie Weldy explained the methods of teaching and curriculum she will incorporate in her classes.

“I use the Discipline-Based Art Education Approach that combines art production, art criticism, art history and aesthetics,” Weldy said. “Electives in the middle school will include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, weaving and collage.”

Jeanette Dripps, a music teacher for both Mishawaka Catholic and Marian High School, will offer middle-school students a music elective course that is unique to Mishawaka Catholic.

“The students will participate in drumming and singing from cultures all over the world,” Dripps said. “We have ordered a classroom set of African drums and other instruments. Some were even made in Ghana, West Africa.”

“Through drumming circles, students will develop the ability to express themselves through playing and composition,” she added.

Wojcik acknowledges the success of any school is dependent on parental participation.

“We partner with parents in the most important work — raising children to be disciples of Christ,” Wojcik stressed. “When we have a shared vision of the work we are trying to accomplish, which is helping each child of God reach his or her potential. We are truly community.”

Before Bishop Rhoades’ visit to Mishawaka Catholic concluded, he met with kindergarten through second graders at the St. Bavo campus. During his interaction with students there, he proclaimed that his favorite baseball team is the New York Yankees; which prompted some disapproval from the audience.

Bishop Rhoades afterwards redeemed himself with the students when he proclaimed the University of Notre Dame to be his favorite football team.
McCloskey family recalls 9/11 and the loss of beloved daughter

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — Ten years ago Dick and Ann McCloskey received the news no parents want to hear. Their beloved daughter, Katie, was killed when terrorists flew an airplane into the World Trade Center in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Katie worked on the 97th floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center.

The couple, members of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, recently recalled their memories of the day, the outpouring of love and support they received following the tragedy, and how God’s presence was revealed to them during this period.

Katie McCloskey

Katie, a 1994 graduate of John Adams High School in South Bend and 1998 graduate of Indiana University, is remembered by her family and friends for her sweet nature and humor. Her parents called her the family comedian who could impersonate family members perfectly.

“She cracked jokes a lot and had Dick’s sense of humor,” said Anne. “She could impersonate Anne’s laugh and it would leave everybody in stitches,” added Dick.

With the urging of her lifelong friend Cherise, she decided to use her computer skills and was hired as a help-desk technician for Marsh McLennan, a large insurance company with offices at the World Trade Center in late July of 2001.

Dick recalled Katie’s excitement as she packed up to move to New York.

“She had a red Mustang convertible and a little dog named Spencer.” Dick said. “She really liked New York and had only been there about six weeks when Sept. 11 happened.”

“I remember she told me she took a picture over her shoulder in her office of the Statue of Liberty. She was living her dream,” he said.

September 11

On the Tuesday morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Katie’s boyfriend, a law student at Northwestern University, called the McCloskey’s at 8 a.m. and asked if they had heard from Katie. He told them to turn on the television and see the news about an airplane flying into the World Trade Center.

“I lost it,” Anne said.

Since Katie had not been working at Marsh McLennan long, Dick could not recall in which building she worked. “The thing I remember was when the first building came down,” he said. “I just kept praying, ‘I hope she is in the other building.’ And then when the other came down I turned to Anne and said, ‘she’s gone.’”

Despite that instinct, they tried to reach Katie through her cell phone and friends. “I remember you couldn’t get any information and nobody had heard from her,” Dick recalled.

“That’s when we decided to go to New York.”

Anne and Dick’s sister stayed at home in the chance that Katie might call there. The other members of the McCloskey family joined Dick and drove Wednesday night to arrive in New York City on Thursday. The group met up with Katie’s room- mate Cherise and her boyfriend and the combined group split into two teams to search for Katie at Manhattan hospitals. One group literally walked to all area hospitals close to ground zero because roads were closed to drivers. The other team drove and covered the north side of the island.

“We physically visited every single hospital on that island for two days and there were 20 some hospitals,” Dick said. “And there weren’t any people in the hospitals. You got out or you were dead. You might have a fireman or policeman that was hurt, but there were hardly any injured people.”

Love and support

The McCloskey’s greatly appreciated the outpouring of love and support from New Yorkers, the South Bend community, and countless volunteers from around the world following the attacks.

During the time Dick and family members were in New York the week of Sept. 11, they were asked to go to an armory that was used as a disaster center. Families were urged to register their DNA so that if someone who was badly injured could not be identified, they could take a DNA sample from that person and do a match with the family DNA.

