BISHOP RHODES MAKES EWTV LIVE APPEARANCE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who serves as the chair of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, made an appearance on “EWTV Live,” with Father Mitch Pacwa last week. The program aired on Aug. 1 and 5.

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BISHOP RHODES MAKES EWTN LIVE APPEARANCE

By Kay Cozad

FORT WAYNE — The United States is one of several countries that accepts Burmese refugees, with tens of thousands of these displaced individuals flooding into American cities that offer low-cost living and jobs for non-English speakers. Fort Wayne boasts the largest Burmese population in the country with an estimated 3,800 refugees, according to the U.S. census of 2010, though local officials believe a more accurate number reaches 6,000 to 7,000. Catholics remain the minority in this population comprised mainly of Buddhists, Muslims and Christians.

According to Julie Winn, community liaison for Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ sponsored Catherine Kasper Place, there are currently 74 Catholic Burmese in Fort Wayne. These families have found assistance with job development, housing and utilities, resource location and other needs at the center and other area charitable organizations.

But their spiritual needs are another matter. And that’s where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades comes in.

Born in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, in 1980, Father Dee De holds a bachelor’s degree in sacred theology and was ordained into the priesthood in 2008. Recently while serving a jungle parish in Myanmar, teaching 120 children, he was invited to come to the U.S. by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to minister to the Burmese refugee population in Fort Wayne and surrounding area.

HUNTINGTON — Marking the 90th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, with joy and thanksgiving Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated with the sisters on July 30 with Mass and a tour of the campus.

Archbishop John F. Noll, who died 56 years ago on July 31, was remembered throughout the day. Archbishop Noll, who offered financial support to the sisters, built the motherhouse in Huntington. And sisters from all across the country and globe gathered at the motherhouse last week for the festivities.

“A testament of Archbishop Noll’s true fatherly love for the sisters was his decision to be buried here at your motherhouse instead of in the cathedral,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily. “I understand that Archbishop Noll told one of the sisters before he died that he would get more prayers here with the sisters than if he were buried in the cathedral crypt. That is probably very true.”

“We remember him in our prayers today, as we also remember on this anniversary your founder, Father John Sigstein, and all the Victory Noll Sisters who have gone home to be with the Lord. May they all rest in God’s peace.”

To mark the anniversary the sisters prepared a room full of archives that included a film showing the sisters in mission work in New Mexico and clips of a family reunion with the Noll family at Victory Noll. The archbishop was shown passing out Cracker Jack boxes to his nephews and nieces.

Bishop Rhoades’ homily also spoke of the Lord’s
Happy birthday, Bishop D’Arcy!

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On behalf of all the faithful of our diocese, I extend to Bishop D’Arcy a very happy and blessed 80th birthday! Bishop D’Arcy will be celebrating his 80th birthday on August 15th. How grateful we are to God that Bishop D’Arcy is in good health and continues to be very active in his priestly and episcopal ministry. Personally, I am deeply grateful to Bishop D’Arcy for his holy example and for his continuing zeal for the Lord and His Church.

Though retired from the governance of the diocese, Bishop D’Arcy continues to be generous in his ministry among us in so many ways. He travels throughout our diocese and beyond celebrating the Eucharist, Confirmation, and other sacraments. He continues to teach and preach the Gospel, to lead spiritual retreats and missions, and to serve whenever and wherever needed. One of the blessings I count as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend is having such an active and dedicated predecessor. Bishop D’Arcy is always so open and generous in helping me and our priests in our ministries.

In Bishop D’Arcy’s nearly 25 years as our diocesan bishop, he gave of himself tirelessly in building up the Body of Christ in this portion of the Lord’s vineyard. He continues to give of himself selflessly in serving the Lord. He is an example to me and our priests of what it means to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ. We rejoice with Bishop D’Arcy on the celebration of his 80th birthday. We thank the Lord for the gift of his eighty years and we pray that God will continue to bless him with strength and grace in the years to come.

Solemnity of the Assumption

I wish to remind everyone of the beautiful feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this coming Wednesday, August 15th, a holyday of obligation. We celebrate with joy that Mary, because of her sinlessness, was taken up body and soul to heaven at the end of her earthly life. Her body was kept free from corruption. She participated uniquely in her Son’s Resurrection and was raised to heavenly glory with Him.

My home parish in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, is named in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is popularly referred to as “Saint Mary’s.” I will be going home to celebrate Mass there on August 15th as the parish concludes a two-year celebration of its bicentennial. It’s been over three years since I was there.

In the 1740’s, there was a mission station for the Catholics in Lebanon County, most of whom were German and Irish immigrants, like so many of the parishes in our diocese. Jesuit missionary priests came to Lebanon to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments. In 1810, the cornerstone for a church in Lebanon was laid. The church was consecrated in 1812. Saint Mary’s School, where I attended, was opened in 1859. That first Saint Mary’s Church stood until 1876.

The cornerstone of the second church, built on the same site, was laid on August 15, 1876. It was a beautiful Gothic church. I received my first Holy Communion and Confirmation in that church. Sadly, it had to be torn down in 1971 since it had become unsafe due to deterioration. The third Saint Mary’s Church was then built, again on the same site. It was in this new church that I was ordained a priest in 1983 by Bishop William Keeler who later became the Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore. He was also a native son of Saint Mary’s Parish in Lebanon. I also celebrated my mother’s funeral Mass in this church back in 1994. It holds many special memories for me. My Mom had a beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

I am looking forward to celebrating Holy Mass at my home parish on its patronal feast day. 200 years since the first church was consecrated in honor of our Blessed Mother.

I will remember you in my prayers on this beautiful holy day. We think about how close Mary is to God. She is also very close to us as our spiritual mother. She listens to our prayers, knows our needs, and watches over us with her love. She is with us in the joys and sorrows of our life.

Pope Benedict XVI said the following: “After being taken up into heaven, Mary did not distance herself from us but continues to be even closer to us and her light shines on our lives and on the history of all humanity. Attracted by the heavenly light of the Mother of the Redeemer, let us turn with trust to the One who looks upon us and protects us from on high. We all need her help and comfort to face the trials and challenges of daily life; we need to feel that she is our mother and sister in the concrete situations of our lives. And so that we too may one day be able to share in her same destiny, let us imitate her now in her meek following of Christ and her generous service to the brethren. This is the only way to have a foretaste, already on our earthly pilgrimage, of the joy and peace which those who reach the immortal destination of Paradise live to the full.”

May Our Lady, who was assumed body and soul into heaven, assist us so that we may follow her into the Kingdom of her Son!
Enforcement of contraceptive mandate blocked for Catholic-run business

DENVER (CNS) — A Colorado firm owned by a Catholic family won a temporary injunction July 27 against enforcement of the Department of Health and Human Services’ contraceptive mandate.

Senior Judge John L. Kane Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado said the HHS requirement that employers provide contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, and sterilizations free of charge to their employees, even if they have objections based on their religious beliefs, has potential for violating the family’s religious freedom.

He said the government’s arguments in favor of the contraceptive mandate “are countered, and indeed outweighed, by the public interest in the free exercise of religion.”

But Kane emphasized that his ruling only applied to the case brought by five members of the Newland family and the company they own, Hercules Industries, a manufacturer of heating and air-conditioning equipment that has 265 full-time employees in Colorado.

“The government’s arguments are largely premised upon a fear that granting an exemption to plaintiffs will necessarily require granting similar injunctions to all other for-profit, secular corporations voicing religious objections to the preventive care coverage mandate,” the judge wrote. “This injunction is, however, premised upon the alleged substantial burden on plaintiffs’ free exercise of religion — not to any alleged burden on any other party’s free exercise of religion.

“It does not enjoin enforcement of the preventive care coverage mandate against any other party,” he added.

The ruling marked the first positive outcome in the nearly two dozen lawsuits brought by Catholic dioceses, religious organizations and employers against the HHS contraceptive mandate, which took effect Aug. 1 for health insurance plans that are not grandfathered.

Federal judges in the District of Columbia and Lincoln, Neb., have dismissed similar suits filed by Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina and the attorneys general of seven states, respectively, saying that the plaintiffs had not proven that they would be harmed by the mandate.

The Obama administration granted a one-year “temporary enforcement safe harbor” to religious organizations that do not qualify for a religious exemption under the administration’s four-pronged test. The test requires exempt organizations to serve and hire only members of their own faith, according to their faith. For the time being, Hercules Industries will be able to do just that,” said Matt Bowman, legal counsel for the alliance.

“The cost of freedom for this family could be millions of dollars per year in fines that will cripple their business if the Obama administration ultimately has its way,” Bowman added. “This lawsuit seeks to ensure that Washington bureaucrats cannot force families to abandon their faith just to earn a living. Americans don’t want politicians and bureaucrats deciding what faith is, who the faithful are, and where and how that faith may be lived out.”

