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Sacred Heart Parish made personal parish

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has decreed Sacred Heart Parish as a personal parish, and the boundaries of St. Henry Parish will be extended. See decrees on page 3.

Legal professionals gather in prayer at Red Mass

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — A tradition dating back to the 13th century was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Oct. 2. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Red Mass, a Mass attended by the judiciary, attorneys at law, law professors, high-ranking government officials, distinguished guests and others who work in the legal arena. The Mass was intended to gather those from the legal profession for the purpose of seeking divine guidance and strength for the coming terms of court.

Bishop Rhoades’ homily intertwined the day’s readings of the vineyard with Respect Life Sunday and a message to all who work in the legal profession.

“Sadly, tragically, God’s vineyard that we are called to tend is so often ruined today by sins and crimes against life — by abortion, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia,” Bishop Rhoades said in the homily. “God has given us wondrous signs of His love, sons and daughters to love and cherish. He has given us hearts to love the needy, the poor and the stranger, the immigrant.”

“What have we done with these gifts?” he asked. “In a culture of life and love, these gifts are cherished. In a culture of death, they are destroyed. A culture of death lays waste to the beauty that God has so wondrously created.”

Bishop Rhoades said, “Today, here in our cathedral church, we are also celebrating the Red Mass, our annual Mass in which we invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon all who serve in the legal profession. Lawyers, judges, and all public

St. Henry Parish boundaries extended

BY TIM JOHNSON AND VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne will become a “personal parish,” serving the faithful who worship according to the extraordinary form of the Latin rite, and the boundaries of St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, will be extended to include the territory of Sacred Heart Parish. The announcement was made at both parishes at all Masses on Oct. 1-2. The changes take effect on Sunday, Nov. 6.

On that date, Father George Gabel of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and chaplain of the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Mass Community, will become pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. Father Daniel Durkin will continue as pastor of St. Henry Parish and will offer Holy Mass in English according to the ordinary for the Latin rite at 4 p.m. on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church.

In a letter to parishioners of both parishes, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades noted, “It is my hope and prayer that these decisions will benefit and strengthen both St. Henry and Sacred Heart parishes.”

“I care deeply for the spiritual and pastoral good of all the parishioners,” Bishop Rhoades said in the letter. “I want both parishes to be viable for the future and both churches to remain open.”

“I ask for your cooperation and support, so these changes will proceed smoothly and help strengthen the Church’s mission in southeast Fort Wayne,” he added.

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECALLS THOSE ABORTED

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the Anthony Wayne Assembly were present at the pro-life memorial service held Oct. 2 at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The ecumenical memorial service recalls the lives lost to abortion in Allen County.
Red Mass homily for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Editor’s note: The following is the homily by Bishop Rhoades for the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, on Oct. 2, 2011.

The prophet Isaiah gives us an allegory about his friend who planted a vineyard on fertile ground. He spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines. But later, when his friend looked for the crop of grapes, he found wild grapes. This fruite has swept through God’s vineyard. The vineyard was ruined because his cherished plants, his beloved people, were careless with his gifts, and so the vineyard was ruined. They did not respect the vineyard of truth and love and life that God had entrusted to them.

Today, the Church throughout the United States celebrates Respect Life Sunday. The allegory of the vineyard can easily be applied to us today. God, out of his infinite love, created us in his image and likeness. He created the heavens and the earth. He has given us life. He has given us the Government is called to defend at this moment in our history. The Church calls us to embrace the Gospel of Life and seek to bring truth and life and beauty to the vineyard God has planted for us. We proclaim the sanctity of life, all human life, especially the life of the most vulnerable in the Lord’s vineyard.

At the end of the Gospel today, Jesus says to the chief priests and elders, to whom he addressed the parable, that “the kingdom of God will be taken away from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” God forbid that the kingdom be taken away from us! It will be taken away if we do not produce good fruit.

Today, in our cathedral church, we are also celebrating the Red Mass, our annual Mass in which we invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon all who serve in the legal profession. Lawyers, judges, and all public officials are also called to produce good fruit in the vineyard of the Lord. They do so by serving the cause of justice and truth and defending those inalienable rights that serve as the foundation for laws of a truly humane society. Our Western legal heritage, inspired by the conviction that there is a Creator God, gave rise to the idea of human rights, the idea of the equality of all people before the law, and the recognition of the inviolability of human dignity in every single person and the awareness of people’s responsibility for their actions. These are the criteria of law that all of us, especially those in the legal profession, are called to defend at this moment in our history. I wish to bring to your attention at this Red Mass, on this Respect Life Sunday, a very serious matter. You probably have heard or read about the proposed mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that will require virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and related “patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.” All health plans will have to include these so-called “preventive services for women” — regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage. There is a religious employer exemption in this mandate that is so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. Since our Catholic institutions both serve and employ many non-Catholics, we would not qualify for an exemption. Jesus would not have qualified for the exemption since he insisted on helping people who were of other religions. Our Catholic institutions provide health care and other services to the needy of whatever faith. This mandate is a direct violation of our religious liberty. It does not protect the rights of conscience for those who do not want to take part in providing immoral “services.” Mandating that we provide health insurance that includes surgical sterilization, contraception, including the abortifacient drug Ella, is a serious violation of our moral and religious convictions, and of our religious liberty.

Nor does the mandate respect women’s health or women’s freedom. Truly preventive services are aimed at preventing diseases or detecting them early to aid prompt treatment. But pregnancy is not a disease. Those seeking non-preventing disease, contraceptives can have serious health consequences of their own. Mandating such coverage does not respect the health or freedom of women, nor respect for the consciences of those who recognize the immorality of contraception and sterilization. As I said, this mandate includes even a drug that destroys innocent human life, an abortifacient drug.

As Catholics, especially those in the legal profession, we must not shrink from our obligation to assert the values and principles that are essential to the common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being, as well as the rights of conscience and religious freedom. It is clear that some in our society seek to eliminate religiously motivated people and organizations, especially the Catholic Church, from public programs, by forcing us to violate our moral and religious convictions or stop serving the needy.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that “a society can be built only by tirelessly respecting, promoting and teaching the transcendent nature of the human person.” Today and during this Respect Life Month, we are celebrating God’s great gift of life. Let us renew our commitment and our witness to the sanctity of life and do our part in producing good fruit in the vineyard of the Lord!
WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Increasing attempts to expunge God and religious discourse from public life" are contributing to a growing disrespect for the unique status of human beings, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said in a message for Respect Life Month in October.

In a statement made public Sept. 26, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities linked respect for life to recent moves to silence the voice of people motivated by faith.

"Some now even seek to eliminate religiously motivated people and organizations from public programs, by forcing them to violate their moral and religious convictions or stop serving the needy," he said. "The same forces, aided by advertising and entertainment media, promote a selfish and demeaning view of human sexuality, by extolling the alleged good of sexual activity without love or commitment."

Cardinal DiNardo noted that the theme for the 2011-12 Respect Life program, now in its 40th year, was taken from Jesus’ promise in the 10th chapter of John: "I came so that all might have life and have it to the full."
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All Saints

October 9, 2011

World Mission Sunday 2011

"Good News" of Jesus as their saving hope. As mission dioceses and communities who await the Mission Societies will support those 1,150 young World Mission Sunday collection. We pray and respond here in the United States, we join with every parish and chapel around the world to renew ourselves and our Church. May God bless you and our diocese!

Our Lord, before returning to the Father, announced the gift of the Holy Spirit and charged His followers with being His witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We are familiar with this fundamental duty of all Catholics. Each year, we renew this baptismal call, especially during our Easter celebration. And in October, as the entire Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, we have a chance to fulfill this duty in a special way. Through prayer and sacrifice we are able to support those missionaries who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to faraway places. In doing so, we are renewing our own vocation as missionaries. The Church is, after all, mission.

Thankfully, there are many organizations — some Catholic — that extend the treasure and talent of Americans to those parts of the world where people are struggling to get enough to eat or send their children to school. However, the Church’s missionary activity begins with the proclamation of faith: "Jesus is Lord!" He is our common hope — a hope that not only clothes and educates, but also saves. On World Mission Sunday, October 23, I invite you to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the World Mission Sunday collection.

Your vital contribution to the Pontifical Mission Societies will support those 1,150 young mission dioceses and communities who await the “Good News” of Jesus as their saving hope. As we pray and respond here in the United States, we join with every parish and chapel around the world to renew ourselves and our Church. May God bless you and our diocese!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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For more about this important celebration of the universal Church, please visit the special World Mission Sunday web site: www.IAmAMissionary.org.

"Jesus’ promise of ‘life to the full’ is especially poignant today, when our culture and sometimes our government promote values inimical to the happiness and true good of individuals and society," he said.

"Viewing life as a ‘zero-sum’ game, in which advancing one’s interests requires putting aside the needs of others, can lead to callous unconcern for anyone who is especially weak, defenseless and in need of our help," Cardinal DiNardo said.

The unbaptized child, the aging parent whom some call a ‘burden’ on our medical system, the allegedly ‘excess’ embryo in the fertility clinic, the person with a disability, the cognitively impaired accident victim who needs assistance in receiving food and water to live — each today is at risk of being dismissed as a ‘life unworthy of life,’” he added.

The cardinal said the recent decision by the Department of Health and Human Services to require all health plans to cover contraceptives and sterilization without cost demonstrates both “a distorted view of sexuality and a disdain for the role of religion.”

“Mandating such coverage shows neither respect for women’s health or freedom, nor respect for the consciences of those who do not want to take part in such problematic initiatives,” he added.

