Bishop Rhoades dedicates center at Decatur parish

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — After nearly a decade of planning and hard work, parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to bless their beautiful new parish center after the 11 a.m. Mass on Aug. 19.

The dream, which began in 2003, finally became a reality and the new doors were open and ready to welcome all who entered much to the joy of the new hall coordinator, Sue Downing.

"We have been waiting a long time for this day," Downing explained.

Countless others involved in the long-range planning and Chairman of the Building On Our Heritage Capital Campaign Tony Isch were very satisfied and agreed, "It has been a long time coming."

Downing praised the efforts of all the parishioners who handled the many aspects of the entire project — from the plumbing and electrical, to the heating and air, woodworking and especially Tom and Ron Darling of Darling Construction who served as general contractor for the project.

"They went above and beyond every step of the way," Downing said. The twins graduated from the school in 1973 but were in "Katrina-land" for over a two-year period during which the gymnasium was being constructed.

Tom Darling detailed the hall transformation: "It has been fun. It was the worst location but yet the best location. It was like opening a can of worms trying to fit something between the two existing buildings. Every utility possible, the sewer system and the old boiler system all ran directly across the soil intended for the new hall. But the spot made the most sense."

Now one can travel from the school to the convent through the parish hall to the church to the rectory without ever going outside. The
Poor Sisters of Saint Clare

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

When I came to our diocese, one of the first questions I asked was whether there was a contemplative community of nuns or monks in the diocese. I learned that there was not. The reason I asked that question was that I had experienced the help of the powerful prayers of contemplative nuns in my former diocese.

What a blessing it is for me and for our diocese that, on August 9th, a contemplative community of nuns was instituted in our diocese: the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare. A group of wonderful women, formerly the Franciscan Sisters Minor, who have been present in our diocese the past two years, thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Saint John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, have now begun a cloistered life. They live at the former Saint Andrew’s Parish in Fort Wayne.

The enclosure of this community took place following a beautiful Mass at Saint Andrew’s Church on August 9th. The church was filled to overflowing. The Mass (and the Holy Hour and Vespers the evening before) was spiritually and emotionally quite moving. To witness the vows made by these faith-filled women, to meet their families and friends, and to celebrate with them was truly a blessing for all in attendance.

Father David Mary and the Franciscan Brothers Minor were a great help to the sisters in their move to Saint Andrew’s and in their embrace of the contemplative life. I have spoken to many people about this form of consecrate life in the Church. Many have questions about this form of life and wonder about such a radical way of life, one that is removed from the world. It is certainly a unique way of life, one that does not make sense to many in our culture, yet one that is esteemed by the Church and a rich part of the Church’s Tradition of consecrated life.

I wish to share with you some words I addressed to the sisters during the Mass on August 9th.

“My beloved Poor Sisters of Saint Clare, motivated by the love of God, you embrace the contemplative life, lived by Saint Clare and her followers through the centuries. The Lord has instilled his love in your hearts. You will live a hidden life, not as an escape, but as a path to holiness. You will be vital members of Christ’s Body, the Church. In fact, you will help to sustain the Church through your prayers and sacrifices. You are and will be a blessing to me and our diocese and indeed to the whole Church.”

You embrace this way of life with joyful generosity in response to the Lord’s call. The Church needs your prayers for her holy task of evangelization. Within the cloister, you will be important agents of the new evangelization since union with God is vitally necessary for the fruitfulness of the Church’s activity. Jesus has told us: “I am the vine, you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing. There is an intimate connection between prayer and the spreading of the Kingdom of God. Dear Sisters, your role as cloistered nuns is important for the life and spiritual vitality of the Church. In your lives of prayer, you will constantly sing the praises of God and you will intercede for the Church. In doing so, you will be living, not apart from the Church, but in the very heart of the Church as did Saint Clare and so many contemplative nuns throughout the Church’s history.”

Blessed John Paul II called Saint Clare “the passionate lover of the poor, crucified Christ and identify with him more deeply each day. It is beautiful to know that the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare will be praying for us each day. Please feel free to send the Sisters any special prayer intentions that you may have. I am so grateful to Mother Celeste Marie, the superior of the community, and to all the Sisters for their prayers for me, our priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and all the faithful of our diocese.