Kathleen Sebelius, HHS secretary, said she was “disappointed with the court’s decision to preliminarily enjoin application of part of the women’s preventive services policy to this particular for-profit company in Colorado.”

“We are confident that as this case moves through the courts, the policy that most health insurance plans cover contraception will be upheld,” she added in a statement July 31. “Preventive services are critical to women’s health and the administration is committed to ensuring women have access to the health care they need regardless of where they work. Health decisions should be between women and their doctors, not their employers.

“The Newlands are being represented in the case by the Alliance Defending Freedom, formerly known as the Alliance Defense Fund.

“Every American, including family business owners, should be free to live and do business according to their faith. For the time being, Hercules Industries will be able to do just that,” said Matt Bowman, legal counsel for the alliance.

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James, Paul, William and Andrew Newland, who run Hercules Industries in Denver, a manufacturer of heating and air-conditioning equipment, are pictured in an undated photo. The Catholic family won a temporary injunction July 27 against enforcement of the Department of Health and Human Services’ contraceptive mandate.

Lived faith, service, charity keys to evangelization says synod text

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholics who act like their faith has nothing to do with daily life and a Church structure that is more bureaucratic than service are two impediments to the Church’s ability to proclaim faith in Jesus, said the working document for the next Synod of Bishops.

“Every one of the Church’s actions has an essential evangelizing character and must never be separated from the duty to help others encounter Christ in faith,” the document said. “One must always have the courage to renounce the infidelities and scandals” within the Church and “to acknowledge faults while continuing to witness to Jesus Christ.”

Looking within the Church, the document said, “many lament the excessive bureaucratic character” of Church structures, which are “perceived as being far removed from the average person and his everyday concerns.”

The synod’s working document is based on responses to a long outline and questionnaire published in March 2011. The responses came from 114 bishops’ conferences, 26 Vatican offices and the international unions of superior generals of men’s and women’s religious orders, said Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, secretary-general of the synod.

Some responses, the document said, “complained of the excessive bureaucratic character of liturgical celebrations, an almost routine celebration of rituals and the lack of a deep spiritual experience, which turn people away instead of attracting them.”

At a news conference June 19, Archbishop Eterovic said the synod will attempt to respond to the need for new instruments and new expressions to make the word of God understandable in the lives of contemporary man.


The working document, released June 19, said the bishops and other synod participants will focus on: faith in Jesus as the heart of evangelization; how changes in the world impact belief and the practice of the faith; how liturgy, catechesis and charitable activity do or should bring people to faith; and a look at particular ways Catholics evangelize and educate people in the faith.

The new evangelization, it said, “will also involve the courage to denounce the infidelities and scandals” within the Church and “to acknowledge faults while continuing to witness to Jesus Christ.”

Archbishop Eterovic cited the document’s theme as “the new evangelization” and the launch of the Year of Faith called by Pope Benedict to energize Catholics and Catholic communities and promote a deeper knowledge of the essential tenets of faith.

“The Year of Faith will remind us of the foundation of the new evangelization: faith in Jesus Christ,” Archbishop Eterovic said.

In evaluating signs that call for a renewed evangelization of the baptized, the working document cited: “a weakening of faith in Christian communities, a diminished regard for the authority of the magisterium, an individualistic approach to belonging to the Church, a decline in religious practice and a disenchantment in transmitting the faith to new generations.”

The document said cultural changes, especially secularization accelerated and spread by globalization and greater global access to information in which many people see faith as unimportant, old fashioned or simply irrelevant to modern life.
Summer youth camp combines catechism, campfires

BY DIANE FREEBY

MILFORD — What do you get when you combine campfires with catechism? For one warm week in July it was Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2012, held at Camp Mack in the woods of Milford.

This is the second year for the Catholic camp, with 38 campers from 15 parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend participating. Adult and young adults volunteered their time as counselors. The Catholic Youth Summer Camp has long been the dream of Dave and Jan Torma, parishioners at St. Jude in South Bend.

“In the past, I have directed week-long camps for children and have seen their value,” explains Dave Torma, a former Boy Scout leader. “Along with activities like swimming, canoeing, crafts, an obstacle course, archery, games and campfires, camp is a wonderful environment to nurture their spirituality as young Catholics. I felt that a Catholic camp could draw campers deeper into their Catholic faith through daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer and foster their love for our Blessed Mother through the rosary.”

The campers made up six groups — fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade girls and fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade boys.

The camp theme was “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch. Luke 5:4.” Rising by 7:30 each morning, the camp met to honor God and country by singing, learning Scripture and raising the American flag.

After breakfast and morning activities, everyone gathered for Mass in the small stone chapel. The camp met to honor God and country by singing, learning Scripture and raising the American flag.

During his homily, he taught about the prophets in the Old Testament, and later quizzed the children on the four Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel.

Father Charles Oyo, parochial vicar at St. Jude Parish, South Bend; Holy Cross Father Neil Wack, pastor of Christ the King Parish, South Bend; and Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen.

After lunch, the children took a rest before heading into the afternoon activities, gathering again at 5 p.m. to retire the American Flag before dinner.

Campers and counselors went back to their cabins to get ready for campfire at 7 p.m.

This year, after campfire, one of the male counselors led the boys in prayer and conversation during “Bro Time” before lights out. The girls turned to Our Lady and recited the rosary in their cabins.

On Friday, after Mass and a time of Eucharistic Adoration, there was a picnic followed by all-camp activities and a family campfire to close camp.

“Learning Scripture every day through skits and prayer made me feel closer to God and doing this with friends was great,” said Corpus Christi sixth-grader Aubrey Donica, who talked about camp the entire car ride home.

“I also got to fish and boat,” said another Corpus Christi sixth-grader, “and I left camp with a stronger faith and friends from all over.”

Many of the boys agree that “Bro Time” was a powerful experience.

“We can’t wait to go back to the campfire and share with other faithful people you see God and His gifts to and in you.”

For information on next year’s camp or to volunteer, call (574) 291-3381.
Helen Alvaré to be featured speaker at OSV centennial celebration

BY ANN CAREY

FORT WAYNE — Helen Alvaré, the eloquent pro-life leader and defender of religious liberty, will be a featured speaker at the “Continuing the Legacy Symposium” that is part of Our Sunday Visitor’s centennial celebration. Invitations have been sent for the symposium which will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 28 in Fort Wayne’s Grand Wayne Convention Center. Alvaré is an associate professor at George Mason University School of Law, where she teaches family law, property law and law and religion. She also is an advisor to the law school’s Christian Legal Society.

Most Catholics, however, probably know Alvaré best from her 1990-2000 service with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as director of planning and information of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. She had also served as an attorney in the office of the USCCB general counsel from 1988-1990.

An articulate, articulate and lively person, Alvaré made appearances all over the country and interacted with the bishops for the USCCB; always delivering the pro-life message from the perspective of a woman and woman who appreciates and defends the teachings of the Catholic Church on life and human sexuality.

Alvaré remains a consultant for the bishops’ Pro-Life Committee and is a consultant for Pope Benedict XVI’s Pontifical Council for the Laity. Recently, Alvaré has taken a leadership role in defending religious liberty in the wake of the 2010 federal Health and Retirement Services mandate requiring all employers to provide health insurance that covers abortifacient drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives. Along with attorney Kim Daniels, she started the Women’s Project for Lifetime Achievement for Pro-Life.”

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Representatives in Congress to allow religious institutions and individuals to continue to witness to their faiths in all their faith’s public square.

— Helen Alvaré

Knights’ Faith Family Fatherhood Festival scheduled Aug. 17-19

FORT WAYNE — The Knights of Columbus will host a three-day festival celebrating faith, family and fatherhood at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne, Aug. 17-19. The Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival, funded by 15 Fort Wayne area Knights of Columbus Councils and will include Mass, a parade, 5K run, food and entertainment for the whole family. It is the first festival of its kind in what is hoped to become an annual event. Updates are available at www.kofcfestival.com.

Friday, Aug. 17:

• 5 p.m. — Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; 6:15 p.m. — March or parade from the cathedral to Headwaters Park; 7:30 p.m. — Live evening entertainment by Popple.

Popple calls their music acousti-c, hip-hop, rock and roll. They put on fun concerts, lead prayer and praise and worship, give great talks and can provide liturgical music for any Mass. More information on Popple is available at www.myspace.com/poppleband.

Saturday, Aug. 18:

• 8 a.m. — Pancake and sausage breakfast and 5K Run (Headwaters Park Pavilion); Pre-registration is suggested for the 5K Run. Entry forms are available next month.