Because of the immensity of the disaster, the line for registering DNA took about five hours. It was during this wait that Dick saw some of the first graces emerge from this tragedy.

“I’ve always had a negative image of the people of New York being cold and self centered and into their own thing,” he noted. “That day standing in that line changed my whole attitude. There were people that had come from the distant suburbs with cold drinks and sandwiches. There was a sign in the window across the street that said ‘we have a restroom if you need it.’ There were people walking up and down the line who said if you are tired we will hold your place in line while you go rest. The outpouring of support was beyond belief.”

In February of 2002 when Dick and Anne returned to ground zero, they visited a respite facility for those working recovery and clean up at the site. A policeman guarding the facility, upon learning that the McCloskey’s were family of someone lost during Sept. 11, urged the couple to get some lunch in the building’s cafeteria. As they ate their lunch, they spoke to a construction worker and shared their story with him.

Shortly after Dick and Anne returned home, they received a cross cut from one of the steel beams of the World Trade Center, sent by the gentleman they had spoken to at the cafeteria. Later, they also received a square piece of steel given to...
Finding the love of God in the 9/11 attacks

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — For Deacon Jim Tighe, Sept. 11, 2001 will be a day he’ll never forget. Deacon Tighe lost his youngest brother, Stephen, in the World Trade Center terrorists’ attack.

Stephen was the youngest of the five Tighe children. Deacon Tighe is the director of the Office of Catechesis and is a communal Church.

Deacon Tighe worked as a sales manager at WOWO radio in Fort Wayne at the time. On 9/11, he was coordinating a sales seminar that was being presented for the station’s clients.

“I had just left the house when I heard the report that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center,” Deacon Tighe recalled. At that time, he said, he wasn’t even sure if that’s where Stephen worked.

“I always felt like this call to the diaconate was (God saying), ‘Okay, you’re ready. Here’s what I’d like you to do.’”

Deacon Tighe noted.

The Tighes worked as sales manager at WOWO asked Deacon Tighe if there was anyone they could help. He requested Mary Pohlman, pastoral associate at St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne.

“Mary had walked so closely with us with the death of the girls,” Deacon Tighe said. The twin tower was kind of a sobering moment.

The Tighes traveled to New York for Stephen’s memorial Mass. His body was never found.

“‘The memorial Masses at my home parish, St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, seemed to be going on after the attack. But, he said, to sit on his sun porch after that day and realize that the only planes he was hearing in the sky were warplanes was kind of a sobering moment.’

Deacon Tighe said.

“God and 9/11

While both Dick and Anne are active sharing their faith with others in the St. Pius X and Catholic community at large, understanding God’s presence on that day was difficult, especially for Anne shortly after the attacks.

“It was very difficult for me,” Anne said. “At first I was mad at God for letting this happen.”

“God understands that kind of reaction,” Dick answered. “He’s tough and He can take it. I’m sure He would rather us vent against Him rather than somebody else.”

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“One thing I learned more than anything else is God didn’t do this,” Dick said. “God gives us free will. And with that free will you can do good and you can do evil. God stands back and lets us exercise what free will. He gives us the responsibility to act appropriately with that free will and when people don’t, it is the definition of sin; going against what God wants us to do.”

Dick recalled something that he heard on the radio in New York City shortly after the attacks.

“Someone asked, ‘Where was God when this happened?’ And a clergyman responded, ‘He was right there standing next to us like He always is. And we have a choice to turn to Him for consolation, or turn away from Him in anger.’”

Dick shared that when the subject of Sept. 11 occurs, people come up to him, offer condolences and ask if there is something they can do.

“There is something everybody can do,” Dick said. “Every time you think of September 11, do something good for somebody.”

The angel appears and feeds Elijah with cakes and water and allows him to rest. The Lord was not with Elijah. God called Elijah to Mount Horeb and still had plans for him.

Deacon Tighe said the seven years that followed the tragedies to the time when Father Tom Shoemaker asked Deacon Tighe if he would consider the diaconate program, “was my time under the broom tree.”

“I always felt like this call to the diaconate was (God saying), ‘Okay, you’re ready. Here’s what I’d like you to do.’”

In his prayers, Deacon Tighe prayed for the victims of the attack, “but also for the people who did it,” he said. “I realize that if I am truly going to be in love with Christ, that I had to love those who rejected Him as well.”