May God bless the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare as they begin their cloistered life! May Saint Francis and Saint Clare intercede for them and for our diocese!
the Headwaters Pavilion. The best way to instill faith is through example. “You show them faith by loving them,” Father Richards said. The “A” stands for affirmation. “We need to tell each other what’s good about them,” Father Richards said. He encouraged the audience to tell family members one affirming thing a day so people will long to come home — a place where they will be affirmed.

The “M” stands for “make memories.” He encouraged families to have dinner at home together and to laugh. “Dinner is a time to make memories,” Father Richards said. The “T” stands for “intimacy.” He encouraged husbands and wives to sit together for just a few minutes and ask, “How are you? How was your day?”

“If we don’t have intimacy with one another, then there is great loneliness,” Father Richards said. “Jesus says all people know you belong to Me because you are part of My love,” Father Richards emphasized, adding that Jesus said we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

“We need to love, but that love must begin at home,” Father Richards said.

He instructed parents to tell their children: “You are beloved to Me, I am pleased with you. I love you. I would give my life for you. That’s what we tell them, and then you have to give it to them.”

“Y” stands for “it’s all about you,” and selflessness. He encouraged the audience members to post “you,” and then you have to give it to one another, then there is great loneliness.

Following the opening Mass of the Knights of Columbus Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival, Fourth Degree Knights from their eight Assemblies in the Fort Wayne area marched to the Jefferson and Clinton streets corner of Cathedral Square in Fort Wayne where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses a granite marker bearing the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, a gift of area Knights of Columbus that was recently installed.

Following Father Richards’ talk the festival events included nonprofit booths, food vendors, helicopter rides, rosary making with Bishop Dwenger High School students, and a raffle, as well as a combined choir performance by Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools that showcased the inspirational music of Catholic composer David Kauffman and show tune solos. Bill Werling and his 5 Piece Band’s square dancing and western line dancing that drew both young and old highlighted the evening events.

Sunday’s events began at 11 a.m. with a K of C brunch, bingo and family games on the lawn. The Franciscan Brothers Minor not only conducted relay races for young and old but played conductor on the kiddie train that offered rides around the grounds. The Fort Wayne area Community Band raised the crowd with their patriotic tunes, while five of the Franciscan brothers judged a pie-bake-off, netting three place winners and an auctioning of the winning pies. Laurie Reynolds paid $60 for Samantha Schortgen’s first-place blueberry-strawberry pie, commenting, “I knew it was for good benefit.”

Later in the afternoon, following the beautifully executed Gregorian chant by the Smith family, Sunday’s keynote speaker, Franciscan Father David Mary Enko spoke powerfully on the fatherhood of St. Joseph and how faith, family and fatherhood is intertwined with a true understanding of God’s love.

“The loss of faith in God means a loss of understanding of love,” said Father Enko. “It affects families and fatherhood.” He encouraged the fathers in attendance to “protect your families through prayer. … A father’s job is to lead, lead well.”

Those in attendance were moved by the special blessing that Father Dave administered to close the faith and fun-filled weekend.

Fifteen area Knights of Columbus councils in the Fort Wayne area spearheaded the event.

Mark Weber and Tim Johnson contributed to this article.

A combined choir performance by Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools showcases the inspirational music of Catholic composer David Kauffman and show tune solos during the Faith, Family and Fatherhood Festival on Aug. 18.
Bishop Rhoades to establish Courage/EnCourage chapter

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Courage and EnCourage are, respectively, two spiritual support groups helping Catholic men and women — and their families — live in accordance with the Church’s pastoral teaching on same-sex attraction.

Founded in 1980 by the late Cardinal Terence Cooke, archbishop of New York, there are approximately 50 chapters of Courage/EnCourage throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is establishing a chapter of Courage/EnCourage in the Fort Wayne area of the diocese, beginning in September, under the Office of Family Life. He asked Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, of Family Life. He asked Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, of Family Life. He asked Father Daniel Whelan, in residence at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, to attend the Annual Courage/EnCourage Conference in July at Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, Md. They will serve as chaplains for the new chapter with Father Budzinski the contact for Courage — he can be reached at the parish (260) 489-3537, ext. 203 or frandrew@saintv.org. — and Father Whelan the contact for EnCourage — who can be reached at (202) 499-0479 or frdan@aol.com.