“Breaking Through: Catholic Women Speak for Themselves.” She explained in an e-mail to the Women Speak for Themselves list that: “It arose out of the same impulsion as did the open letter on the HHS Mandate: a desire to show the world that faithful women are intelligently grappling with the complex issues facing women today — everything from money to marriage, and from sex and children to same-sex attraction and marriage.”

It is a collection of essays both by and for other women that will, we hope, respond both to those who are curious and those who are struggling with questions about harmonizing modern dilemmas with a several-thousand-year-old faith.”

In addition to all of these activities, Alvaré is president of the Chiaroscuro Institute, a think tank on dating and marriage issues. She also is a senior fellow with the Witherspoon Institute’s The Simon Center Task Force on Conscience Protection; and is a consultant to ABC News on the subjects of women in the Catholic Church, the papacy and religion in the public square.

She is a much-in-demand speaker and the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2012 Evangelium Vitae Award for lifetime achievement for pro-life work from the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband are the parents of three children.


• 12-7 p.m. — Music, games, rides, food, vendors, archery tag sponsored by CrazyPinz, local high school performances and more.

The events will include a moonwalk, biblical story time, pop ring toss, crafts and give-aways provided by Bishop Luers High School, helicopter rides, traveling magician for kids, raffle (no other gambling), rosary making with Bishop Dwenger High School students and photos with “Tuffy,” corn hole, slushies, temporary tattoos, pictures and autographs from Bishop Dwenger athletes. The Bishop Dwenger Marching Band will also perform. The CrazyPinz archery arena will be available for ages seven and up.

• 2-3 p.m. — Bishop Luers High School Choir will perform;

• 3-4 p.m. — Bishop Dwenger High School Choir will perform;

• 7 to 11 p.m. — Square dancing with Bill Werling and his five-piece band.

Sunday, Aug. 19:

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Breakfast brunch with bingo and games;

• 1-3 p.m. — Table displays from the nonprofits, father and children events and a pie bake-off, which will be judged by the Franciscan Brothers.

The Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival will be available for ages seven and up.

• 2-3:30 p.m. — Fort Wayne Area Community Band will provide music from two summer concerts, “An Evening with John Phillip Sousa” and “Those Were the Days.”

The Fort Wayne Area Community Band is a member of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and is in residence in the Department of Music in Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne School of Visual and Performing Arts. Approximately 80 musicians, students, music teachers and professionals from all walks of life have participated in the band for nearly 33 years.

The band is dedicated to bringing the highest level of performance to the Fort Wayne area community with a variety of music for concert band, including marches, show tunes, light classics, popular arrangements, Big Band and jazz.

The band has both a winter and summer concert schedule with appearances throughout the area.

Ben Christy, dean of the IPFW School of Visual and Performing Arts, said, “The Community More about Father David Mary Engo.

Father David Mary Engo is a Quaker and an islander. He has been a friar since the age of 19 and a priest for the past 14 years. He has led a diverse group of people, a priest. One of his most difficult missions involved blessing bodies pulled from the rubble at Ground Zero during the first four days after the World Trade Center terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

Father David Mary eventually heard the call to lead and became the rector and superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, formed in 2009 under the authority of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the bishop of Fort Wayne. Bishop David Mary followed the bishop to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2010.

Father David Mary speaks of love and charity, but always in truth. He is charismatic and sure to keep your attention. Learn more about Father David Mary and the Franciscan Brothers Minor religious order at www.FranciscanBrothersMinor.com.

There will be a special blessing for all fathers and closing ceremony with the Father and Theresa Smith Family providing music and Gregorian chant.

• 5 p.m. — Festival concludes.

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POPE BENEDICT ATTENDS BAVARIAN FOLK FESTIVAL AT SUMMER RESIDENCE

Pope Benedict XVI watches Bavarian dancers from the Archdiocese of Munich-Freising, Germany, perform during a folk festival at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 3.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Andrew Moore felt called to walk across America this summer with pro-life college students to help save the lives of unborn babies. “I had already become involved in the pro-life movement for several years,” Moore wrote in a reflection before he joined a group of Crossroads volunteers walking from San Francisco to Washington to pray for an end to legalized abortion. “When I am at home, I pray in front of the local abortion mill almost every day and try to speak to the people going in. Crossroads sounded like a good way to serve God and help His children,” he added.

“I have been considering a vocation to the priesthood for some time, and Crossroads is a great way to do that,” Moore wrote. “I am looking forward to spending the next several months living a contemplative life, surrounded by like-minded women who are committed to promoting the sanctity of human life.”

Student killed during pro-life cross-country walk ‘missed deeply’
Area Catholic Churches join forces to build Habitat home

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity and area Catholic churches are partnering to build a home for a hardworking family in the community.

St. Vincent Catholic Church is leading the charge to kick off a Catholic Apostle Build, bringing together all Catholic churches in Allen County to help make the dream of homeownership a reality for a family in need.

The build was blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and will be the second Catholic Apostle Build in the Allen County area.

Local Catholic churches already committed to the Catholic Apostle Build with Fort Wayne Habitat are Queen of Angels, Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Vincent, as well as Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools.

The partnership will not only make the fundraising goal of $60,000 needed to complete a Habitat home reachable, but will also allow every member of the church body to work together as the hands and feet of Christ in the community.

Final financial commitments from churches are needed by Aug. 20 in order for this build to begin in 2012. If the goal is not met by the Aug. 20 date, the churches will work toward raising funds to complete the build in Spring 2013.

Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry using volunteer labor to build simple, affordable homes through partnerships with low-income Allen County families. Completed homes are sold to Habitat Homeowners with a $500 down payment and an interest-free mortgage. Because of volunteer involvement, the cost of a standard three-bedroom home is kept affordable at approximately $60,000 with monthly mortgage payments ranging from $375 to $400 including taxes and insurance. The revolving fund created by mortgage payments received allows Habitat to commit 100 percent of individual donations to additional housing opportunities in the community.

Contact the office at (260) 422-4828 or visit www.fortwaynehabitat.org for more information.

Our Sunday Visitor to distribute L'Osservatore Romano's English edition

HUNTINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican has chosen Our Sunday Visitor to be the exclusive distributor of the North American English edition of L’Osservatore Romano, the official Vatican newspaper.

Our Sunday Visitor will begin distributing L’Osservatore Romano in August and also will provide order fulfillment, customer service and marketing support for the newspaper. The focus will be promotion to individual Catholics, parishes, dioceses and other Catholic organizations.

Seminarian Zachary Barry shares his journey to the seminary, a journey that was sparked when he was a sixth-grade student at St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne and continued through high school at Bishop Dwenger. Barry spoke to about 100 young men who attended the Andrew Dinner held July 30 at St. Martin De Porres Church in Syracuse. The dinner gets its name from when the Apostle Andrew invited his brother Peter to meet Jesus. Barry joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Msgr. Bernard Galic, Spiritan Father Lawrence Teteck and other priests in answering questions from the young men who attended from multiple parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Bishop Rhoades encouraged the young men to read the Gospels and concentrate on the words. He added, “If I had to do it all over again, I’d do it again because I feel so much joy and peace in being a priest.

“This is a partnership that works well for both entities,” said a July 16 statement from Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor. “Our Sunday Visitor is able to expand on our mission to serve the Church in a very direct way and assist the Vatican in its mission at the same time.”

L’Osservatore Romano (Italian for “The Roman Observer”), founded in 1861, publishes papal discourses, texts and documents, reports on the events of the Church and the pope, and provides news of cultural and international life from the perspective of the Catholic Church.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, Our Sunday Visitor publishes several periodicals, including the largest national Catholic newspaper, OSV Newsweekly, plus The Catholic Answer, The Priest, My Daily Visitor, Grace in Action and Take Out: Faith on the Go.

“A what we are about these days is the same as what Archbishop Noll was about,” Erlandson said. “We are about responding to people’s needs. We are about helping them to bring their Catholic faith to life. We are about helping them to see what is real and important in this life, and how it will connect them to the next.”

ANDREW DINNER DRAWS NEARLY 100 TO SYRACUSE

Christ Child Society of South Bend to host dinner, auction

SOUTH BEND — Members, friends and supporters of the Christ Child Society of South Bend will gather Thursday, Sept.13, at the Gilaspie Center, Hilton Garden Inn at Saint Mary’s College for the “Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction.” The evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and live auction at 7 p.m.

Auction items will include a basketball autographed by Muffett McGraw and a gift certificate for a variety of homemade Christmas cookies.

Christ Child Society, a nonprofit organization composed completely of volunteers and dedicated to serving children in need, has long been respected for the work it does “challenging poverty one child at a time.”

Christ Child Society is perhaps best known for its west side Clothing Center. Each August through January, Christ Child opens its doors weekly, offering new winter clothing to children whose families meet the qualification guidelines.