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Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses to the truth that every human life is sacred. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow You in all that we do.

Father, we ask this in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Provided by the USCCB, www.usccb.org

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Prayer for Protection Of Conscience Rights In Health Care

Father, in Jesus our Lord, we praise and thank You for Your most precious gift of human life and for forming us in Your divine image. Keep us, the dweller of Your most Holy Spirit, ever healthy in body and soul.

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Begin The World Mission Sunday Celebration

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Live by his or her religious beliefs woman and man to express and the right of every common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being, and the right of every woman and man to express and live by his or her religious beliefs and well-formed conscience.”

— Cardinal DiNardo

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Father Gabet explained to Today’s Catholic that the current code of canon law states that the Tridentine Latin Mass, now known as the extraordinary form of the Roman rite, is different from the ‘ordinary’ form, and therefore can be the reason for establishing a personal parish.

The St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Mass Community was established by Bishop John M. D’Arcy in response to Pope Benedict XVI’s “motu proprio” Summorum Pontificum and the request from the Latin Mass communities in Fort Wayne and South Bend who desired that the Priests Fraternity of St. Peter establish an apostolate in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and to supply priests in full communion with Rome to offer the Latin Mass and sacraments in the extraordinary form.

The Priests Fraternity of St. Peter, at the request of Bishop D’Arcy, sent a priest in March 2008 to celebrate Mass and then established the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Community. This community would subdivide the diocesan parishes of Sacred Heart in Fort Wayne and originally St. John the Baptist Church in South Bend, and then later transferred to St. Patrick Church in South Bend.

The community at Sacred Heart consists of 55 families or 165 registered parishioners and approximately 110 parishioners at St. Patrick Church, South Bend.

The Latin Mass has attracted young families in both Fort Wayne and South Bend. “This past year at Sacred Heart we had 12 baptisms,” Father George said. “The average age of our parishioners is 29. This certainly bodes well for the future. The Latin Mass is offered every day at Sacred Heart in Fort Wayne and every Sunday and holy day at St. Patrick in South Bend. Mass times at Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne, are 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, noon on Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

At St. Patrick Church, South Bend, Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. and on holy days at 7 p.m.

For longtime parishioners of Sacred Heart, “the main way we hope that Sacred Heart will serve its parishioners is by keeping the Church viable as a Catholic Church. The demographics of the southeast side of Fort Wayne have definitely changed since Sacred Heart first was opened shortly after World War II,” Father Gabet said.

With many industries closing and people moving to the suburbs, parishes such as Sacred Heart in most dioceses would close.

Fortunately, Bishop Rhodes recognizes the attachment and the desire of the faithful to the church they and their parents helped build,” Father Gabet said. “The current plan is evidence of the fact he wishes to keep a Catholic presence on the southeast side as long as this is even remotely possible.

“The extraordinary form draws people from as far away as Ohio and Michigan to the southeast side of Fort Wayne,” Father Gabet explained. “Many of the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Community, including my family, have been part of Sacred Heart for the past 20 years when Bishop D’Arcy permitted the Latin Mass to be offered there. This certainly has helped keep Sacred Heart in the black."

Father Gabet added, “Besides simply helping to keep Sacred Heart Church viable, a 4 p.m. English Mass will be offered by Father Dan Durkin, pastor of neighboring St. Henry Parish, Bishop Rhodes has made this possible in response to the English Mass parishioners’ request to keep at least one English Mass at Sacred Heart. In addition, some of the community events that now occur at Sacred Heart will still be available, such as the South Side Seniors events and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

“As pastor, I will still be serving the same amount of people within the boundaries of the new St. Henry’s, as I served before from two parishes,” said Father Durkin in an email to Today’s Catholic.

“St. Henry’s has been serving about 148 families previous to this change. We really need as many as possible to build up this parish and get involved in our various ministries,” Father Durkin continued.

“Since the new St. Henry’s will still have a good number of long-lasting, faithful people, it’s exciting to know how open we are to new faces helping in any way possible.”

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CATHOLIC ADULT-STEM-CELL RESEARCHER WORKS IN LAB

Theresa Deisher, an adult stem-cell researcher and CEO at AVM Biotechnology in Seattle, poses for a photo in her lab Sept. 30. Deisher, who is Catholic, said her commitment to research using adult stem cells rather than embryonic stem cells is grounded in her belief that life begins at conception.

Catholic colleges appeal parts of federal health care law mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Eighteen Catholic colleges have asked the Obama administration to exempt all religious individuals and institutions from being forced to participate in the federal mandate that health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization. The 13-page appeal was sent to the White House Sept. 29 and called the Department of Health and Human Services’ exemptions for religious employers as “potentially so narrow as to be not only nearly inconsequential but insulting to religious entities, in particular to Catholic colleges and universities.”

Bishops’ new ad hoc committee will tackle religious liberty concerns

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Saying they are increasingly distressed over government policies that promote contraception, abortion and same-sex marriage and announce an assault on religious freedom, the U.S. bishops have established a committee to shape public policy and coordinate the Church’s response on the issue. The Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty was announced Sept. 30 by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Holy Name Society pledges to use social media to attract members

BALTIMORE (CNS) — At its height, the Holy Name Society boasted more than 40,000 members in 135 parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. More than a half century later, there are about 500 members in 18 parishes. Baltimore’s growing numbers aren’t an aberration.

Adult stem cells making news in courts, Congress and on football field

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Stem-cell research is once again making news in Congress and the courts. But this time, it’s on the sports pages, too. And instead of the embryonic stem-cell research that was once all the rage, the news is in the field of adult stem-cell research, which does not involve the destruction of human embryos. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, sidelined with a neck injury, reportedly went to an unidentified European country in recent weeks to obtain a treatment involving adult stem cells that is not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States.

Free-agent wide receiver Terrell Owens, whose football career was put on hold because of knee surgery, went to South Korea for the collection and storage of his own stem cells in an effort to speed his return to the NFL. It remains to be seen how successful those treatments will be, but adult stem-cell researcher Theresa Deisher knows that the two football players chose “the clinically superior solution” over research involving stem cells derived from human embryos.

Deisher is working to develop better delivery techniques for adult stem-cell therapies. Researchers in Europe and elsewhere “are doing very well treating patients” with their own stem cells, but “they have some delivery issues,” she told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Seattle, where she runs AVM Biotechnology.

“With adult stem cells, we could improve delivery, we could have even better outcomes.”

The Maranachis refused. In March, Joseph and Moe were flown to SSN Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis, where the tracheotomy was performed. Doctors also diagnosed Joseph with Leight’s disease, a progressive neurological disease that usually strikes children between the age of 3 months and 2 years. It causes the degradation of motor skills and eventually death.

Archbishop Hannan, chaplain and Kennedy counselor, dies at 98

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Retired Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, a World War II para-troop chaplain who befriended and secretly counseled John F. Kennedy during and after his historic run for the White House as the first U.S. Catholic president, died Sept. 29 at age 98. “Archbishop Hannan in every way was a good shepherd of the Church who was modeled after Christ, not just for Catholics of New Orleans but for the whole community,” Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans said in a statement. “We will miss him, but at 98, he has lived a full life. We truly believe in faith that he will feast not just at the table of the Eucharist but at the table of the Lord in heaven,” he said. Archbishop Hannan had become increasingly frail in recent months because of a series of strokes and other health problems. He moved in June from his private residence in Covington, La., to Chateau de Notre Dame, a senior apartment complex and elder care facility he first envisioned and then dedicated in 1977 to provide for seniors in archdiocese. “From the time Archbishop Hannan came here right after Hurricane Betsy in 1965, he truly made New Orleans his home,” Archbishop Aymond added. “This was his parish and his archdiocese, and it had no boundaries. He was there for anyone and everyone. That was his goal in life. He always quoted St. Paul, and he truly believed that his mission and ministry was to preach the Gospel untringly both in actions and in words.” Archbishop Aymond received the body of the late archbishop at 5 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel.

A special evening of prayer was celebrated by the priests of the archdiocese, followed by a wake service and public viewing. Public viewing took place at the cathedral all day 4 and until noon Oct. 5, when a horse-drawn procession took the body of Archbishop Hannan to St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will celebrate a funeral Mass for Archbishop Hannan Oct. 6 at the cathedral, followed by his burial in a crypt beneath the sanctuary.
TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Open house scheduled Oct. 9 at St. Felix Friary

HUNTINGTON — An open house will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Felix Friary in Huntington.

Renovations of the St. Felix Friary have been completed, and Tippmann Properties, which operates the facility, is excited to open the doors for the first time in years and share the updates with family and friends throughout the diocese.

There will be guided tours, burgers, hotdogs and snacks.

Additional information is available from Rob Mayo at (260) 452-6548.

New app empowers Catholic voters

SOUTH BEND — Little iApps, LLC, makers of Confession: A Roman Catholic App, recently announced their collaboration with CatholicVote.org in the development of CatholicVote Mobile, an app that helps mobilize and unify the Catholic voting community.

Features include mobile access to the CatholicVote.org blogs and videos, and a unique method for contacting federal representatives and senators.

Little iApps developed a one-touch method that will, for the first time, allow Catholic voters to more easily participate in political activism. Based on a user's GPS location or zip code, the app generates the contact information for a person's congressional representatives and senator, including name, state and party, phone, fax, website, e-mail, office address, Facebook ID, Twitter ID, and YouTube channel. Users can select to automatically add this information to their contact lists or simply text to connect.