According to Fred Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, there is a South Bend chapter headed by Dr. Phil Sutton. However, it functions independently and the Office of Family Life does not oversee it. Bishop Rhoades has appointed Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, as a chaplain for the group and interested people should contact Father Scheidt for more information at (574) 255-9674.

“Some persons find themselves, through no fault of their own, to have a same-sex attraction. Homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice. They should have an active role in the Christian community. Homosexual activity, however, as distinguished from homosexual orientation, is morally wrong. Like heterosexual persons, homosexuals are called to give witness to chastity, avoiding, with God’s grace, behavior which is wrong for them as non-marital sexual relations are wrong for heterosexuals. Nonetheless, because heterosexuals can usually look forward to marriage, and homosexuals, while their orientation continues, might not, the Christian community should provide them a special degree of pastoral understanding and care” (excerpt from To Live in Christ Jesus — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1976).

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church says ‘fortitude’ (or ‘courage’) is one of the moral virtues that ‘… ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life (CCC 1808),’” Father Whelan said. “We would all agree that this virtue is needed in all aspects of our lives,” he continued. “With this in mind, it is, indeed, appropriate that the name of this virtue, Courage, has been given to this beautiful apostolate.”

The purpose of Courage is to help people struggling with same-sex attraction — known as SSA, the typical terminology used, not “gay” or “homosexual” — be chaste through prayer, the sacraments, sound spiritual direction and a 12-step program patterned on Alcoholics Anonymous, Father Whelan explained.

“Men and women meet in groups and form friendships and support, which aid them in being able to embrace the cross in difficulty, for ultimate freedom is found in Jesus Christ and His Church,” said Father Whelan, who was somewhat involved in Courage in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.

EnCourage is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, spouses and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions.

“Anyone who wants to learn more and is interested in possibly entering a group should get in touch with Father Daniel or me,” Father Budzinski said. “We will meet with them, explain what Courage is all about, find out if this is where they’re at and what they’re looking for. If it’s a fit for them then we would direct them to the meetings themselves,” he added.

“Confidentiality is absolutely sacred within the group. Everyone that comes to a meeting will understand that confidentiality must be treated like the seal of confession. Everyone who is called to be a part of the group needs to have complete assurance that they are being given a safe place to come,” Father Budzinski stressed. The time and place of the bi-monthly Courage and monthly EnCourage meetings are not published.

Both priests are available to meet with people individually. “Some might not be ready for the group level as yet … and sometimes they may never get to that point,” Father Budzinski said. The priests suggested interested individuals visit the Courage/EnCourage websites for more information, including the five goals of each and the 12 steps of Courage. The addresses are www.couragerc.net and www.couragerc.net/courage.html.

“Unfortunately, all too often, our society pushes men and women, who are struggling with same-sex attraction, into the lifestyle, claiming that this will make them happy and free,” Father Whelan said. “Furthermore, they claim that any guilt or other negative feelings associated with their homosexual condition stem from a homophobic culture and/or an antiquated religion. This is far from the truth. While we are called to love and support those with same-sex attraction, we recognize the natural law written on our hearts, and that to act in a way which goes against the revealed moral order, is always objectively wrong, and hurts a person emotionally and spiritually,” he said.

“When a person coves into SSA it becomes a cross that crushes them,” he emphasized. “But with Christ and the Church and freedom it’s still a cross but it’s a cross they are able to carry!” — “with a Simon who will help them carry their cross,” added Father Budzinski.

“I want to emphasize, for anyone who struggles with SSA, to know that they truly are a beloved son or daughter of a God who loves them,” Father Budzinski said. “We have proof of God’s love by our mere existence. We couldn’t exist without God’s love that holds us in existence. He offers His love and healing to everyone,” he explained.