Other services include layettes distributed to babies born to need mothers, Angel Layettes for families of babies still-born or who die shortly after birth, and Layettes of Hope to newly pregnant clients of Women’s Care Center.

Recently Christ Child Society inaugurated a Book Project as part of its education and literacy outreach. This past year the organization awarded its first college scholarship to a young woman who came to Christ Child Society for clothing for her children. Thanks to the scholarship, she will be able to provide a better life for her children.

Christ Child Society receives no government aid or United Way funding. The yearly clothing budget must be raised through grants, fundraising events and the ongoing generosity of friends and donors.

For more information on Christ Child Society or the “Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction” visit www.christchild.org or the event website www.letloveshine.info. For tickets, call (574) 256-5633.

Area citizens to stand for Religious Freedom Aug. 11

FORT WAYNE — Members of the Fort Wayne community are encouraged to join together to support greater protection of religious liberty in the United States on Aug. 11. This successful and prayerful rally will celebrate liberty, and educate the public regarding what can be done to stop the infringements on Constitutionally protected rights.

The rally will be held at the Allen County Courthouse green on the corner of Clinton and Main streets in downtown Fort Wayne from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

“It is time for all Americans to stand together to protest the recent infringements on those rights protected by the First Amendment — infringements by the government that was created to safeguard those same rights,” say rally organizers.

Father Jason Freiburger will provide the invocation. Sean McBride, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will offer the welcome.

Guest speakers will include Congresswoman Marlin Stutzman, who will give a briefing on efforts to repeal the Care Act and the encroachment of government on religious liberty; Dr. Tom McGovern, who will share the impact of the Affordable Care Act on patients and doctors; and Pat Miller, who will present an outline for winning at the ballot box in November.

Marian dean of students retires

MISHAWAKA — Janet Hatfield, dean of students and teacher at Marian High School in Mishawaka for 39 years, retired in June. She has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies and has attended 39 out of 45 Marian commencement ceremonies.
Forum spotlights business sustainability

FORT WAYNE — Mike Robinson, vice president for Sustainability and Global Regulatory Affairs for General Motors, will be the keynote speaker for the 16th annual CEO Forum at the University of Saint Francis North Campus on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 8:15-11:45 a.m.

The forum, “The Future of Sustainability: Impact on Efficiency, Innovation and Profit,” is hosted by the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership, and will focus on practices that many analysts consider the driver of long-term business success. It is associated with the university’s over-arching “The Future of” lecture series.

Robinson served as an Air Force officer from 1977-81, earning his J.D. from Villanova Law School in 1984 and joining GM that same year. Prior to accepting his present role in September 2009, he was the company’s vice president and general counsel for North America. He will discuss how sustainability can be woven into a business model, generate more profit, increase efficiency and stimulate innovation.

Supporting Robinson’s inside view on ways in which America’s successful automotive giant uses sustainable business measures will be a panel of noted leaders, including Paul Chodak III, president and chief operating officer for Indiana Michigan Power (IMP), Tom Horter, president and CEO for Bluffton-based Huntington, CEO for WaterFurnace and Tom Horter, president and CEO for WaterFurnace. Huntington, CEO for WaterFurnace president and CEO for Bluffton-based Michigan Power (IMP), Tom Horter, president and CEO for Bluffton-based Huntington, CEO for WaterFurnace and Tom Horter, president and CEO for WaterFurnace.

Institute for Church Life to host Seed of the Church conference

NOTRE DAME — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will host the upcoming Seed of the Church conference from Nov. 4-6. The event, to be held at McKenna Hall, is open to the public. The registration is now under way and is required for all participants. Conference registration is free.

Keynote speakers include Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States; and John L. Allen Jr., senior correspondent at the National Catholic Reporter and senior Vatican analyst at CNN. The conference will bring together bishops and lay experts from around the world — including Egypt, China, India and Pakistan — testifying to the landscape of Christian persecution in their respective contexts.

The gathering intends to raise consciousness inside and outside the Church regarding the widespread persecution of Christians around the world and to explore how the Church has responded and might respond vigorously and faithfully in the future.

A central objective of this conference is to rectify the lack of acknowledgment of this persecution by the secular media and Western academia and to communicate to the world the extent and character of the persecution. Yet the purpose of the conference goes beyond raising awareness. It is also to explore how the Church can respond to the persecution of Christian believers prayerfully and liturgically, out of the depths of the Church’s spiritual theology.

In the most profound sense, what does it mean to be in solidarity with brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer violence for their faith? The conference will explore several dimensions of this question, including:

- Where exactly are the persecuted Christians? How many are there?
- What are the circumstances surrounding persecution in specific countries and regions, including China, Pakistan, Nigeria, the Middle East and the countries involved in the Arab Spring?
- What kind of responses to persecution ought Christians to urge upon governments?
- How can partnerships form with those of other faiths to secure religious freedom for all faiths?
- What are the most effective and faithful responses on the part of the Church?

The conference will also explore a theology of martyrdom for the world today, framed in terms of Eucharistic remembrance and of the “ecumenism of the martyrs” urged on the Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II.

The event is being organized by John C. Cavadini, McGrath-Cavadini Director of the Institute for Church Life, and Daniel Philpott, associate professor of political science and peace studies. A complete list of speakers as well as registration information is available at http://icl.nd.edu.

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9 am - 9:30 am  Parish Walk with Father Dan
11 am - 4 pm  Classic Car Show
11 am - 4 pm  Competitive "Fun Games"
11 am - 4 pm  Old Fashioned Family Fun Fair
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Sunday, August 26th
10:30 am  Outdoor Mass
1 pm - 3 pm  The Mother of All Rummage Sales
12 pm - 2 pm  Patronal Feast
12:30 pm  Live Auction
1 pm - 3 pm  Old Fashioned Family Fun Fair

Hispanic Ministry offers activities in the diocese

Marriage retreat

St. Adalbert “Grupo Familiar” held a Married Couples Retreat at Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, on Friday, July 20.

The initial keynote address was offered by Enid Roman De Jesús and the theme given was “El Amor de Dios.” (God’s Love).

Approximately 20 couples attended the retreat and additional presentations were offered throughout the weekend. Luis Botello and his wife Alejandra Botello and other team couples organized the retreat.

St. Casimir’s González couple celebrates 25th wedding anniversary

María de la Luz and Jorge González celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 21. The renewal of vows took place at St. Casimir Parish, South Bend, and Holy Cross Father Pete Paccini celebrated the Mass. A reception followed with gourmet Mexican food while Mariachi’s serenaded the couple and the guests attended. The couple also celebrated their youngest daughter Evelyn’s high school graduation.

Our Lady of Hungary celebrates its ethnic diversity at festival

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Father Kevin Bauman and his parish staff of Francisco Macias, Brenda Cabrera and Kathy Baugher and parish members held their yearly parish festival July 21-22. A wide range of cuisine from the parish’s diverse ethnic backgrounds — Hungarian, Mexican and more — made the festival a success. Entertainment included five bands and activities for the children.

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The beautiful gate Chicago style

BY MARK WEBER

On the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, when Society of the Divine Word Father Sam Cunningham, parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, spoke about St. Peter and St. John meeting an invalid beggar near Jerusalem’s Beautiful Gate, he described in detail the exchange that takes place between the one who gives and the one who gets; the donor, acting out of fear, guilt or charity, avoids eye contact with the beggar, gives, and moves on in a hurry.

Father Sam spoke from experience. He had begged on the streets of Chicago, competing with the usual deadbeats; drunks, druggies, ex-cons and other human castoffs who quietly spin into oblivion.

As a 25-year-old seminarian, he was once given a $5 bill and told to get by on it from Friday ‘til Monday in a gritty end of the Windy City. With mission meals and flop house beds, he did get by (one person actually gave him a $5 bill), but all who gave, did so without looking at his face.

Father Sam contrasted his experience with that of St. Peter and the crippled beggar. In the biblical account, as Peter and John approach the beautiful gate, the beggar holds up his cup expecting money. Peter however, says to the beggar, “Look at us,” and then tells him that he, Peter, has no silver or gold but in the name of Jesus he was once given a $5 bill and $81 from lemonade that day and earned $174 in tips and $435 from the garage sale. He gave $123 to Riley from this event and purchased an Xbox 360 with his remaining money.

On 20th Octave of the memorial of the beggar, gives, and moves on in nonviolence. On his office wall, Father Sam Cunningham has been a missionary with the Society of the Divine Word for 31 years. He has served in Mexico and Paraguay and currently is parochial vicar of St. Patrick Parish Fort Wayne. As a certified psychologist, he also teaches sex offenders, married couples and works with the Center for Nonviolence.