"It was an incredible opportunity for Little iApps to be a part of this project. We are excited about the potential impact an app like this could have on American politics," says Patrick Leinen, co-founder of Little iApps. "Imagine what could happen if every Catholic voter used the ‘Contact My Representative’ option to contact their congressional representative or senator before a critical vote. With the launch of this app, CatholicVote.org has given voters an incredible tool. We can’t wait to see how they use it!"

"We are thrilled to partner with CatholicVote.org to see how they use it!" said Burch. "It was an incredible opportunity to create this new tool for Catholic activism.

"Catholics must engage the political and cultural issues of our day using the best technology available. That’s why we’re excited to launch the CatholicVote.org App. The app is only the first phase of a larger mobile strategy we are implementing to maximize the impact of the Catholic vote nationwide," said Burch.

CatholicVote Mobile is available for free on the Android Market and the iTunes Store.

For more information, please visit Little iApps online at www.littleiapps.com.

BISHOP RHODAES CELEBRATES MASS FOR THE BURMESE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass Oct. 2 for the Burmese community at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke about the history of Catholicism in Burma. "I understand that the Church in Burma is quite vibrant. Though Catholics in Burma are a small percentage of the total population, they are strong in their faith and devotion, practicing it even in the midst of persecution and oppression," Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. "You have brought that strong faith and devotion here to Fort Wayne, and I am grateful for your active presence and witness to the faith here in our diocese."

A reception followed the Mass in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

USF opens nursing exhibit during homecoming

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Department of Nursing will debut a new exhibit, "USF Nursing Heritage: A Journey Through Time," during homecoming festivities on Saturday, Oct. 15. The display will open from 9-11:30 a.m., with a dedication and ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. in the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education Nursing Conference Center.

Customized cases will hold nursing uniforms, artifacts, equipment and photos from across the years of the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Lutheran College of Health Professions, Saint Francis College and the University of Saint Francis. Alumni from as early as the 1940s have participated in interviews as part of an electronic display included in the exhibit.

The public is invited to attend the unveiling and dedication and enjoy the nursing history display throughout homecoming weekend and whenever they visit the Doermer Building. For more information, call Amy Knepp at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8518 or email aknepp@sf.edu.

Syracuse Knights contribute to Wawasee area needs

SYRACUSE — The Knights of Columbus Council 6323 of Syracuse recently made donations to several area organizations.

Contributions were made to the following:
- $1,350 to Wawasee High School’s cross-country team;
- $700 to Wawasee High School’s girls’ golf team;
- $1,350 for school supplies and outreach programs to the Lakeland Youth Center;
- $800 to the Wawasee High School German Club;
- $800 to the Lake Area Community Band;
- and $700 to the Wawasee Middle School cheerleaders.

The Knights of Columbus support area youth programs in the Wawasee region. The funds are raised through bingo and pancake breakfasts.

USF to open theology lecture series

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Department of Philosophy and Theology in the School of Arts and Sciences will open the semester’s free lecture series with “Faith, Reason and Some of Their Modern-day Counterparts” by Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Lewis Pearson on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Brookside Ballroom.

The free public presentation will examine questions related to the interaction of the disciplines of religion and science, and argue that oft-reported tensions between the two result from a failure to understand the nature of faith and reason. He will explain his position that rather than a war between faith and reason, what actually exists is a war on faith and reason.

Sisters of Providence invite women to explore religious life

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Catholic women ages 18-42 who are seeking to deepen their faith and explore religious life are invited to participate in the Fall Discernment Retreat hosted by the Sisters of Providence Oct. 21-23 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The theme for the weekend — “Living the Legacy NOW!” — coincides with the unique opportunity to participate in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest. Participants can attend various presentations throughout the weekend, but also will have an opportunity to meet and connect with Sisters of Providence, shop for gifts and small-group conversation with other young women exploring the call to religious life as a Sister of Providence.

Registration and fees for the retreat will be provided for retreat participants.

For more information, contact Sister Jenny Howard, at jhoward@spsmw.org or at (812) 535-2897.

Alvaré to receive the 2012 Evangelium Vitae Medal

NOTRE DAME — Helen M. Alvaré, associate professor of law at George Mason University, will receive the 2012 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal.

“The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, which is presented annually on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October, consists of a specially commissioned medal and $10,000 prize, to be presented at a spring banquet, which will be held this year on April 25. Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, was the medal’s 2011 recipient.

Alvaré earned her law degree from Cornell University in 1984 and a master’s degree in systematic theology from The Catholic University of America. She has practiced with the Philadelphia law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, specializing in commercial litigation and free exercise of religion matters. Before joining George Mason’s law school faculty, she taught at Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law.

In 1987, Alvaré joined the Office of General Counsel for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), drafting amicus briefs in leading U.S. Supreme Court cases concerning abortion, euthanasia and the First Amendment’s establishment clause. For almost 10 years, she worked with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities at the NCCB, lobbying, testifying before federal congressional committees, lecturing nationwide, and speaking on numerous television and radio programs for the U.S. Catholic bishops. She has also appeared on the Holy See on matters concerning women, marriage and the family, and respect for human life.
Catechetical Institute Day to ‘recharge’ catechists

BY TIM JOHNSON

SYRACUSE — “Catechetical Institute Day (CID) is a great day for anybody who is a catechist, RCIA coordinator or youth minister,” says Deacon Jim Tighe, the director of the Office of Catechesis that sponsors the day.

The 21st Annual Catechetical Institute Day, which will take place Nov. 5 at Wawasee Middle School, in Syracuse, will adopt the theme “The Eucharist: Embracing the Source and Summit of our Faith.”

Dr. David W. Fagerburg, a professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, will be the keynote speaker. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass for the participants.

“We are excited to offer 44 different workshops including 30 workshops presented in English and 14 workshops presented in Spanish,” Deacon Tighe says. “Workshops will be presented by a variety of skilled catechists including: pastors, directors of catechesis, teachers and others who have devoted their lives to catechesis.”

Catechesis comes from the Greek word, “echo,” notes Deacon Tighe. He says catechesis is not just about studying, rather, it is shared by the people who have faith experience. And the workshop leaders experience the faith as well as share it with others.

“As we have done in the past, this year we will be incorporating workshops that address catechesis for a wide variety of topics, age groups, catechetical situations and needs,” he adds. “A few workshop titles include: ‘Family Catechesis: Helping Parents Be Catechists,’ ‘Planning a Catechetical Lesson Around the Mass,’ ‘How to Make a Good Confession: There’s an App for That,’ and ‘Enseñando a los Niños a Orar.’”

The goals of the workshops, Deacon Tighe says, are to improve skills, learn more about the faith, or enhance one’s own formation.

“It’s catechesis of the catechist,” Deacon Tighe adds.

One of the highlights, he says, is the exchange of ideas and gathering with other catechists from across the diocese, especially at the luncheon.

“Catechists from different parishes mingle at lunch, talk, swap notes and stories,” Deacon Tighe notes. “It’s a great informal dialogue.”

But the purpose of the day is to “spiritually recharge and fire up” the participants.

The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with check in, followed by the welcome and keynote at 8 a.m., and the celebration of Mass at 9:15. Presentations, workshop sessions and lunch follow the Mass. The registration fee is $15 per adult and $6 per additional family member. The fee includes morning refreshments and a box lunch.

The registration deadline is Oct. 21. For additional information visit the website: www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/catechesis-office/ and download the PDF brochures for Catechetical Institute Day.
Painting an evangelical icon

NOTRE DAME — John C. Cavadini, McGrath-Cavadini Director of the University of Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life (ICL), was recently in Washington speaking to a symposium of young Catholic theologians about how to teach the faith.

The meeting, “Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization,” was sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and intended to deepen and strengthen their relationship with a new generation of America’s Catholic teachers, and most of the 54 as-yet untenured theologians in attendance had received their doctoral degrees within the last five years.

Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl, chairman of USCCB Committee on Doctrine, had earlier suggested to these scholars that their role as teachers included a two-fold responsibility, both to “cradle Catholics” forgetful of or unfamiliar with the essentials of the faith, and to all disaffected people in contemporary society, for whom “the Gospel has lost its taste, its freshness, its luster.”

Cavadini’s scholarship and teaching principles, he explained, were rooted in patristics, or the theology of the earliest church, so it was natural that this 21st century challenge put the Notre Dame theologian in mind of a 3rd century colleague, Origen of Alexandria, and the first “intellectual task” he recommended to these more recently arriving colleagues was that they re-read and study the works of Origen and other ancients “specifically with a mind towards discriminating their apologetic strategy as a useful resource for today.”

Origen’s own strategy, as Cavadini pointed out, came close to “abandoning the whole apologetic enterprise.” Called upon to answer rhetorical attacks on the earliest Christian Church, the 3rd century theologian seemed almost to refuse, reminding His readers that “our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ was silent when false witnesses spoke against Him, and answered nothing when He was accused; He was convinced that all His life and actions ... were better than any speech in refutation of the false witness and superior to any words that He might say in reply to the accusations.”

Acknowledging and even extolling them for their eloquence and power, Cavadini insisted that Origen’s arguments “function in exactly the same way, ultimately, as the refusal to argue did, namely, to paint an icon of the silent Christ, to point the reader’s attention not to the success of the arguments, but to draw ever more convincingly the icon of the Lord, to ‘write’ the icon.”