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After sharing their thoughts about a recent Courage/EnCourage Conference to help Catholic men and women — and their families — live in accordance with the Church’s pastoral teaching on same-sex attraction, Father Andrew Budzinski, left, and Father Daniel Whelan, right, sit for a picture beneath an art print in Father Budzinski’s office titled, “The Incredulity of St. Thomas,” by Michelangelo Caravaggio. Ironically, the artist may have painted the tear in St. Thomas’ sleeve, as he examines Incredulity of St. Thomas,” by Michelangelo Caravaggio. Ironically, the artist may have painted the tear in St. Thomas’ sleeve, as he examines Incredulity of St. Thomas,” by Michelangelo Caravaggio. Ironically, the artist may have painted the tear in St. Thomas’ sleeve, as he examines.

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Scott and Kimberly Hahn to speak at 2012 Women’s ARISE Conference

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Renowned speaker and bestselling author Dr. Scott Hahn and his wife Kimberly will present talks at the 2012 Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Women’s ARISE Conference on Sept. 15 at the Century Center in South Bend. The conference theme is “Chosen” and will begin at 9 a.m., with registration followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

In a Sept. 20, 2009 Today’s Catholic article on Dr. Scott Hahn’s appearance at St. Jude Church in South Bend, he detailed his early faith journey beginning as a teenager in trouble with the law. After several appearances in the juvenile court system, Hahn explained that he went on a retreat so he could get to know a girl he admired. At the retreat he recalled a speaker who was young and attractive, and wanted a girl he could get to know. He decided to open his heart and make a covenant to give his life to Him, as Christ had decided to open his heart and make a covenant to give his life to His Father.

Christ paid a debt He didn’t owe. Hahn met his future wife Kimberly, who had originally objected to his conversion. Hahn whispered under the breath, “So by the end of the weekend I decided to open my heart and make Christ my personal Savior and to give my life to Him, as Christ had for me,” Hahn said.

Hahn received a bachelor’s degree with a triple major in theology, philosophy and economics at Grove City College, Pennsylvania. While attending Grove City College, Hahn met his future wife Kimberly, who he referred to as “the most beautiful girl on campus.” They later married and moved to Boston where Hahn earned a master’s degree in theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

When he finished seminary, he and his wife moved to Fairfax, Va., and Hahn began his first job as a Presbyterian minister. It was while studying for his doctorate in Biblical Theology at Marquette University in Wisconsin that Hahn attended a Catholic Mass and was struck by how saturated the liturgy was with Scripture. When the priest announced the words of consecration Hahn whispered under his breath, “My Lord and my God, I know that is you.” Hahn earned his doctorate from Marquette in 1995.

At the Easter Vigil of 1986, he entered the Catholic Church. Hahn recalled, “my wife Kimberly, who had originally objected to the idea of his Catholic conversion, loved how the Old Testament Scriptures read during the Vigil, connected to the new covenant in Christ’s Resurrection in the New Testament.” It wasn’t until a Bible study led by Hahn in their home that Kimberly finally understood why the Catholic students in attendance picked up on the Scriptures more easily than she did. “We’ve studied the menu for years; they are enjoying the meal.”

Kimberly “came home” to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 1990. She received her bachelor’s degree in communication arts from Grove City College in 1979 and a master’s degree in theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 1982. Kimberly has collaborated with her husband on a book entitled “Rome Sweet Rome: Our Journey in Catholicism,” which details the couple’s journey to the Catholic faith.

Dr. Hahn will also give his talk on the Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization to an invitation only “Continuing the Legacy” symposium in honor of Our Sunday Visitor Centennial Celebration on Sept. 28 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne. The public is invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving and Rededication at 5 p.m. on the Sept. 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

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Papal assistant described as pious; says he acted for good of Church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Paolo Gabriele, the personal assistant of Pope Benedict XVI accused of illegally copying private Vatican correspondence and giving it to a journalist, told Vatican investigators he had acted out of concern for the pope and the Church.

Documents released by the Vatican Aug. 13 outline the case against Gabriele, including his own statements about his motivations, but also others' descriptions of him and selected quotations from reports filed by psychologists and psychiatrists asked by the Vatican to examine him.

The documents explain why the Vatican had decided to formally indict Gabriele and try him on charges of aggravated theft. The trial date will not be announced before late September.

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious announced Aug. 10 at the close of their four-day assembly in St. Louis that they will continue to dialogue with Church officials about their pastoral and liturgical goals.

LCWR announces decision to continue to dialogue on Vatican assessment

For their opposition to these issues, and will continue to be," he said.