Comparing his Chicago begging experience with that of the biblical beggar, Father Sam keys in on the phrase, “Look at us,” saying that if the donor looks at the beggar — looks him right in the eye, and says a few kind words, such as “How are you?” — the giver is treating the supplicant as a person instead of a non-person, and the gift, be it a dime or a dollar, is enhanced for both parties involved because, as at the beautiful gate, even a small measure of healing power is now included.

On his office wall, Father Sam Cunningham has diplomas for three master’s degrees and one Ph.D. In his heart, he has a lesson of life earned on the streets of Chicago.

St. Thomas student noted for lemonade business, generosity

ELKHART — Harrison Harte, who will be entering the fourth grade at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart, and is a former Riley Kid, recently received a lesson in entrepreneurship and offered a donation to the children’s hospital that helped him when he was young. Harrison is the son of Gary and Stephanie Harte, parishioners of St. Thomas.

On May 5, Harrison participated in Lemonade Day, a national experimental learning program started in 2007 that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business — a lemonade stand.

“Harrison decided that he wanted to have his lemonade stand at our house, that he wanted to do a garage sale with it, and that his grandpa would dress as a lemon to bring in business. And he wanted to donate 50 percent of his profits to Riley Hospital for Children,” reported Harrison’s mom, Stephanie Harte.

Harrison sold 108 glasses of lemonade that day and earned $81 from lemonade, $174 in tips and $435 from the garage sale. He gave $123 to Riley from this event and purchased an Xbox 360 with his remaining money.

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“On this anniversary day, who among us can hear that Gospel and not think of that original pair of sisters, the first Missionary Catechists of Our Lady of Victory, who after many months and years of planning, quietly departed from Chicago after pronouncing their simple vows,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“She is the first sister, the first missionary catechist, the first to take the vows, the first to leave, besides making simple vows, they renewed their Act of Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the practice of the True Devotion of St. Louis Marie de Montfort.”

At a little mission church in the town of Watrous, the catechists began the missionary work that would characterize the apostolate of the many sisters who would follow in their footsteps — the catechism of poor children and their families and visits to the homes of the poor and the sick in what was truly missionary territory.

Bishop Rhoades noted that the first missionary catechists and the many sisters who would follow them were women of prayer and were filled with a true missionary zeal. They had a deep love for the poor. The early missionary catechists endured many hardships for the sake of the Gospel.

“He has called consecrated women like you, the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, through your special gifts and charism, to share in the Church’s evangelizing mission,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“Evangelization and catechesis, so vital to the mission of your community and to the mission of the Church, aims at unity in Christ, unity in faith and unity in love: Christ-like maturity that is characterized by an adherence to the truth of the Gospel of Christ and living that truth in charity,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“The new evangelization called for by Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI requires new ardor in the proclamation of the Gospel in the increasingly secularized culture with its strong currents of relativism, materialism and hedonism.

“It requires vision and creativity, like that of Father Sigstein, Archbishop Noll, Sister Julia Doyle and Sister Marie Benes,” Bishop Rhoades said. “It requires fidelity to the truth of the Gospel as proclaimed and taught by the Catholic Church through the ages, the truth that so many Victory Noll Sisters dedicated their lives to teach and share. It requires the witness of lives of self-giving love, of the practical and generous service exemplified by so many members of this community these past 90 years. It requires prayer since none of our works or ministry can bear good fruit apart from Christ.”

Bishop Rhoades thanked the sisters for their ministry of prayer, which is a powerful service to the Church and her mission. After Mass, Bishop Rhoades greeted the sisters, including Sister Joan Arnold who mentioned to the bishop that she is a native of Lebanon, Pa., where Bishop Rhoades was raised. Sister Joan has been a sister for 63 years.

At 103 years old, Sister Carlota Baca is the oldest sister and celebrating 80 years of religious life. Sister Carlota offered a cheerful greeting to Bishop Rhoades as he visited with sisters in the special extended care unit where she resides.

Sister Virginia Schmitt, who joined the sisters in 1945 and was a registered nurse, shared with Bishop Rhoades that she provided nursing care for Archbishop Noll for the last three years of his life. “I felt that was a great privilege,” she told Bishop Rhoades.

The sisters also shared that they would go to Archbishop Noll’s lake house on Sylvan Lake near Rome City and clean it for the bishop’s summer visits.

Continuing his visit within the care unit, Bishop Rhoades spoke with Sister Martha, who writes and sends 500 letters a month to prisoners. She enjoys receiving correspondence from prisoners relating how much they appreciate her letters.

Throughout the day, Sister Beatrice Haines, president of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, offered the bishop a tour of the grounds and accompanied Bishop Rhoades to the gravesite of Archbishop Noll, Father John Joseph Sigstein and the first two missionary catechists — Sister Julia Doyle and Sister Marie Benes. There Bishop Rhoades offered a prayer.

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Bishop D’Arcy thriving with ‘priestly work’ in retirement

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — When a layperson retires it’s said every day is like a Saturday. But a bishop is not retired in the usual sense of the word.

“In other words, a bishop always remains a bishop and is not like an official who retires from his employment at a certain age. With regard to the particular Church for which he was bishop, the bishop emeritus continues his service in prayer and the other tasks provided by law.” — “The Bishop Emeritus,” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Aug. 2009.

For Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, who retired nearly two-and-one-half years ago on Jan. 13, 2010, retirement has been, in a sense, like a Sunday filled with teaching, sanctifying and governing spiritually — the threefold office of sanctification, teaching and governing. The new lifestyle — it’s like a rebirth of the self, he emphasized.

D’Arcy gave a “Day of Recollection” Mass, and, while in the area, he extended his walk, takes in a movie with fellow priests or just enjoys praying and reading, especially on the screened-in porch in his backyard overlooking a statue of the Blessed Mother below a blooming Rose of Sharon bush.

“Everyone can see the shining examples of bishops emeriti who not only edify by their life and example but ‘not bad, continued. And he tries to walk regularly, “almost every day,” in his neighborhood. For enjoyment, he keeps “an eye on the Red Sox,” of course, reading the baseball box scores daily and watching some home and away games on television.

Last month Bishop D’Arcy spent about three weeks in Boston visiting family and friends, relaxing and enjoying a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, which is observing its 100th anniversary this year. He also enjoys attending sporting events at Luers and Dwenger as well as at the University of Saint Francis in the football stadium named in his honor. And, he’s enjoyed attending a couple of TinCaps minor-league baseball games in Fort Wayne.

There are a few days when there is nothing on the calendar, he said. On those rare occasions he extends his walk, takes in a movie with fellow priests or just enjoys praying and reading, especially on the screened-in porch in his backyard overlooking a statue of the Blessed Mother below a blooming Rose of Sharon bush.

“In the past, the bishop of the diocese I tried to take a day off every week and I urged the priests to do it,” he said. “The priest lives above the store, and his home becomes his office.” He emphasized. Some priests manage to separate their living conditions so there’s a home where they live, take their meals, relax and pray, and an office where they meet with people. “That’s very healthy,” he added.

Another consolation for Bishop D’Arcy is “being around the priests. We have a great presbytery,” he emphasized. He also enjoys meeting with the seminarians, preaching and celebrating Mass with them. “We have this great communion between the priests and seminarians,” he stressed.

Later this month, Bishop D’Arcy will fly to Cape Cod to celebrate his 80th birthday with his remaining two sisters, their husbands and children. He will offer a private Mass with them on his birthday, Aug. 18, at St. Patrick Church in Falmouth, Mass., and celebrate the Sunday liturgy with the congregation the next day.

“I give thanks to God that I have been a bishop for 36 years and, under God’s grace, was the shepherd of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 25 years, minus a few months, and now serve as bishop emeritus. I never felt worthy of any of it, but I look back on it with joy and gratitude,” Bishop D’Arcy wrote in The Priest.

“Everyone can see the shining examples of bishops emeriti who not only edify by their life of prayer but continue to excel in the service of our Lord and the Church by the witness of God, performing useful and generous ministries, and disseminating so much good.” — “The Bishop Emeritus.”

By Vince Labarbera

Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, shown here on the back porch of his Fort Wayne home, will celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday, Aug. 18.

Vincent R. Labarbera
At 90, Marcy Sorg not ready for slow lane

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — “I’m not going to set on a chair and get stiff,” said Marcy Sorg, shortly after observing her 90th birthday on May 26. “There’s always something going on,” she added.

There may be “no grass growing under her feet,” but there are flowers, because raising them is one of her favorite past-times — a carryover perhaps from having lived on a farm nearly all of her life surrounded by growing things.

Born in Allen County near Fort Wayne to Joseph and Chloe Giant, Mary “Marcy” Marcella grew up with one sister and four brothers. Her brothers all are deceased, she related, but her sister, Maybelle, who is four years older, is still living and residing in Sarasota, Fla.