Deacon Tighe said he believes in the God who could love Osama bin Laden as much as He loves the pope.

“I found no joy when (bin Laden was killed),” Deacon Tighe said.

He considers bin Laden a lost soul. “There’s someone who could have had kids in the love of God and chose not to,” he said.

In the years since the tragedy of 9/11, Deacon Tighe said that was a time “in just coming to know what that love is.”

Finding the love of God in the 9/11 attacks
In Christ sinners are forgiven

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mt 18:21-35

The Book of Sirach is the source of this weekend’s first biblical reading. Sirach’s author was Joshua, the son of Sirach. (He should not be confused with Joshua, active centuries earlier as a disciple of Moses and leader of the Hebrews as they passed into the Promised land.)

Written in Jerusalem, originally in Hebrew, Sirach lost the right to be considered the first biblical reading.

The reading rarely calls upon its audience to forgive the faults of others, and to trust in the merciful God. Wrath and anger are hateful things, the reading insists. No one who succeeds in seven times, but “70 times seven.” In this column, I’d simply like to share a few thoughts that have inspired me over the years when facing them. And maybe you’ll find them helpful if you are in the position to help others make important decisions too.

- When big decisions loom before you and you feel overwhelmed with options, project yourself in the future and look at the present as past. Which decision do you feel most comfortable with?
- Take it in prayer and leave it at our Lord’s feet. (Eucharistic Adoration is great for this!) Ask Him for direction and clarity.

In Christ sinners are forgiven

Reading:


Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2-7,9 Lk 7:21-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17


Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Jn 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Tm 6:6-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

Letter to the Editor:

A big smile for the Felician Sisters at St. Adalbert

Our South Bend’s St. Adalbert Parish just celebrated its 60th anniversary. It has been a member of this parish for 87 years with many happy memories. In 1931 I graduated from St. Adalbert Elementary School.

When I entered first grade in 1931 the school had 1,000 students. The school was staffed by the Felician Sisters, headquartered in Livonia, Michigan. I have many fond memories of the sisters’ concern for all of our needs.

When I was in the sixth grade in 1936, the sister in my class took me aside one day and told me that I had a beautiful smile. She also told me that when I smiled everyone noticed how white my teeth were. She asked me if I brushed my teeth regularly. During the Depression Years we couldn’t even afford toothbrushes in our family of nine children. So I told her I didn’t even have a toothbrush.

Later that day she got me a toothbrush from the school nurse. She also told me that I didn’t have to use expensive toothpaste. She told me what she used. She would take a teaspoon of baking soda and a pinch of salt, and with that gave her teeth a good brushing. I appreciated her concern for me, and brushed my teeth regularly.

The following year when I was in the seventh grade, the sister in the class was new to South Bend, and the sister from the previous year was no longer teaching in our school. One day she complimented me on my white teeth. I told her that I used the Felician Sisters secret tooth powder.

When she asked me what it was, I told her “just baking soda with a pinch of salt.”

She gave me a big smile and told me to keep up the good work.

To this day the Felician Sisters have a special place in my heart.

Louis A. Gesielski
South Bend
In praise of Peter Berger

A t the end of his new intellectual memoir, *Adventures of an Accidental Sociologist: How to Explain the World Without Becoming a Bore* (Prometheus Books), Peter L. Berger recounts a telling tale from his Viennese childhood:

“... I must have been about four or five years old. For my birthday or for Christmas I was given the present of a very sophisticated electric toy train. One could control its movements through multiple tracks and tunnels across a miniature landscape. I had no interest in the mechanical wonders of this toy. Instead, I lay flat on the ground and talked with imaginary passengers on the train.”

It was, the eminent sociologist notes, something he’s been doing ever since: indulging an “endless fascination with the vagaries of the human world and with the efforts to understand them.”

To which I say, good for him.

Everyday

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Then let it go. The answer will come to you. It may not always be what you want to hear, but you will have peace.

• “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not into your own intelligence. Rely on His loving consideration of you, and He will make straight your paths.” — Prv 3:5-6

• “But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and He will be given to him.” — Jas 1:5

• “And we have this confidence in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us. And if we know that He hears us in regard to whatever we ask, we know that what we have asked Him for is ours.” — 1 Jn 5:14-15

Finally, I will add a few facts that you probably already know, but might want to be reminded of concerning decision making.