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FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish’s new cookbook titled, “Come to the Table” is a three-ring binder cookbook with padded cover, that offers 625 recipes from parishioners, CapuchinFranciscans.org or (574) 233-6927 to schedule an audition time. For more information on SBCS, visit www.southbendchambersingers.org.

**AROUND THE Diocese**

**BISHOP RHOADES BLESSES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE**

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he blessed members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the newly redecorated store at 1600 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Wayne. Society Chaplain Father Tim Wrozek read from Matthew 26, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... naked and you clothed me....” Bishop Rhoades encouraged members by saying, “The beauty of your work is that you welcome each person as you would welcome Christ.” The store has a reorganized inventory of clothing, housewares, furniture and books, and welcomes any who are in need of assistance.

By your work you advance the cause of the disadvantaged,” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he blessed members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the newly redecorated store at 1600 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Wayne. Society Chaplain Father Tim Wrozek read from Matthew 26, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... naked and you clothed me....” Bishop Rhoades encouraged members by saying, “The beauty of your work is that you welcome each person as you would welcome Christ.” The store has a reorganized inventory of clothing, housewares, furniture and books, and welcomes any who are in need of assistance.

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MISHAWAKA — Bishop John D’Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, visited Blessed John Paul II Center in South Bend on Aug. 10. D’Arcy offered a Mass for the diocesan department staff workers with special petitions for the ecclesial new year’s ministry. Afterward, Bishop D’Arcy joined the Blessed John Paul II Center employees for lunch, surprise birthday songs and cake.

**Three make final profession of vows, ordained deacons**

NOTRE DAME — Three men will make final profession of vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Newly elected provincial superior with United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O’Hara, will preside at the Mass and receive the vows of Brian Christopher Ching, Mark Francis DeMott and Jarrod Michael Waugh.

The following day, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, the men will be ordained to the Order of Deacon by the Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the Moreau Seminary Chapel. All three will be ordained priests in the spring, on April 6, 2013.

**Redeemer Radio Football Coverage**

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio AM 1450 football broadcasts are under way for the season with Friday, Saturday and Sunday broadcasts of Catholic football. Each Friday night begins at 6 p.m. with “Tailgate Talk,” followed by broadcasts of Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Laers football Saturdays feature University of Saint Francis football, and Sundays feature the best of area CYO action.

“Tailgate Talk” is the area’s only Friday night High School football preview show. Starting at 6 p.m., while area football fans are driving to the game, they get previews of their teams. “Tailgate Talk” offers an in-depth look at all of the Allen County matchups and each week’s program features interviews with area coaches and players. “Tailgate Talk” is hosted by Sean McBride, former coaches Joe Wharton, Mark Watts, and Northeast Indiana Gamenight’s Casey O’Boyle.

Redeemer Sports Director Sean McBride says, “We are once again honored to bring our listeners high quality football action. This is going to be a season to remember. The SAC is looking strong again, and we can’t wait to see what the new IHSAA class structure does for the future of these programs.”

The USF Cougar football season begins Saturday, Aug. 25, at 12:45 p.m. as USF takes on Texas College. On Sundays don’t miss CYO at 12:55 p.m.

**Pets welcomed for seniors at Saint Mary’s College**

NOTRE DAME — Saint housing at Saint Mary’s College has gone to the dogs. This fall in Regina South is for seniors only, and, if they choose, their pets. It’s part of expanded residential options that have attracted more seniors to live on campus. Saint Mary’s students are required to live in residence halls for three years and typically half choose to live off campus as seniors. But not in 2012-13. Approximately 75 percent of fourth year students will live on campus this year.

Saint Mary’s is the only regional college that requires students to live in residence halls. So far eight seniors have registered with a pet, for a total of four dogs and four cats.

Janetta Tchakerian, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and director of Residence Life and Community Standards, says allowing residents to bring their pet is an extension of the residental experience at Saint Mary’s.

“Students will tell you that living here is like having a second home. Now seniors can bring their pet in their family home here to campus,” Tchakerian said.

Pets should be happy with the accommodation. They must be in a kennel or cage when their owner is out of their room, they have a place to play outside. The grassy commons area is usually where the pool used to be, will be a pet park.