The family attended St. Louis Academy and School House No. 9, she said. “There were no school buses back then,” Sorg explained. When the family had transportation, she and her siblings were able to attend the academy that year. When they didn’t, she walked to the one-room schoolhouse.

Her high-school education was at St. Augustine Academy in downtown Fort Wayne until Central Catholic High School was built where she completed her junior and senior years. Two weeks after graduation, she got a job at the public library in Fort Wayne. Next she worked as a secretary for a year at the Allen County Infirmary, where her father was the superintendent, and then during the World War II years she took a factory job with her sister at General Electric.

Not long after that, she met her future husband, Thomas Sorg, at a CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) function. He belonged to St. Aloysius Church, Yoder. They were married there in 1944 and raised 11 children — six girls and five boys.

“Remarkably, all of our children live in the Fort Wayne area except one son who is in Indianapolis,” Sorg said. All but two of their children also were married at St. Aloysius and, in addition, five of their families are parishioners. There are 45 grandchildren — one is deceased — 50 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. And Sorg knows all of their names, although admittedly, remembering that many names gives her some difficulty.

Her husband farmed and worked as a plumber for Fort Wayne Community Schools until his retirement in 1985 when they left the farm and relocated to a small house in Waynedale, a suburb of Fort Wayne, incorporated in 1944 and raised 11 children — six girls and five boys.

“In addition to tending to several flower beds and her craftwork, Sorg enjoys baking, reading, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, playing cards and a good game of Scrabble. She’s not much for watching television except EWTN where she views the Mass nearly every day. And with such a large family there are many activities involving her children and grandchildren.

Last of all, Sorg enjoys sports — Notre Dame football in particular, basketball and high-school sports, especially involving Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools when her children and grandchildren are involved in some capacity.

At 90, Marcy Sorg is active in her parish of St. Aloysius, Yoder, where she is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at the altar for some 14 years. If it’s an emergency, however, she will take Communion to someone who is ill, she said. But she tries to just confine her driving to and from the parish, and in the Waynedale area. She’s a past president of the Rosary Sodality and served on the parish school board.

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SOUTH BEND — To those who don’t know them, they appear to be an unlikely pair. A religious sister, Holy Cross Sister Susan Kintzele, known as Sister Sue, and the 15-year-old St. Joseph High School sophomore, Annie Johnson, have a bond like no other. They are godmother and goddaughter, sometimes good friends and other times not so friendly, but they have a fierce love for each other. Sister Sue helped raise Annie from her infancy. Recently Sister Sue celebrated a special milestone — her 50th jubilee at Our Lady of Loretto Church, where she was surrounded by her sister Sally, her family and, as always, her goddaughter Annie. The two special friends again renewed their friendship. Sister Sue is a Michigan City native, and hadn’t planned on a vocation in religious life. It was her sister, Sally Ankony, who sent away for the information on vocation in religious life. She became a member of the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1962. And to meet those boys know her by name and face. They respect her when they release. “She is honest and forward and partly because their bonds are too high for me to be of much assistance.” She interviews each prospective recipient. “I go to the jail two or three times a week and talk to three or five people each visit,” she says. “I usually am only able to help a few people over a week’s time.” She can also be seen dropping the young men off at their family’s homes once they have been released. “Sister Sue is one of a kind,” said Minnie Wells, of South Bend. “She is honest and forward and those boys know her by name and face. They respect her when they won’t respect anybody else. And trust me, that is something special.” Today she continues as bail bonds person and also teaches math at Indiana University-South Bend. While her bail bond ministry is important, back in 1996 an unexpected little person, Annie, came into her life and they have bonded for life. Annie can bring a smile to Sister Sue’s sometimes stern face. “Sister is like my mother and she bosses me around,” said Annie. “I’m glad she is in my life. … Now at age 15 I love her but sometimes I don’t like her ways,” Annie said laughing. Sister Sue remembers the day the she first set eyes on Annie. “She was so cute and her head was bald,” said Sister Sue. “I don’t remember what attracted me to her, but I knew I wanted to help her be the best she could. What is special about her is that she means so much to so many. I call her ‘the village child,’” because so many have had a hand in rearing her. All I ever wanted to do was show her different places and things, and I have been able to do that for her. She is growing up to be a wonderful young woman.”
SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Twelve Sisters of Providence are celebrating various jubilees this year including Sisters Frances Joan Baker — 80 years, Sisters Joan Bodine, Beatrice Hoberg and Catherine Livers — 75 years; Sisters Mary Patricia Cummings, Frances Edwards, Eleanor Pierce and Marie Kevin Tighe — 70 years; Sisters Marilyn Baker, Jane Marie Osterholt, Martha Joseph Wessel and Therese Whitsett — 50 years.

The Sisters of Providence, a congregation of more than 350 women religious, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute. St. Mother Theodore Guérin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today the Sisters of Providence minister in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan, Singapore and China.

Seven jubilarians who served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are:

80th jubilee
Sister Frances Joan Baker is a native of Washington, Ind., and entered the congregation on Jan. 27, 1932, from St. Simon Parish in Washington. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1939. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education and received a master’s degree in education from Indiana State University.

Sister Baker served as teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne from 1974-1977. She taught in several other cities in Indiana as well as in Massachusetts, Illinois and North Carolina, and other capacities at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

75th jubilee
Sister Jane Bodine is a native of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Village in Washington, D.C. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Mary Patricia Cummings is a native of New Albany and entered the congregation Jan. 7, 1942, from Holy Trinity Parish in New Albany. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1949. Sister graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education and received a master’s degree in education from Indiana State University and a master’s degree in religious studies from Spalding University.

Among the many ministries in cities across Indiana, she currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

70th jubilee
Sister Catherine Livers is a native of Loogootee and entered the congregation June 29, 1937, from St. John Parish in Loogootee. She professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1946. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education and received a master’s degree in education from Indiana State University and a master’s degree in ministries from Seattle University. Diocesan ministries include teaching at St. Augustine School from 1942-1945. Sister Catherine also ministered elsewhere in Indiana and in Illinois, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, New York and Kentucky. She currently serves in outreach ministry at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Eleanor Pierce is a native of Chicago, Mass., and entered the congregation July 20, 1952, from St. Rose Parish in Chicago, Mass. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1950. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in education and received a master’s degree in education administration from Rivier College. Indiana ministries include teaching at St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, from 1951-1954, Sister also ministered in Illinois, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C. She currently ministers in prayer and service at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

50th jubilee
Sister Jane Marie Osterholt is a native of Celina, Ohio, and entered the congregation Sept. 17, 1962, from St. Hyacinth Parish in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Sept. 16, 1973. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and received a master’s degree in religious studies from Marygrove College. She received a doctorate in ministry theology from Saint Mary of the Lake University. Sister ministered in Indiana as well as Michigan and Illinois. She currently is on sabbatical after having served as a general officer on the congregation’s leadership the past five years.
Trying and trusting and being so good …

She came home in tears, my little ballerina. She wanted the part of Clara in the dance theater production of “The Nutcracker.” So did about 37 other girls. Only one got the part of course, and that year it was not my daughter.

I don’t normally throw celebrity quotes at my children. Because, well, normally I don’t see most celebrities as particularly wise. However, there is one quote that stuck with me: a quote, that is, that I felt appropriate for the moment, and which popped in my brain right then. It had been spoken by comedian and actor Steve Martin, right then. It had been spoken by Jesus of Nazareth, many centuries before, the last Sunday of Ordinary Time.

“I repeated it to my daughter with a wink, “Be so good they can’t ignore you.”“

In hardship, Jesus refreshes our souls

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jn 6:41-51

The First Book of Kings provides this week’s Liturgy of the Word with its first biblical reading.

Unified Israel’s kings are the central figures in these texts, however the prophets, such as Elijah, receive more prominent mention. This weekend’s reading mentions Elijah. He wrote during the first half of the ninth century B.C.

In the reading, Elijah spoke in the first person. He is weary and discouraged. He even asks God to take his life. Then, he fell asleep. When he awoke, a cake and a jug of water were at his side. He ate and drank. An angel came, indicating that this restoring sustenance was from God. The angel ordered Elijah to continue his journey. Elijah obeyed. The second reading this weekend is from the Epistle to the Ephesians. This context surrounds all the epistles. Living the Gospel of Jesus was not easy in the first century. As the early Christians would have described it, the first Christians were beset by temptations from “the world, the flesh, and the devil” at every side.

Christians in Ephesus faced a special challenge. They lived in a thriving seaport and commercial center amid many vices and distractions. Ephesus also was a major pagan shrine. Pilgrims to its major pagan shrine. Pilgrims to its goddess, filled the city.