As Cavadini described it, the task of evangelization today hasn’t changed much over the centuries since Origen was arguing with skeptical Greek intellectuals, and today, as then, a theologian needs to argue in a way which “while using reason, does not reduce Christian faith to a religion that can be accepted purely on the grounds of argumentation or plausibility, or even on the grounds of the clearing away of specific objections. The clearing away of objections to Christian faith, the rebuttal of critiques, must itself be the brushstrokes, as it were, of a positive project of icon painting that redeems argumentation and presents the mystery of the Lord’s person, with its own intrinsic power of demonstration and appeal, its own nobility, to the reader’s (or the student’s) mind and heart.”

Cavadini reminded his younger colleagues that Origen’s evangelistic strategy is amplified in more recent Catholic teaching, particularly in Pope Benedict’s encyclical letter, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”), which similarly insists that “the most persuasive apology for the Christian faith is the witness of Christians.”

“A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak,” Pope Benedict wrote. “He knows that God is love and that God’s presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do to love. He knows ... that disdain for love is disdain for God and human beings alike, it is an attempt to do without God.”

Cavadini thought a slogan for the New Evangelization might be found in that imperative as old and new as the faith itself, and he recommended it to the young theologians he addressed: “Let love alone speak.”

When he returned to Notre Dame after the Washington conference, it occurred to Cavadini, whose responsibilities as ICL director include administration of several programs, which directly serve the Catholic Church, that he could also recommend the slogan to the institute he oversees, and which is now developing a plan for its future operations.

“For the next five years the work of the ICL will surround the twin themes of evangelization and healing,” Cavadini said. “Evangelization is intrinsically healing because, rather than draw attention to its own efforts, it uses those efforts, as it were, to allow an icon of the Lord to be painted on one’s heart, an icon of divine love which is itself healing. The other way around, efforts at healing the effects of scandal in the Church, for example, are inherently evangelizing, helping to remove accumulated grime from the face of an ancient icon, and allowing its own intrinsic and healing splendor to shine forth again. So I guess at ICL we are, in various ways, working at the business of icon painting and restoration.”

That icon should be something to see.

Mass celebrated at the Prayer Garden gazebo

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross Father Bill Miscamble, professor of history at the University of Notre Dame, celebrates Mass Oct. 1 as part of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Five additional Masses will be held Saturdays at 8 a.m. through Nov. 5 at the prayer garden gazebo adjacent to the South Bend abortion clinic at 2010 Ironwood Circle.

In his homily Father Miscamble reflected on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux, noting her extraordinary union with God and her missionary zeal for the conversion of souls.

“Let us draw from her wonderful witness and example and take her as a model for us as we get our 40 Days for Life campaign well underway and continue our prayer for respect for every human life and the dignity of every human person,” he said.

SAINT JOSEPH’S STUDENTS NAMED COMMENDED SCHOLARS

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph’s High School Principal Susan Richter has announced that Elizabeth Anthony, Timothy Bradley and Katelynn Lankowicz have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation, who placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the PSAT, are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Anthony, the daughter of John and Kathleen Anthony, is a graduate of St. Joseph Grade School, in South Bend. Bradley, the son of Gerard and Pamela Bradley, is a graduate of St. Matthew, and Lankowicz, the daughter of John Lankowicz and Genevieve Lankowicz, is a graduate of Stanley Clark.

Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, has announced the following students have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program: Timothy Bradley, left, Katelynn Lankowicz, center, and Elizabeth Anthony, right.

Knights present check to Gibault

Knights of Columbus Council 451 in Fort Wayne sponsored a spaghetti dinner for charity on Sept. 21. Proceeds in the amount of $750 were presented to Gibault Boys and Girls School, the number one charity of the Indiana Knights of Columbus. The Gibault School is located in Terre Haute. In the photo, John Murray, council Gibault envoy, presented Patty Stiegelbauer, associate director of development, with the check.
“Today the Holy See has a highly-respected diplomatic corps, a well-established diplomatic viewpoint,” Rychlak said. “It’s all part of our Catholic social mission, our action for justice.”

The diplomatic prowess of the Holy See was severely tested in the 20th century.

In 1917, Pope Benedict sent Eugenio Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII, to Germany to present a peace plan that might bring about an end to World War I. Unfortunately it did not bring an end to the war, but a few years later, when the war was resolved, “it was on terms very similar to what the pope had proposed,” Rychlak said.

Living in Germany after World War I, Pacelli helped 600,000 people who had been displaced by the war and prisoners of war return home to be reunited with their families. The Vatican distribute food, shelter and medical attention to prisoners of war, injured people and others.

World War II also presented difficulties for the Church. “Not only were there terrible human rights abuses, but the Church itself was a victim,” Rychlak said. Generally accepted numbers put at 3 million the Catholics who died in the Holocaust. In Dachau alone, 2,500 Catholic priests died. Churches were closed. Church property was confiscated by Nazis and Soviets.

“Across the continent, those in pain, those in harm’s way, looked to the Vatican for aid and the Catholic Church responded in a multilayer way with diplomacy as the cornerstone,” Rychlak said.

The pope’s diplomatic efforts during World War II are expounded in Rychlak’s book, “Hitler, the War, and the Pope” (Our Sunday Visitor), which has been called “definitive” by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in its final report on Pope Pius XII.

During the war, the “Nazi’s accused the Vatican of joining the allies, becoming the evident mouthpiece of the Jews,” Rychlak said. He said a reported 4,000 Jews stayed on, not to be deﬁed in the guise Nikola Khrushchev’s drawing he would much later.

“John Paul II used diplomacy to bring the German and Soviet phone cards, and on the way the 1930 Jews to the West,” Rychlak said. Pope John XXIII, who is a Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law, was the keynote speaker at the brunch at the Grand Wayne Center, which followed the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He is a native of Lafayette.

Rychlak spoke of how the Catholic Church maintains some level of diplomatic relations with most nations of the world. The diplomatic corps is used for the betterment of mankind and to advance the truth.

“Diplomacy is the art of influencing people short of war,” Rychlak said in his address at the brunch.

He said diplomats often have to get their hands dirty, noting, “Often diplomats are the only buffer between war and peace.”

“The Holy See has often played an important role in world peace,” Rychlak said. He explained that the Holy See means the 1.1 billion Catholics around the world, not the Vatican state. The Holy See has a seat at the United Nations, the Vatican does not.

“The Holy See has a well-deserved reputation for its diplomatic expertise,” Rychlak said. “It is the oldest continuing organization in the world today.”

The Holy See’s Secretary of State Office was established in 1486. That’s when its permanent representatives were established in Venice, Spain, France and the Holy Roman Empire. Between 1870 and 1929, after the fall of the papal states, the Holy See established diplomatic relations with many countries, many of them notably Catholic countries. During this time, the Holy See mediated a peace agreement between Germany and Spain, and also helped out with the Spanish-American War negotiations, Rychlak noted in his talk.

“(The Holy See) has this long tradition of working with trying to save peace,” Rychlak said.

Bishop C. Rhoades celebrated the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Oct. 1. The Mass was attended by the judiciary, attorneys at law, law professors, high-ranking government officials, distinguished guests and others who work in the legal arena. A Mass in the South Bend area is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame.
The Red Mass

A time for prayer and reflection on the meaning of responsible leadership and justice.

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THE TRADITION OF THE RED MASS

The Red Mass is an ancient custom dating back to the thirteenth century, when the solemn votive Mass began being celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year. From the earliest times, the Mass has been attended by the judiciary, attorneys at law, law professors, high-ranking government officials, distinguished guests and others who work in the legal arena. The Mass was intended to gather those from the legal profession for the purpose of seeking divine guidance and strength for the coming terms of court.

The Red Mass is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit, from whom flows the wisdom, understanding, counsel, patience, energy and courage necessary for the administration of justice. Those who work in the legal profession prayerfully seek these virtues, which are essential to the courtroom, law practice and public post.

Originating in the great cities of Europe, the Red Mass tradition continues in Westminster Cathedral in London, and in other preeminent cathedrals of Paris, Rome and other European capitals. The Red Mass came to America in October of 1928, where it was first celebrated in New York’s Old St. Andrew’s Church, located in the shadow of the towering state and federal courthouses.

The tradition is celebrated annually in Washington, D.C., at the start of the Supreme Court term, where the justices are joined by members of the bar, president, members of Congress, law faculty, diplomats and other such officials. The Red Mass has further spread throughout the United States, to venues such as Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Indianapolis and New Orleans, to name a few.

The venerable custom derives its name from the red vestments of the celebrant, representing the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit, and from the brilliant scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices of the middle ages. The Mass is attended by those of Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and all religious beliefs who work in the legal arena, as they come together for this annual public celebration of faith and the law.

Invoking the ancient tradition, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited those who strive for the cause of justice to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:15 p.m.
Catholic law schools can make ‘distinctive contribution,’ says Scalia

BY WILLIAM CONE

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — What makes a law school — or any educational institution, for that matter — Catholic? Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia considered that question during appearances Sept. 24 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Duquesne University School of Law.

His talk at the A.J. Palumbo Center was part of a public event for about 1,200 that included an invocation by law school alumnus Cardinal Adam J. Maida, retired archbishop of Detroit, expressing gratitude for God’s many blessings through the decades.

Charles Dougherty, Duquesne’s president, explained that the centennial celebration began in February with an appearance by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. The law school has previously hosted Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Samuel Alito.

Besides the law school’s milestone, the events, including a black-tie gala in the evening, recognized the 25th anniversary of Scalia’s appointment to the Supreme Court.

But the heart of his afternoon speech focused on the essentials of a Catholic law school — first establishing that there is no such thing as Catholic law, unless you’re referring to canon law.