• God already knows what you need before you ask. Trust Him and take care of you. Offer the stress you feel back to Him as a gift of trust.

• Many people find it difficult to work in a cluttered room. They feel distracted, unsettled and the need to clean. Likewise, many people find it difficult to make good decisions with a “dirty” soul. Going to Confession can clean things up spiritually and make us all more capable of making clear and good decisions.

• Jesus gives Himself in the Holy Eucharist. God’s grace and indeed His Self is available if we only seek Him. Big decisions are a part of life, but we don’t have to face them alone. We can minimize stress by handling them with faith and trust in God. Remind yourself that nothing is too big for God to handle. Choose your favorite inspirational Bible quote and stick it in a conspicuous spot. Then head to church, because the answer is always there.

Vindicated by Japan, India and the Asian “tigers.” And when both churchmen and social scientists dismissed evangelicalism as a pre-modern sideshow of little consequence, Berger rightly saw in it a distinctive response to modernity that would dramatically reshape the world religious landscape — as it manifestly has.

One happy and unexpected facet of my professional life has been that men whose books I first read in college and graduate school have become friends and colleagues. I first read Berger’s splendid little book, “A Rumor of Angels,” when I was a college sophomore, as I read his “Invitation to Sociology” a year later, and more than a dozen of his books in the decades to follow. That this brilliant and endlessly entertaining man has become a friend and co-belligerent in several causes is something I count as a blessing — as I do his eminently readable intellectual autobiography.

GEORGE WEIGEL

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Bishop blesses Redeemer Radio chapel

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The Angel Gabriel, who transmitted the greatest news — that Mary would be the mother of God — is also the patron saint of Catholic radio. When Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the new chapel, tabernacle and altar at Redeemer Radio on Aug. 29, it was only appropriate for it to be named the St. Gabriel Chapel.

The small chapel seated just four people for the blessing. Other patrons, volunteers and staff sat throughout the Redeemer Radio studio and offices as Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass.

The St. Gabriel Chapel was dedicated to the memory of Larry Hoffman, one of Redeemer Radio’s first volunteers. He died of leukemia in 2007.

His widow, Louise, was at the blessing. She and volunteers Retta Kohrman, Susie Wilhelm and Janice Scher were invited to be seated in the new chapel during the blessing.

“It’s absolutely wonderful,” Louise told Today’s Catholic. “It’s what Larry would have wanted.”

She said Larry would have been most pleased that the Eucharist would be reserved in the chapel.

“The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved here,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. “The Lord will be in your midst.”

“It is truly a privilege to have a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament reserved.” Bishop Rhoades said as the apostolate serves the Church and the Church’s mission to share the good news.

The on site chapel, across the hall from the studios, will allow staff and volunteers to pray for listeners and benefactors of Redeemer Radio.

Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, reported that several pastors and volunteers donated items for the chapel.

Father Phillip Widmann donated the chalice, ciborium, paten and candlesticks.

Father Cyril Fernandes donated the crucifix hanging on the chapel wall and the brass tabernacle candle stand. Father James Shafer donated the tabernacle door.

The altar was once used by Msgr. Leo Hoffman. When he was no longer able to live independently, he gave his private altar to Warren and Susie Wilhelm who originally had it built for him. The Wilhelms have been supporters of Redeemer Radio and donated the altar.

Warren Wilhelm died on Aug. 15. Stevens said, “Redeemer Radio is an apostolate that is largely volunteer driven. There are over 300 volunteers who give of their time and talents to keep us on the air.”

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Volleyball launches Sept. 10-11

**BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN**

FORT WAYNE — As seventh graders, the St. Vincent girls’ volleyball team went 14-0 and won the 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) title.

“It is always a goal to win, but we really hope to make the girls better volleyball players and prepare them to play at the high school level,” said St. Vincent Coach Julie Lukemire.

Her 2011 squad is well equipped for a good season. The Panthers list 13 players on their roster with over half who participated in club play over the winter months.

“We are taller and stronger,” she said. “We are very fortunate and working very hard. This class has a lot of talent.”

Lukemire started coaching the girls as fifth graders, Rhonda Winkeljohn jumped on board last season as assistant and returns.