This reading is very practical. It calls upon the Christian Ephesians to rid themselves of all bitterness and anger, and to rise above gossip and malice. Then, rid of sin, it calls upon them to be compassionate and forgiving, noting that God had forgiven them.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the reading. Jesus declares, “I am the bread that comes down from heaven.” The audience does not accept this phrase well. They spurn Jesus. After all, they know Jesus as a neighbor and as a relative. It was difficult to see the Redeemer in someone so familiar.

The Lord then enters upon a discourse, one of the most magnificent passages in the New Testament. He is the only channel to God for humans. He will rise to new life “on the third day.” It is important to note, when these words were spoken, the crucifixion was in the future.

Jesus continues. He speaks, and therefore God speaks. He says, “I am the bread of life … I, myself, am the living bread.” Anyone who consumes this bread attains eternal life.

Reflection

Everyone can identify with Elijah, the prophet featured in the reading from first Kings. For each of us, the circumstances, life for any of us can be wearying and distressing. Any of us can be reduced to despair, as was Elijah.

In this realization, in the face of the quite human and very universal reality, the Church speaks this weekend with great consolation and reassurance.

First, it informs us, through the first reading, that God sustains us and strengthens us. He sustained and strengthened Elijah, who was no dearer to God than we are.

Secondly, God has given us Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus is in our midst. He shares human nature with us. Born of Mary, a human, Jesus is as human as we are. Jesus is the “bread of life.”

Aply this reading is associated with the Eucharist. The food, mercifully given by God is more than material food, although it appears as bread and wine. It is the Body and Blood of the Lord. It refreshes our souls.

The last element in this weekend’s lesson comes again from Elijah. Life continues — often with hardships. As disciples, seeking eternal life, we must continue our walk long to the mountain of God. Often more than not, it will be walking uphill. God will supply us with strength and life.

Mom’s first pedicure: The theology of thrift

I n 1963 my mom was a second grader at St. Joe’s in West St. Paul, Minn., when Sister Marie Thérèse, the school’s religious education teacher, held a lined sheet of paper bearing the mandated header JMD no. 2 pencil. It was so much my pennmanship exercise. Then she turned the sheet over and pointed to the bottom third, which was blank.

“I think you should pray about not being wasteful,” Sister Marie Pauline said.

So began Mom’s education in waste-not-want-not theology. A Great Depression mentality stitched together by the Baltimore Catechism in an era of big families and small houses and crooked nuns hating out a vow of poverty with bare faces and flat shoes.

My mom never forgot the after-school reprimand. She went on to use cloth diapers on her babies, training us to get four blows out of one tissue and to ration squares of toilet paper. She reuses teabags and breaks sticks of gum in half. She minces free bins at garage sales and combs drive-thrus for stray nickels. She is the queen of Walgreen’s rebates.

Somewhere along the way Mom’s cost cutting started to look like pleasure cutting, threatening to discount her own worth: a first-rate mother consigned to the second hand.

Throughout the course of my 20s, the gap between my lifestyle and mine has widened. I’ve kneeled at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem; she’s been to the Corn Palace in Mitchell. S.D. Mom didn’t wear a lick of make-up on her wedding day; I hired a make-up artist to be a glamorous bride. The difference isn’t an increment, but a leap. Is she depriving herself? Am I spoiled?

So this morning I took Mom to receive, at age 56, her first pedicure. Her freckled, size-8 feet have looked tired, her pinky toes, deeply creased.

Mom selected a copper polish — OPI’s “It’s my Prague-ative” — and I opted for a neon orange. “Do you have a coupon?” she whispered.

We slid onto our chairs, and the buffing began. “This is probably good for my circulation,” Mom said.

A slim brunette arrived and was seated on my other side. She was stunned by Mom’s late-in-life first. At 60, she said, she’d had hundreds of pedicures.

Once we moved to the nail dryer — OPI’s “It’s my Prague-ative” — I was able to compare the status quo: mod- est rambler, old furniture, artificial Christmas tree.

But at some point in her 50s she could see she might have taken it too far, becoming “austere,” even. It was time for more fun, she said, to rejoice in a broader swatch of God’s creation. I’ve seen Mom pursue this: taking dance lessons, teaching herself harmonica and rock climbing in Alaska.

Our nails were dry by then, and I examined her smooth, soft feet. The toes of a teen on a middle-aged body!

Back home I Googled Philippians 4. Tinkering with my scrimp-splurge ratio feels like one of the more significant calculations of adulthood. I treat myself to a facial on every birthday, yet much of my wardrobe was gently used. I’ve been reduced to sentence recycling before the “every circumstance” temper tills it all. “I know indeed how to live in humble circum-
stances; I know also how to live with abundance.” A permission slip from St. Paul for an occasional pedicure.

Mom’s email came at 9:06 p.m.: “I’d do it again!”

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READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30 — 52 144-41
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 34 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 75:59-59 61-62 Mt 18:21 — 191
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 of 159-63 (Ps 1) T 2:2-6 Am 19:12-13

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Maximilian Kolbe

August 14

Raimund Kolbe, born in Russian Poland, was ordained a Franciscan, Maximilian Mary, in Rome. In the 1920s, he reopened a ruined Polish friary, started a Marian press and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Despite his illness, he had successful Marian missions to Japan and India before returning to Poland in 1936. After the 1939 invasion of Poland, the Franciscans’ criticism of the occupiers prompted the arrest of Maximilian and four others, who ended up in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz. Maximilian volunteered for martyrdom, taking the place of a married man being executed by starvation. This man was at the present of the saint’s 1982 canonization. Maximilian is the patron of prisoners, journalists and others.
Fulton Sheen, apostle of television

Several weeks ago the Congregation for Saints’ Causes recognized the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as one of heroic virtue and granted him the title “venerable.” It is a step toward beatification. He now needs a miracle attributed to his intercession to proceed.

Archbishop Sheen graduated from The Catholic University of America in 1920. He received his doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1923, and won the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy, given once each decade. In 1926 he taught at The Catholic University of America from 1926 to 1950.

He was a force of nature. By 1940, in addition to his classes, he was meeting 150 speaking engagements per year. He also did the “Catholic Hour” radio show to which he gave much of his celebrity. It was heard by millions from 1930 to 1950. Evangelist Billy Graham called him “one of the greatest preachers of this century.” Catholic Church historian Mgr. John Tracy Ellis said Archbishop Sheen was the 20th-century’s most famous Catholic preacher.

In 1951, Archbishop Sheen began his television career. His half-hour ABC show, “Life Is Worth Living,” was a media sensation. The archbishop would talk straight through the show with no notes, no props — except his straight voice. The archbishop would talk without notes, no props — except his straight voice. “Life Is Worth Living” was a media sensation. The archbishop would talk straight through the show with no notes, no props — except his straight voice.

The Sunday night lineup, where Archbishop Sheen once appeared, now runs such lazy fare as “Big Brother” and “Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition.” Until recently, it included “Desperate Housewives.”

Compare this to a program. Archbishop Sheen did in 1956 about gloom as a neurosis. He discussed the theme of despair in modern literature. He reminded viewers how French existentialist writer Jean-Paul Sartre’s “No Exit” ends with the observation that “hell is other people,” and observed that the intense egotism of such works leads to a curious kind of self-pity.

“Life Is Worth Living” also came with a distinctive point of view. Archbishop Sheen argued for objective moral standards in society and maintained a certainty about religion. He condemned Josef Stalin and communism, famously presaging the Soviet leader’s death one week before it happened. He denounced racism and the excesses of capitalism.

In today’s television scene, the only permissible philosophical premise is that each person has his own truth. What’s right or good for me may not be right or good for you, and that’s OK. In a world governed by this assumption, the only necessary virtue is tolerance; and the only vice is hypocrisy.

A prophet like Archbishop Sheen would be out of place in such a world. Preachers like him appeal to people who think their lives have a meaning, that life’s questions have true and false answers. Someone who is actively searching for these answers, not passively waiting to be entertained, will find real value in a half-hour of conversation with a thoughtful guide. And Archbishop Sheen earned his popularity, I think, by paying his viewers the compliment of supposing that that’s what they were looking for.

Everyday

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to hear her start complaining about everything. I knew it was good for me, that she would work with me to power through it. But sometimes I would struggle a bit, and think, “Grace … and she’d finish the sentence, “I know … be so good they can’t ignore you.” In the beginning she would roll her eyes at that comment. Months later, she would smile. Pretty soon she stopped complaining altogether and simply pressed on.