“There is a distinctive contribution that a Catholic law school can make,” Scalia said. “One would expect it to place a special emphasis on teaching and scholarship and fields of particular interest in the Church, such as the religion clauses of the First Amendment, family law, canon law, the law governing medical research and experimentation, education law and legal philosophy.”

He said Catholic law schools can make an important difference by creating a Catholic environment that encourages students to live their faith.

“This has nothing to do with making the students better lawyers, but everything with making them better men and women. Moral formation is a respectable goal for any educational institution, even at the law school level. But it’s indispensable, though, for a genuinely religious educational institution.”

A Catholic environment includes a readily available chapel for prayer and daily Mass to encourage the moral formation of its students and staff, the justice said.

“The Catholic law school should be a place where it is clear, though perhaps unspoken, that the here and now is less important, when all is said and done, than the hereafter. It should be a place that takes the law seriously, but not so seriously as to forget that the law is, as James Madison pointed out in the Federalist Papers, ‘only a remedy for our human failings.’”

A Catholic law school could not exist, he said, without a faculty that is generally committed to the school’s religious values. “Needless to say, the faculty members do not all have to be Catholic, but they must share the transcendental worldview and moral values that Catholicism holds,” Scalia said.

Even though religious educational institutions are “as American as apple pie,” he said, they often run counter to the prevailing cultural climate.

While our educational establishment these days, so tolerant of and even insistent upon diversity in all other aspects of life, seems bent upon eliminating diversity in moral judgment, particularly moral judgment based upon religious views,” Scalia said.

He mentioned the American Association of Law Schools, which has denied membership to schools that failed to share its views on homosexuality.

“I hope this place will not yield, as some Catholic institutions have, to this politically correct insistence upon suppression of moral judgment to this distorted view of what diversity in America means.”

Scalia said.

Following the keynote, three former law clerks got a chance to say what it was like working for Scalia at the Supreme Court, prompting some good-natured “roasting” of their former boss.

Ken Gormley, dean of Duquesne’s law school, moderated the discussion, asking the trio about the natural tendency to want to emulate Scalia’s legal mind.

One of the former clerks, Judge Jeffrey Sutton of the 6th U.S. Court of Appeals, said, “I think the secret to writing like Scalia and thinking like Scalia is just having this incredible passion for getting it right.”

The event concluded with Scalia receiving the Carol Los Mansmann Award for excellence in the legal profession, followed by an operatic performance — a favorite of the justice — by students in Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music.
Retreat for disabled offers renewal and hope

BY KAY LOZAD

FORT WAYNE — It was a special day of reflection and fellowship for those in attendance at the Retreat for Persons with Disabilities held at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The retreat, in its fifth year, is designed for all levels of ability and offers catechesis, a shared meal and Mass.

This year the retreat was a little different in comparison to those held previously, said Pinkie Louden, St. John parishioner and facilitator of the day. Louden, who is herself confined to a wheelchair, called this year’s retreat for the disabled an “abbreviated retreat.” But even with the relaxed time frame the day was packed with special features.

The retreat began with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by a special Mass at 10 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, in St. John the Baptist Church. His homily focused on the feast of St. Therese.

Although St. Therese lived only 24 years, she was declared one of the great teachers of the Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II. The pope referred to her as an “expert in the science of love.”

Bishop Rhoades referred to St. Therese’s own suffering — the death of her mother when Therese was only four years old; the death of four siblings; the mental illness of her father.

But Bishop Rhoades reminded the 50 people present for the retreat to do as Therese did — offer suffering for others and continue to be witnesses of love, witnesses of hope.

Following the Mass the retreatants, ranging in age from early 20s to 70s, were delighted to move to the St. John Parish activity center where, along with the bishop, they were welcomed to a banquet table laden with luncheon foods. Fruit salads, meat and cheese trays, donations from Pizza Hut and Chick-Fil-A, along with donated cookies and various homemade desserts made a satisfying meal to share.

Louden said, as organizer of the retreat, she does not ask for money from the parish and is grateful to all who donate their time, talent and treasure to provide food and service for the day. The 12-member committee that assists Louden with the retreat is mainly comprised of St. John parishioners and volunteer their time and energy each year, along with parents and benefactors, to make the retreat for the disabled a success.

Louden was especially appreciative of the bishop’s presence there this year and said, “He’s so approachable. ... He seems to be really interested in people with disabilities. It’s so good for him to interact with the kids.”

The participants, whose disabilities range from physical to intellectual to spiritual, were an attentive audience when Bishop Rhoades spoke with them personally during lunch.

Bob Odel, a member of Most Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne, had polio in 1949. He now has post polio syndrome and has been in a wheelchair since 1998.

Christine Lybrook, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, was born with cerebral palsy and weighed two pounds at birth. She organized a similar retreat — after which the St. John retreat is modeled — at St. Vincent Parish. Lybrook fell a couple of years ago and is no longer able to walk.

The Retreat for Persons with Disabilities is not only a day of spiritual reflection and fellowship but also a call to get involved. Louden said, “I’ve been trying to get the disabled more involved in the parish. We hope this gets them up and going. They are so much an important part of the Church — just like everybody else.”

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Following the shared meal, Deacon James Fitzpatrick was on hand to offer a reflection on the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows. He spoke of the suffering of the Blessed Mother and connected it with personal sufferings, especially those of the disabled.

Deacon Fitzpatrick said, “The Church must minister to all of its members and those with disabilities are not to be excluded. The Blessed Mother is our mother. She is the mother of all of us, not just some of us.” Each retreatant received a medal, meditation pamphlet and holy card from Deacon Fitzpatrick.

Of the retreat he said, “This retreat allows those with challenges to be ministered to in a way that befits their abilities. Just as we minister to the young, old, sick and the healthy, so must the Church do so for these men and women, who also hunger for a deeper knowledge of their faith.”

After discussion of the Blessed Mother there was time for the participants to play Bingo, a favorite activity among the group. Donated prizes included stuffed animals, religious items and gloves.

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Mark Weber contributed to this article

Redeemer Radio programming to be carried on WRRO-89.9 FM

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, WLYV, Fort Wayne, has announced an agreement with Club 1915, a related organization to the Bryan Ohio Knights of Columbus Council 1915, to provide Catholic radio to communities in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana.

As the owners of WRRO 89.9 FM, Club 1915 President Chris Roberts announced that they have chosen to air Redeemer Radio programming on the station.

WRRO-89.9 FM will operate in obedience to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and in obedience to Bishop Leonard P. Blair, bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio.

Former Grand Knight and Club 1915 spokesperson Steve St. John said, “The Knights are very pleased to be partnering with Redeemer Radio to bring Catholic radio to northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana. As Knights we are called to do acts of charity — and what better way to show charity than by using radio to reach our friends and neighbors with the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. Through WRRO, the Bryan Knights look forward to building up the Church and showcasing the priests, the people and the parish programs in our listening area.”

Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, emphasized: “Faithful Catholics living in outlying areas just beyond the reach of the Redeemer Radio AM 1450 signal have prayed long and worked hard to bring this new station into being. These people know that changing the station you listen to can change your life. Catholic radio explains the Catholic faith, fortifies believers, helps parents catechize their children, supports the priesthood, and encourages the ‘lost’ to come home to the faith. Redeemer Radio is honored to have been selected as the programming source for WRRO-89.9 FM.”

New communities that will soon be reached by WRRO 89.9 FM Redeemer Radio include, in Indiana, Angola, Fremont, Clear Lake, Hamilton, Waterloo, Butler and northeastern Auburn. Communities in northwest Ohio that will soon receive WRRO include, Bryan, Montpelier, Blakeslee, Edgerton, Archbold, and Hicksville. It’s expected that WRRO will begin broadcasting by the end of 2011 or early 2012.


Bishop Rhoades speaks at a WRRO funding event held at St. Anthony’s in Angola in June.
Invitation to salvation offered to all

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 22:1-14

The first part of the Book of Isaiah is the source of this weekend’s first reading.

When this Scripture was written, many factors seemed to be gathering against God’s people. As the prophetic words in their times, Isaiah had to encourage the people in their dedication to God and reinforce their trust in God, regardless of the menacing times.

In this reading, the prophet reassures the people that they will see God’s justice prevail. It will prevail in their very sight, on the holy mountain that is the site of Jerusalem, their capital. All who oppose God will be overcome. Anyone who threatens God’s justice will be repulsed.

The people’s sinfulness, not any divine indifference or lapse of mercy, creates great problems for them. In fact, God never forsakes them, never withdraws divine mercy.

Providing the second reading is the Epistle to the Philippians. When this epistle was written, Paul was imprisoned, a circumstance that recurred throughout his life as an Apostle. Eventually, of course, he was tried for treason, for refusal to worship the emperor, and he was decapitated on the outskirts of Rome.

In this reading, Paul says that he is “experienced” in being brought low, or in being insulted or even jailed. Yet, despite all, he trusted in God and would never relent for a second in following the Lord’s call.

For its last reading, the Church presents us with a reading from St. Matthew’s Gospel.

This reading is a parable. There are three parts. In the first part, a “king,” who represents God, invites guests to a wedding banquet for his son. These people reject the invitation. The king invites guests again. Again, the invitation is ignored. Then in the second part, the king invites outcasts and strangers to the feast. They come. However, in the third part, the king sees a guest at the banquet improperly dressed. He orders this guest to be thrown out. Just as the king represents God, the servants who carry the king’s invitations represent the prophets. The prospective guests who spurn the invitation represent God’s Chosen People. The outcasts and strangers represent the alien and the sinful.