“We hope to build on what we did last year, challenge the girls with more plays and have some

The Saint Joseph’s High School boys’ soccer team defeated the previously undefeated Indianapolis Cathedral, 4-3, on Sept. 3. Indianapolis Cathedral made it to the state soccer championship last year. Pictured are the Saint Joseph’s goalie, Patrick Korman (No. 00), and senior defender Tom Labuzienski, (No. 7).
fun,” summarized Lukemire. The 2011 CYO season will kick off across courts at St. Vincent, Queen of Angels, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, St. Charles, St. Joseph, Decatur and St. Elizabeth the weekend of Sept. 10-11, and continue through Oct. 15. The three different leagues will see some changes to the schedule from a year ago due to several teams having low numbers. The defending Blue League champions, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, will have a familiar face coaching their team — Alexis DeVido. The former Squires’ player and Bishop Luers grad has accepted the role for the 2011 season, while studying pediatric nursing at Ivy Tech. DeVido lists just four eighth graders on her combined team roster, but insists they are great captains and showing impressive leadership in the preseason to their 11 seventh-grade counterparts. The team set a goal of remaining undefeated for the season. “They work hard and really well together,” DeVido said.

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Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. The cost of Parish will host a golf outing at golf outing

Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@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.

Golf outing Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish will host a golf outing at Brookwood Golf Course Sunday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. The cost of $50 per person includes din-

Dance to the oldies Fort Wayne — A St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen Fundraiser featuring Spike and the Bulldogs will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, from 7:30-11:30 p.m in Oechtering Hall at St. Mary’s Church. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Beer, wine and food available. Tickets are $10 admission, $12 for reserved table of eight. Contact Dottie at (260) 705-1690 or Val at (260) 450-5170 for more information or reservations.

Jesu the Healer class offered South Bend — Little Flower Church, 54191 N. Ironwood, will offer Jesus the Healer on Mondays at 7 p.m. or Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in room 2 of the parish center. The first sessions are Sept. 12 and 13 and the last are Nov. 21 and 22. Those interested in participating are requested to contact Jay at (574) 273-9722 or ljconcubine@stbgbglobal.net.

St. Anthony de Padua hosts Papa Vino spaghetti dinner South Bend — The St. Anthony de Padua class of 2012 will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Friday, Sept. 30, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the school’s gymnasium located at the corner of Ironwood and Jefferson Blvd. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any St. Anthony eighth grader, after weekend Masses or by emailing mcc@stanthonyssb.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event. Tickets are $6 per adult and $5 for seniors and children 12 and under. Dine-in and carry-out available. The dinner will feature Papa Vino’s sauce, salad and bread. Beer, wine, beverages and dessert will also be served. All proceeds will benefit class of 2012 activities.

Parish mission planned North Manchester — St. Robert Bellarmine Parish 1203 State Road 114 East, will have a parish mission, Faith, Family and Fellowship will be Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. The guest speaker for each night will be Fr. Franciscan Father David Engo.

St. Patrick, Lagro and the Knights host fundraiser Wabash — The Friends of St. Patrick and the Knights of Columbus will host a brat/fish fry at the Knight’s hall Friday, Sept. 16. Dine in or carry out for $7 for adults and $4 for children. Proceeds will benefit restoration of the 138-year-old church.

Fish fry Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus 4511 will have a fish fry Friday, Sept. 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4 for children 6-12.

Birthday celebration for Our Lady Knox — Prayer will be offered at the Shrine of the World Rosary for Peace Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Deacon Brian Miller. Bring a lawn chair. Dinner will follow the rosary. Call Linda or Bill at (574) 772-2606 for information.

St. Pius X senior group Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon beginning with Mass. On Sept. 13 the speaker will be Father Terry

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers a blessing at the new Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka on Sept. 1.

Fred Everett, assistant to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and director of the Office of Family Life, proclaims the first reading at Mass Sept. 1 in the Blessed John Paul II Center.

According to Everett, the decision to name the renovated building the Blessed John Paul II Center was based on several factors. The beatification of John Paul II was announced shortly after the decision to move the Chancery and to bring all the former chancery property for the past few years in order to build a new library in downtown South Bend. So the move was a good decision for all involved.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, with diocesan staff following, blesses offices throughout the new Blessed John Paul II Center in Mishawaka. The center will house diocesan offices that serve the South Bend area.

“I see the whole diocese coming together more as one, working as a unit, and coordinating activities ...”

DANIELLE ABRIL

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