Grace prayed every night that she would be good enough to be cast the part of Clara (if it was God’s will of course) and every day she would practice as hard as her young body could. Weeks passed. Months. I watched Grace grow, not just physically in the execution of the particular ballet combinations, but in her attitude and outlook. She was genuinely happier with a more positive spirit. Her attitude towards schoolwork even improved. I kept thinking that

no matter what happened a lot of good was coming out of this challenge.

Secretly, I struggled a bit, though. I knew it was good to encourage Grace to do her best, but should she really be praying for this less than hugely significant intention? Surely God wills every little girl to have the happiness of being center stage. Why should I think mine was more deserving than others? Ultimately I concluded that the experience was training Grace to work hard and simply trust God to determine the outcome. It was fine for her to pray for this intention, which was so dear to her little heart. Opening her heart to God on the matter would help her learn to trust God with all of her concerns. Whether she earned the part or not was not important. If she won I would help her accept with gratitude and humility. If she lost, I would help her with good sportsmanship, acceptance and resignation.

Fast forward to the happy outcome. Grace was cast in the part of Clara the following year. She squealed at the announcement. We gave each other high fives. She was nothing short of overwhelmed.

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BISHOP LUERS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SET FOR SEPT. 22 Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne will host its annual golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Brookwood Golf Course in Fort Wayne. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. The cost is $75 per person and includes green fees, golf cart, range balls, six drink tickets and food. Hole sponsorships are available for $125 per hole. Register by Sept. 17, by calling the Alumni Office (260) 456-1261, ext. 3040 or email Melissa Hire mhire@bishopluers.org or Sarah Shank sshank@bishopluers.org.

Sports

BY JULIE FILBY

DENVER (CNS) — For swimmer Missy Franklin, a rising senior at Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, “there is nothing like wearing a cap with my country’s flag on it.”

“Going into Regis Jesuit, my faith was not a very big aspect of my life. Taking my first theology classes, going to my first Masses, going on my first retreats, I began to realize how important God is in my life and how much I love Him and need Him,” she continued.

Franklin said her relationship with God grew so much in her first three years at the school. “I am very happy with where I am with Him right now, although there is a lot of more work to do,” she added.

Her junior year really affected her. “I have had two of the best experiences of my life,” she said, referring to the annual Kairos retreat for juniors she attended and her participation in a two-week service project.

“Both of these changed my life,” Franklin said. “I am so thankful for Regis Jesuit, for they have brought God and so much meaning into my life.”

Julie Filby is a reporter at the Denver Catholic Register, newspaper of the Denver Archdiocese.

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**SJRMC, Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital join together for foundation**

MISHAWAKA — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) and Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis announced today that they have established a formal affiliation to bring world-class pediatric healthcare services to northern Indiana and southwest Michigan. Beginning Sept. 1. Select pediatric specialists from Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St. Vincent will provide specialty care at many of the SJRMC Pediatric Specialty Clinics. This affiliation brings to the northern Indiana and southwest Michigan communities a world-class pediatric program that provides a unique and extraordinary experience of physical, emotional and spiritual care for infants, children and young adults working with Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St. Vincent, including:

- The largest pediatric hospital medicine group in the state of Indiana
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- The largest pediatric emergency physician group in the state of Indiana
- Access to more than 300 pediatric subspecialists — the most comprehensive set of pediatric medical and clinical services available to families in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan.

“We are excited to bring together the strengths of SJRMC and Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at St. Vincent to improve and expand access to the highest quality of healthcare services for every family in the region,” said Albert Gutierrez, president and chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. “Born from unwavering faith-based organizations, this affiliation will lay the foundation for a pediatric program that provides a unique and extraordinary experience of physical, emotional and spiritual care.”

“This is our priority to serve pediatric patients and families across Indiana, and we are honored to partner with Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center,” said Kyle DePurse, president of St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital.

“Our pediatric specialists share the same mission and values of delivering exemplary family-centered care, and will continue this approach as we address the unique pediatric healthcare needs of communities within northern Indiana and southwest Michigan.”

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Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $2.50 for children 5-12.

Lincoln Highway Buy-Way sale
New Haven — A yard sale will be lined across Indiana, Ohio and several other Lincoln Highway states during the Lincoln Highway BUY-WAY yard sale Aug. 9-11, St. Louis Besancon Church, 15555 Lincoln Highway East, will participate in this event. Food and beverages will be available by the ladies of the parish. For more information call Beth Kline at (260) 623-6718.

Rummage sale
New Haven — The Fort Wayne-South Bend World Apostolate of Fatima will have a rummage sale, Aug. 16-18 at 15412 Dawkins Rd. All proceeds will go towards the mission of spreading Our Lady of Fatima’s message. Thursday, Aug. 16, and Friday, Aug. 17, sale hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For donation drop-off and pick-up questions, call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

Knights plan weekend festival
Fort Wayne — Knights of Columbus will have a Faith Family Fatherhood Festival Aug. 17-19, at Headwaters Park Pavilion. Go to www.kofcfesti-val.com for more information or call (260) 622-4042.

International Adoptions plans picnic
Kendallville — Parents interested in starting the international adoption process are invited to Hand In Hand’s potluck picnic on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bowwall Pavilion in Bixler Lake Park. Meet families who have already chosen this way of building their families. The park entrance fee is $2. Call (260) 636-3566, or visit www.KidsWait.org to learn more.

Parish Picnic planned
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish, Brooklyn Ave., will have a picnic Sunday, Aug. 26, from 2-5 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served and there will be games for the children.

Corpus Christi plans picnic
South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a picnic and raffle Saturday, Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Children’s games, food, bingo and beer tent with music by “Soundstations” are planned. Call (574) 272-9982 for information.

St. Casimir plans picnic
South Bend — The St. Casimir Parish corn and sausage roast will be held on Sunday, Aug. 19, from noon to 8 p.m. A Kids’ Corner and other “special” raffles will be featured. The Tim Deka Trio will provide music from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are $1 each and available at the gate. Contact the parish office (574) 287-9551 for information.

Rummage sale planned
Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., will have a rummage sale Friday, Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

VIOLATION OF privacy
The father of a 15-year-old twin boy has accused a 58-year-old man who lived in the house he shared with his wife of sexual activity with his son.

The man, who has been identified as William J. Kline, 58, of the home at 301 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, has been charged with two counts of sexual penetration of a child under 16.

According to police, the boy’s father confronted Kline about the alleged activity and showed him a video recorded by a security camera.

Kline, who was arrested Wednesday, was arraigned Thursday in Judge Gary S. Miller’s courtroom. He was released on bond.

The case is being investigated by the Fort Wayne Police Department.

Help wanted
Father Dee De has resided at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for the past three months where he not only ministers to the Burmese with a special Mass each Sunday in their native language, but offers the sacrament of Reconciliation and catechesis for young and old alike.

“Before Mass I encourage them to come to Confession. That’s really important,” says Father Dee De, who explains that the Burmese parishioners gather for social time following Sunday Mass.

Father Dee De visits the homes of his flock as well and says they are “quite united” and “well taken care of” here in Fort Wayne.

The families from Burma take turns in each others’ homes to join the spiritual growth of his people. “I am in charge of the Midwest,” Father Dee De says, adding that he has traveled to Minnesota and Iowa to assist with translation at Burmese weddings as well. Currently he has been traveling to Indianapolis to teach catechism to 13 young Burmese who will be baptized in August.

There are so many challenges the refugees face, but language is the most formidable barrier says Father Dee De, explaining the tribal system of his native land. “There are several tribes in Burma,” in which a different dialect is spoken. Most of the Burmese in Fort Wayne, though from West Burma where the spoken language is Chin, can speak the national Burmese language. This allows them to not only communicate with Father Dee De, who also speaks Burmese, but among themselves as well, a feat that the Karen tribes living in Indianapolis have yet to master.

Many Burmese come from Malaysia where they have been educated and know how to work. But two thirds of the Burmese come from refugee camps along the Thailand border, where their world was strictly limited.

“Thereir understanding is different from those outside,” says Father Dee De, “in times of faith it is difficult to teach them.”

Learning English would be most beneficial, especially for employment opportunities says, Father Dee De, who teaches his flock English when he can. “They need to speak English and get employment,” he says, noting that half the refugees are unemployed due to the language barrier.

Many make a long commute to Logansport daily to work at Tyson Foods where English is not required. “Those employed go far away and would like jobs close by,” says Father Dee De.

A portion of the Catholic Burmese children attend public schools due to transportation issues, but, notes Father Dee De, those who attend Catholic schools speak better English.

The most difficult challenge for the Burmese priest? “Even after three months here, there still is no time table,” says Father Dee De. With so many refugees to minister to in such a widespread area, scheduling for Father Dee De is still chaotic. But he feels this ministry that he has been called to is divinely led and holds hope for the spiritual growth of his people saying, “I feel the faith formation is good here.”

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