The last part of the story, the harsh expulsion of the inappropriately attired guest always puzzles readers. Where is the God of love and mercy in this?

The expelled guest was halfhearted in his willingness to accept the king’s invitation. Perhaps he impulsively came to the feast but was unprepared and not fully committed. God’s mercy is lavish. His invitation to salvation is universal, but people must totally turn from sin and turn to God to be worthy. They choose for themselves.

Reflection

These readings call us to several basic facts. The first is that God never fails in mercy. He does not disown the promise, spoken long ago through the prophets, and then finally by Christ, to guide people to everlasting life by revealing to them the laws of righteousness and by strengthening their resolve to be righteous.

The second is that humans inevitably fail. They sin. Such is the aftermath of the sin of Adam and Eve. The original sin, a basic Church teaching often forgotten. Because of this sin, human nature is distorted and weakened. People must decide to overcome the weakening effects of original sin and give themselves totally to God. God will assist them in this, but God will not compel them.

The third lesson is that loyalty to God, in Jesus, is much more than pious words or vague good intentions. It means genuinely Christian lives. At Baptism, each of us was covered by a spotlessly white garment, indicating absolute purity and conviction. We must wear this magnificent garment figuratively throughout our lives as if it truly symbolizes our lifelong utter dedication to holiness.

A fallen world

Our youngest daughter, having just graduated from Boston College, moved to Seattle to spend a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She is working there for a nonprofit that collects food for poor people and advocates for government food programs.

It can’t be an easy program for a young person. For one thing, JVC, in order to build community among the volunteers, encourages them to give up their iPhones, iPads, iPods and laptops. We Skype with her just once a week, and then can’t afford to sit away from a wifi spot at the local Starbucks.

One day recently, about a month into her work with the JVC, my wife found herself down in the dumps. She is a gentle and idealistic soul, the sort who gives her last $5 to a panhandler and then can’t afford to ride the bus home. But her work was teaching her some hard lessons about the complex nature of poverty.

One of her team’s leaders explained to her that although her group collects 31 million pounds of food each year (leftovers from Costco and bakeries and other commercial producers), it would take far more to feed all of the hungry people just in their part of Washington.

Meanwhile, on her way to work in the morning (when she has cash for the bus), she had been able to notice the large number of poor and mentally ill people who ride with her.

The problem that she is dealing with is a problem of poverty. And her boss told her that even if they could feed everyone, that wouldn’t solve the problem. It turns out that, when you give a poor man a meal, he becomes hungry just a few hours later.

The thing about hunger is that there is no straightforward fix, not even one that can be achieved through arduous means or huge amounts of money.

We have to combat the cause of hunger, not just fight the symptom, and we can’t agree on what the cause is.

Is it the education system? (And if it is, is it that we don’t spend enough money? Or because teachers’ unions prevent needed reform?)

Is it the decline of the family? Government housing policy?

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Readings

Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 96:1-4 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 192:5-6 Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:5-6, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12
Father Barron’s ‘Catholicism’

In the fall of 1972, a group of us, philosophy majors all, approached our dean of studies, Father Bob Evers, with a request: Under the supervision of a faculty member, could we build a two-credit senior seminar in our last college semester around Kenneth Clark’s BBC series, “Civilization,” which had been shown on American public television. Father Evers agreed, and we had a ball. “Civilization” was the perfect way to finish a serious undergraduate liberal arts education; it brought together ideas, art, architecture and history in a visually compelling synthesis of the history of western culture that respected Catholicism’s role in shaping the West.

Over the next four decades, I wonder whether someone, somewhere, at some point, could we do a “Civilization”-like series on Catholicism itself: a Grand Tour of the Catholic world that explored the Church as a culture through its teaching, its art, its music, its architecture — and above all, through the lives it shaped. That has now happened. The result is the most important media initiative in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The man responsible for this feat is Father Robert Barron, a priest of the archdiocese of Chicago and a faculty member at Mundelein Seminary. Father Barron is an old friend (and a colleague on NBC’s Vatican coverage), but I’ll risk the charge of special pleading here. For as a non-Catholic, I am unequivocally that Father Barron’s “Catholicism,” a 10-part series premiering on public television stations around the country this fall, is a master work by a master teacher. In 10 episodes that take the viewer around the Catholic world, from Chartres to the slums of Calcutta and dozens of points in-between, Father Barron lays out the Catholic proposal in a visually stunning and engaging series of presentations that invites everyone into the heart of the faith, which is friendship with Jesus Christ.

Having talked with Father Barron and his colleagues at Word on Fire, his media ministry, throughout the production of “Catholicism,” I can testify that this was a great labor of love: love for the Lord, love for the Church, and love for the truths the Church teaches. Yet there is nothing saccharine here, nothing cheesy, nothing pop-trendy. It’s Catholic Classic, not Catholic Life, but John Cummins’ cinematography is so beautiful, Steve Mullen’s original score is so fetching (drawing on ancient chants in a thoroughly contemporary way), and Father Barron’s narration is so deft — the man has a genius for the telling example or analogy — that even the most difficult facets of Catholic belief and practice come alive in a completely accessible way.

At the center of it all is Jesus of Nazareth, posing that unavoidable and disturbing question: “Who do you say that I am?” Viewers of “Catholicism” will get to know many of the great minds and spiritual leaders who wrestled with that question over two millennia — Peter and Paul; Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and Dante; Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross; Edith Stein and Katherine Drexel. But throughout the series, the focus keeps coming back to the Lord Jesus. “Catholicism” is built on the firm convictions that it is His Church and that it is His truth that measures all truth. Father Barron understands that postmodern culture poses special challenges for the proclamation of the Gospel. That’s why this committed believer, who is also a fine theologian, can sympathetically but forcefully invite his viewers into a thorough exploration of the Creed (an exploration deepened in the series’ companion book, “Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith” — Doubleday).

There is no dithering about the bad news, either: Father Barron knows that the Catholic Church is a community of sinners whose iniquities have often marred the face of the Lord. At the same time, Father Barron’s series displays the innumerable ways that the Catholic Church has been and remains a force for truth, decency, compassion and sanity in an often-cruel world.

Watch it. Politely lobby your local public television station to show the series in its entirety. Spread the word.

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St. Thomas the Apostle said to have visited scenic Syria

Where are Edessa and Madras, places St. Thomas the Apostle is said to have visited?

Edessa, modern Urfa, was a city in Syria, now in southeastern Turkey. St. Ephraem, a Syrian martyr and a theologian, was born there in 353 and lived in Edessa in 363. From a very early date, E. Livingstone says Edessa was the center of Syriac-speaking Christianity. The church there, destroyed in 721, was restored in 801 after a flood, is the oldest known Christian edifice.

Edessa’s fame was enhanced by its claim to possess, from 394 onwards, the relics of St. Thomas the Apostle. Edessa today has many beautiful large ponds and is situated against the Taurus mountains.

I. Aksit describes the sites of Edessa and Madras.

1. Edessa is the Abode of the Prophet Eyup who was born there. You can visit today. At the base of the Urfa Castle is the Cave of the Prophet Ibrahim, where he was born. You can see two gigantic pillars of Urfa Castle today. There are also a number of Muslim mosques in Edessa. You can visit the cathedral, venerated from 1220, situated on the ancient silk road. Near Edessa is the famous city of Harran, where the Old Testament patriarch Abraham lived.

Madras is a city in southern India. It is the fourth largest city in India today. Fodor says that legend claims that St. Thomas the Apostle came to Madras as a missionary to India, and was martyred while praying in front of a cross engraved in stone on St. Thomas Mount in 72 A.D. This stone, called the “Bleeding Stone,” is now installed inside the beautiful 16th-century Church of Our Lady of Expectation, erected on the foundation of an earlier church where St. Thomas is said to have lived.

His revered name also has survived in St. Thome, a seaside residential section of southern Madras. His body is believed to be enshrined in the center of the San Thome Cathedral Basilica, a handsome neo-Gothic structure with elegant arches and a 180-foot steeple, built in 1896. Inside is an image of Christ standing on a lotus flower, a typical Hindu pose. I. Dally mentions another tradition that St. Thomas was married and buried at Mylapore, an inland district near Madras. Also at Madras is Fort St. George. Inside the fort is St. Mary’s Church, the oldest Anglican church in India, consecrated in 1680 A.D. There is also an old Armenian church built in 1620 A.D. The Catholics in southern India still call themselves “St. Thomas Christians” today.

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SCRIPE T SEARCH

Gospel for October 9, 2011

Matthew 22:1-14

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A:

A: a lesson from the wedding guests. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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prodigious fundraising efforts, so graciously turned them to the bishops for many projects, allowed the participants to gather from across the country for a joyful, hopeful series of excellent conversations. In a time when so much seems away in the Church and world alike, this conference was itself infectiously good news, and for that we can and should thank God, who makes all things new.

Saint of the Week

Teresa of Avila

1515-1582

October 15

In Castilian Spain, Teresa was born to a wealthy family and educated in Augustinian convent. Escrowing marriage, she entered the Carmelites in 1536. She began to practice contemplative prayer during a long illness, and grew dissatisfied with the bigness and worldly distractions of her convent. After a “second conversion” in 1556, she founded the reform-minded Discalced Carmelites and wrote several books. For her contribution to mystical theology and Christian spirituality, Teresa was named a doctor of the church in 1579.
Love manifests God’s presence in personal, public life, says archbishop

BY LYNEA PRUZINSKY MUMOLA

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Human beings are not fully alive until they live for something greater than themselves, said Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain at the 58th annual Red Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington Oct. 2.

“It is God who created us who makes us complete, and it is a life lived in humble union with the servant-Savior that literally does the most good,” the prelate said at the liturgy traditionally celebrated in the nation’s capital the day before the opening of the U.S. Supreme Court’s new term.

“It is love which makes the using of one’s gifts perfect,” Archbishop Sartain said. “It is love which manifests the presence of God in our personal and public lives.”

He urged the 1,400 people at the Mass — many of them public servants — to live life for others.

“A sound soul in a sound body makes for a balanced life, a life of integrity. And such sound, healthy living in lives that are given to public service lift up and transform society,” he added.

Although the faithful can “barely grasp” the depth of God’s humility and the greatness of God’s love, holiness is a life committed to discipleship — that which sets the standard for service, Archbishop Sartain noted.

“We who are here this day know that it is from God that we come and toward God we are headed,” the archbishop said. “The vineyard is His, we are His, and the people we serve are His.”

The archbishop delivered his homily to members of the Supreme Court, President Barack Obama’s Cabinet and Congress. This year’s attendees included: Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts; Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and Samuel Alito; and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley.

Many members of the law profession also attended, including deans of local law schools, professors and law students.

Additionally John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America, was present at the Red Mass, so named because of the red vestments worn by the celebrants.

The color red represents the tongues of fire often used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl was the principal celebrant.

Concelebrants included Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantneau, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington; Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, Va.; Cardinal William W. Baum, retired archbishop of Washington; Washington Auxiliary Bishops Francisco Gonzalez and Martin D. Holley; and several priests of the archdiocese.

“We’re a nation that holds out enormous promise, and my prayer is we live up to that promise,” Cardinal Wuerl later said.

America has thrived because of the country’s laws and citizens’ respect of such laws, he noted.

“We gather each year at the start of the judicial season to thank God for the blessing that we express as free people,” Cardinal Wuerl added. He said those blessings and prayers extend to members of the Supreme Court through to all individuals who work administering justice.

The cardinal said his prayer each year is the same — “that all of us are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so we can live up to the very best we are called to be.”

Those at the Mass, which is sponsored by the John Carroll Society, were also asked to remember retired Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, who died Sept. 29 at age 98. A native of Washington and a former Washington auxiliary bishop, Archbishop Hannan was the first chaplain of the John Carroll Society.

For the past quarter century Msgr. Peter Vaghi, pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md., has served as the society’s chaplain. At a brunch following the Mass and attended by 600 people, Msgr. Vaghi urged members of the John Carroll society to witness to Jesus. He asked members “with renewed vigor then to share the Gospel, strengthen each other in faith and to expand our membership with great joy and conviction as we know God will take us by the hand and show us the way.”

Named for the first Catholic bishop in the United States, the John Carroll Society this year marked 60 years of serving the archbishop of Washington. Members are professional men and women who gather to learn about the faith, enhance fellowship and promote religious and charitable activities in the community.
**Sports**

**ICCL Blaziers battle for a win over West Side Catholic**

**BY JOE KOZINSKI**

SOUTH BEND — When the St. Matthew (St. Jude/Lady of Hungary) Blaziers used the recipe “big line plus big back,” it equaled big trouble for the West Side Catholic (Corpus Christi/Holy Family/St. John) Cougars when they faced each other at Saint Joseph’s High School.

The story would unfold in two distinct parts — one being the first quarter that was absolutely dominated by the Blaziers and the rest of the contest would be filled with the Cougars scrapping their way back into the ballgame. After the opening, the game took off, being an onside kick. It only took one play, behind a huge offensive line, for Blazer Davante Newbill to bolt 49 yards for a score. That was followed by an ensuing onside-kick by Patrick Ernst for a 8-0 lead with just 15 ticks off the clock.

The West Side Catholic team was stymied by the aggressive defense of the Blaziers. After four hard-fought downs, the ball was again in the hands of the orange-and-black-clad squad.

Again, on the first play from scrimmage the powerful back Newbill busted through the line and sprinted into the end zone. Ernst completed the series with the points after kick — 16-0 — Blazers — with just two minutes and 45 seconds on the game clock.

Another onside kick would follow a recovery by St. Matthew’s Chris Scales. The Cougars did stop the first play from scrimmage, but the second one saw Timmy Greci race 48 yards to the end zone. Ernst’s kick was again good, making the score, 24-0, just that quick.

St. Matthew decided to kick the ball deep for the first time and pinned West Side Catholic on their own 18. As the big defensive line batted passes attempted by Cougar quarterback Zach Stopczynski, the ball would again be in the possession of the Blaziers.

On the first play, a nice counter play sprung Scales lose for a 18-yard scamper for a 30-0 lead. West Side Catholic would show their true colors by digging deep down and continuing the fight by putting together a drive using a pass from Stopczynski to Cole Opaczewski to move the chains. Then with big runs from Alex Mroz and Courtney Rowell, the Cougars moved to the 25 before sputtering on a failed pitch.

After the Cougars held the Blaziers on downs, Rowell busted a 45-yard run down to the Blazer one, and finished the job with a plunge. The kick by Opaczewski was true breaking the ice, 30-8, ending the scoring for the first half.

The Cougars started the second half by adjusting and dropping the Blaziers for losses on three downs in a row but, a hand-off to Newbill would dash the defensive progress as the speedster broke tackle after tackle and then squirited 70 yards for another touchdown, making the game, 36-8.

The West Side club would keep it simple and remain vigilant as they attacked the Blaziers on the ground by mixing counters and trap plays and finally scoring on a 35-yard jaunt by Lucas Veldman. Opaczewski’s kick was good, 36-16.

On the ensuing kickoff, a big hit on the Blazer’s Scales knocked the pigskin lose. It was the Cougars’ ball with momentum.

Using all of its weapons the Cougars methodically marched down the field again, and with second and goal at the one, Rowell powered it in. Opaczewski’s kick again was good, and with 38 ticks remaining in the game, the score was 36-24, Blazers.

As the Blaziers recovered the onside kick attempt and lined up in the victory formation to take a knee, the last gasps of the Cougars were extinguished.

“We have had to eliminate error that have been plaguing us this year, and that was our primary focus coming in,” explained Blazer skipper Mike Ernst. “I have all the respect for the West Side coaching staff, and I’m sure they will be licking their chops come playoff time. We blocked well at the point of attack, and that execution was able to have Newbill rush for 195 yards and three touchdowns on three carries.”

“We have a lot of heart and as a coach you really want more for the kids in the way of wins,” expressed West Side Catholic coach Giles Horban. “We saw some successes today, but to their credit, St. Matthew came out ready to play.”

In other action; St. Anthony (St. Joseph, South Bend/St. Pius) suffered previously undefeated Holy Cross Catholic, 20-0.

The Panthers scored on runs by Reece Happ and Ed Warinner and quarterback Tony Carmola found Carlos Matozina in the end zone for the other touchdown.

Next week’s Sunday action will feature at Saint Joseph’s High School at 1 p.m. West Side Catholic vs. the Panthers of St. Anthony. Marian’s Otolski field will host the matchup of the undefeated Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders taking onpter Mishawaka Catholic also at 1 p.m.
CYO Crusaders clinch small school volleyball division

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Therese Crusaders clinched the regular season Catholic Youth League (CYO) volleyball title for the small school division with a big, team-effort win over St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Both teams entered the contest undefeated (4-0) in their league with the right to claim the top seed on the line. The first-place Crusaders won in two matches — 25-17 and 25-18 — over the defending champion Squires.

In preparation for the huge matchup against the longtime rival, veteran Coach Lisa Palmer stressed consistency with her players in their all around play.

“We need to eliminate mistakes, especially missed serves,” Palmer said. “During our first four games we basically tried to give away games to the opposing teams with our mistakes. I believe if we continue to work hard in practice it will pay off, and we will be able to serve better and play more consistently all the way around.”

The team roster consists of 11 players for 2011 — six eighth graders and five seventh graders. Palmer feels she has seven very solid players which could start any given game.

“This is a nice problem for a coach to have,” she said. “Our girls play very well together as a team, which is a huge part of the game, and they are very unselfish in their play. They are extremely hard workers and do whatever we ask of them.”

On and off the court, Palmer listed Sarah Braun as one of the main leaders of the Crusaders. Braun is a team setter and leader in the kills category. Alyssa Reeder, another setter, is tops in the assist department, while Sara Ormiston has chalked up the most aces for the squad. Also doing a great job for the team are eighth-graders Mackenzie Whitman, Clarice Rorick and Krista Jackson.

Palmer feels blessed to have a strong bench that can put in at any time.

Seventh-grader Nitia Dorman is her first sub and can play whatever position is needed. Other seventh graders, who continuously work hard and are improving daily, include Elizabeth Wood, Hanna Rhoden, Katie McAfee and Brianna Wheeler.

The team’s goal is to go undefeated and win the 2011 championship. “This is a great group of young ladies who are a lot of fun to coach,” summarized Palmer.

Palmer has an amazing coaching staff that scrumagges against the girls every day in practice, certainly helping them improve each week. Assistant coaches are Krisa Caves, who coaches the younger boys, and Bishop Luers alums Jamie Uecker, who Palmer coached in the early 1990s, and Abby Bireley, a recent graduate who was three-year starting setter. Also helping out are current Knights Audrie and Taylor Luegring and Palmer’s sons — Mick and Matt.

“Having all of them serve, hit and play against the girls is awesome,” concluded Palmer. In other action at the net, St. Rose-St. Louis picked up a “W” winning in two nail-biters over St. Mary-St. Joe at St. Charles on Sunday, Oct. 2 — 25-23 and 25-24.

An elated Coach Karen Castleman was thrilled with her team’s performance.

For the large school division, Coach Julie Lukemire reported that her eighth graders from St. Vincent remained undefeated improving to 6-0 with a victory over St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 25-16 and 25-15. The CYO tournament for the varsity teams begins the week of Oct. 17.

PBS to broadcast ‘Catholicism’ series by Chicago priest

BY JOYCE DURIGA

CHICAGO (CNS) — Television viewers across the country will get a glimpse into the rich history, culture and tenets of the Catholic faith this fall when 90 public television stations across the country air episodes of a series called “Catholicism” that was developed by a Chicago priest.

The series is hosted by Father Robert Barron, who runs the Chicago-based Word on Fire ministry. It includes 10, hourlong DVDs, leader and group study guides and a 300-page standalone book of the same title.

Episodes also will be broadcast on the Eternal Word Television Network.

The priest’s goal was to show the history and treasures of the Catholic Church. The series was filmed in high-definition and spans more than 50 locations in 15 countries.

The global media ministry Word on Fire — which aims to “educate and engage the culture” — pitched all 10 episodes of “Catholicism” to PBS, but the network opted to run four shows: the revelation, God becomes man; the mystery of God; Mary, the mother of God; and Peter and Paul as missionaries. (Check local listings.)

No money was exchanged under the agreement, Father Barron said, and Word on Fire will promote the full DVD set and program at the end of each episode.

Father Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a professor of faith and culture at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, said he was surprised PBS agreed to air “Catholicism.”

“I thought that maybe they would think it was too Catholic. They loved it right away,” he said. “I thought that maybe they would think it was too Catholic. They loved it right away,” he said.

The goal of “Catholicism” has always been to evangelize the culture, and media seemed the best vehicle to accomplish that, he added.

The priest also wants to reach people outside of the Catholic Church, such as fallen-away Catholics, secularists, non-Catholics and disinterested Catholics.

“That’s why I love that PBS is broadcasting it,” he said.

The program has a good chance of reaching people who are not part of the Church because it is a high-quality series done in an inviting way, said Eileen Daily, assistant professor at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago.

“One of the biggest issues with evangelization is getting people to think to put up a wall before your message gets to them,” said Daily, whose study includes using art for religious education. People will be more open to the message in “Catholicism” because it looks like the rest of the shows they are used to seeing on television, she said.

For more information visit www.wordonfire.org and www.catholicismseries.com.

Part-Time Family Services Supervisor

Catholic Charities seeks a qualified person to serve as supervisor of Family Services Department, including overseeing, assisting and coordinating the activities of the program. Position in Fort Wayne but supervises staff in South Bend. Delegates work assignments to department staff; and follow up to ensure the provision of comprehensive, high quality, and professional casework. Must be knowledgeable of Indiana Child Welfare Act, Multiethnic Placement Act, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children and Federal Adoption Assistance Program. Develops, recommends, and implements program policies and procedures. Communicates with department staff via regular staff meetings and supervision. Provides training to designated staff. Consults with staff in the area of case consultations and recommendations. Completes reports and assignments such as staff evaluations, time sheets, leave requests, and statistical reports. Networks with area human service agencies to increase cooperation, communications, and collaboration. Serves as a liaison among and between various agencies, groups, and individuals.

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Minimum Qualifications:
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Automobile in good working condition. Maintain personal vehicle liability insurance coverage of $100,000 per person and $300,000 per occurrence.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

St. Pius X 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 Oct. 11, the topic will be “The Changes in the Mass and the Church” with speaker Msgr. Bill Schooler. Cost is $3. For information call (574) 271-7853.

Rosary and devotion event
Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will offer an evening of music and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. Parish organist Kevin Vaughn and other guests will perform classical Marian works composed by Debussy, Faure, Dupre and others. A recitation of the rosary is also planned. Admission is free and all are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society retreat
South Bend — A retreat on “Vincentian Spirituality” will be sponsored by the St. Joseph County St. Vincent de Paul Society Sunday, Oct. 16, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Vincentians or those interested in learning more about the spirituality of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are invited. For information contact Denise Blanche at saintvincentin.org or (574) 234-6000 ext. 12105.

Special Mass for couples trying to conceive planned
Granger — Msgr. Bill Schooler will celebrate a special Mass for couples who are experiencing infertility or difficulty on Friday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at St. Pius X. A potluck dinner and fellowship will follow. Contact Suzy Younger or call (574) 498-9092 for more information.

Youth Holy Hour at Our Lady of the Angels
Fort Wayne — Junior high and high school youth and their families are welcome to attend a Holy Hour Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. with the Franciscan Brothers Minor to learn more about the message of Fatima. All are asked to bring a dessert to share after the Holy Hour when a short film about Fatima will be shown.

Lisa Everett to speak
Fort Wayne-South Bend — Lisa Everett, co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, will speak on Project Rachel: A Path to Hope and Healing After Abortion on each end of the diocese in observance of Respect Life month. The South Bend area talk will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, in the Holy Cross Room. The Fort Wayne area talk will be Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent Parish, Fort Wayne, in the Spiritual Center.

Murder mystery performed by drama department
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department will present Chandler B. Butler Did It,” written by Tim Kelly, at Bishop Luers High School. Performances are Oct. 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Food drive benefits Holy family’s St. Vincent de Paul food pantry
South Bend — A food drive at Matthys Farm Pumpkin Patch and Petting Zoo will benefit Holy Family Parish’s St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on Oct. 15-16. Three food items will equal one free admission to the petting zoo. Sunny 105.5 will broadcast live on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hayrides and petting zoo are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday. Hayrides are free. The cost for the zoo is $3 for children. Adults are free for both.

Public Square rosary to be offered
Churubusco — A public rosary rally will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, noon in front of St. John Bosco Church, 216 N. Main St. Over 7,000 rallies will be held at this time across the United States.

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 Oechterling 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, $120 for reserved table of eight. Contact Dottie at (260) 705-1690 or Val at (260) 450-5710 for more information or reservations.

CARD PROFESSIONALS

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will host a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 14, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Price is $8.50 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, Oct. 12, will sponsor.Table fry on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Shopping extravaganza
Monroeville — St. Joseph School HASA will have a shopping extravaganza/Bazaar, Oct. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monroeville Fire Station. Over 15 vendors will be featured including Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple and more. Lunch will be served.

Athletic booster host men’s smoker
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club will have a men’s smoker Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at Bishop Luers High School. Tickets are $25 per person. Must be 21 to attend.

Haunted Castle now open
Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle and Black Forest, sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scout Troop, is open weekends beginning Sept. 30 through Halloween. Visit HauntedCastle.com or call (260) 489-1763.

St. Bernard School annual cash raffle
Wabash — Tickets are now available for the annual cash raffle at St. Bernard School. Prizes include $1,000; $750; $500; $250 and $100. Cost is $5 per ticket and only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Inquiries can be made by calling (260) 361-5674. Drawing will be held Friday, Oct. 27, in Wabash. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Cash prizes of $5,000 and $2,500. The drawing will be held at the annual ball and auction on Oct. 8. For more information and ticket prices, please contact the school office at (260) 563-5746. Delivery is available. All proceeds go to the school for scholarships and school improvements.

Cards party planned
South Bend — A luncheon and card party will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Hungary School auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Donation of $5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

Bishop Luers High School plans Walk-A-Thon
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will have a Walk-A-Thon Friday, Oct. 7. Bishop Luers students are accepting donations towards their fundraising goal of $45,000. If you would like to sponsor a student, or a checkpoint, call Jenny Andorfer at (260) 456-1261 or email jandorfer@bishopluers.org.

Rummage and bake sale
South Bend — Fresh bread baked on site, cakes, pies and cookies will be offered at the bake and rummage sale at St. John Parish, 3616 St. John Way, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. On Sunday a $1 bag sale will be offered.

St. Vincent de Paul Store .99 cent sale
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 1600 S. Calhoun St., will have a 99 cents ladies coat sale Monday, Oct. 10, through Wednesday, Oct. 12. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 5-6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Christmas craft bazaar
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish, corner of Brooklyn and Hale streets, will have a Christmas craft bazaar, Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rosary

What’s happening?

Fort Wayne — What’s happening? A screening of the new documentary, “Burma Soldier,” will be shown as part of the University of Saint Francis’ year-long project for the President’s Interfaith Challenge. “Burma Soldier” will be shown at the USF North Campus on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. Myo Myint, a local refugee, is featured in the film. A brief “talkback” session will be held after each screening. Admission is free, but donations for local agencies supporting refugee populations will be taken.

Holy Land Pilgrimage announced

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X
Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Pius X. Adults $6, children 6-12 $3.

Donations

Blood donations needed
The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations. To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVELIFE or 1-800-448-3543. There are three locations for donation: Fort Wayne Donor Center, 1212 E. California Rd.; Lutheran Hospital Donor Center, 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 107, (260) 480-8170 or Goshen Donor Center, 226 S. Main St., Goshen, (574) 533-8083.

This week’s death notices and obituaries:

Enrique Garcia, 53, St. Adalbert
Mary Ann Galvas, 61, St. Hedwig
Arthur L. Kalicki, 90, Holy Cross
Joan M. Rozycki, 79, St. Hedwig
Sister Christella Michuda, SSND, 86, Divine Savior Church in Norridge, III. Sister served at St. John the Evangelist, Goshen.

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