Meghan O’Rourke ‘13 said the “pets perk” was a draw for her to live on campus. “It was actually a big relief that I could bring a pet with me. It was really a big draw to stay in Regina,” said O’Rourke. She’ll bring her dog Kelly with her when she returns to the campus this weekend.

The pet benefit is not the only bonus for Regina South residents. The wing offers apartment-like living, a bonus for Regina South residents. “I think it’s a really big draw to stay in Regina,” said O’Rourke. She’ll bring her dog Kelly with her when she returns to the campus this weekend.
Nearly 300 attend ‘Stand Up for Religious Freedom’ rally Aug. 11

BY VINCE LABARBBERA

FORT WAYNE — A third “Stand Up for Religious Freedom” rally took place on Aug. 11 with nearly 300 people in attendance. Held at the Allen County Courthouse green on the corner of Clinton and Main streets in downtown Fort Wayne, the event was sponsored by Allen County Right to Life in opposition to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate under the Affordable Care Act that requires all employer health plans to provide free contraception, sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of any moral or religious objections.

Sean McBride, communications director for the diocese, opened the rally and welcomed attendees. Father Jason Freiburger, vice chancellor of the diocese, gave the invocation. Guest speakers included Dr. Thomas W. McGovern, who shared the impact of the Affordable Care Act on patients and doctors, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, who gave a briefing on efforts to repeal the Care Act and the encroachment of government on religious liberty, and Pat Miller, who presented an outline for winning at the ballot box in November.

A doctor’s view of Obamacare

“It have been serving the culture of life as a physician for the last 22 years,” Dr. McGovern said in his opening remarks. “In the year 2000, my family settled in Fort Wayne, where my wife and I have been raising our seven kids and I have been practicing dermatology with a focus on the treatment of skin cancer.”

“As a small business owner, I now have to consider what to do about health insurance for my employees. … Does this mandate mean that I can no longer be a Catholic business owner and provide health insurance for my employees?” he asked. “An administration that trumpets the value of ‘choice’ is not giving me the choice to remain a Catholic business owner and provide morally acceptable health insurance.”

Dr. McGovern said, as a physician, he is obligated and trained to support and serve the culture of life. “I would like to lay out how this culture works using three little words — can, should and must. I will apply this to three areas affected by the HHS mandate — contraception, abortion and religious freedom.”

“With regard to contraception, our culture first said you can use contraception in 1936. For the last few decades our culture has said that you should use contraceptives if you are a ‘responsible adult,’ and now it is saying that you must purchase contraceptives for anyone who wants them — even minors against their parents’ will.”

HHS says, “Scientists have abundant evidence that birth control has significant health benefits for women and their families…” Dr. McGovern related. “As a physician, I would be remiss if I did not challenge this statement.”

The doctor related that mandate classifies pregnancy and fertility as diseases, and combination oral contraceptives increase health issues among women.

With regard to abortion, the first laws in the nation’s history that said that a woman can have an abortion in limited cases, such as rape or incest, were passed in 1967. Dr. McGovern said. “And now the HHS mandate says that we must underwrite the cost for certain abortion-causing drugs…” The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology says that physicians who believe abortion is wrong must refer patients who want any form of ‘legal’ medical care — including abortion — to physicians who will perform them. In the culture of death, the ‘legal’ becomes the ‘ethical;’ the ‘should’ becomes a ‘must,’” he continued.

With regard to religious freedom, the country was founded because victims of religious persecution sought a home where they could freely exercise their religious beliefs in the three arenas of words, works and worship, Dr. McGovern said.

“In words, they sought the freedom to speak about what they believed — even in the public square and in legislative bodies. They sought to perform works of charity — mandated by their beliefs — that would meet the needs of all persons, regardless of their faith. … Our laws have said that we can freely exercise our religious beliefs in words, works and worship,” he said.

“But now there is great public pressure telling us that we should exercise our religious beliefs only in our places of worship once a week, and that we should not publicly oppose certain immoral behaviors. We are only a short step away from being told by the government that we must exercise our religious beliefs only in our places of worship and that we must not speak out against any actions that we find morally objectionable,” noted Dr. McGovern.

“During the last three-and-a-half years, whenever our president or secretary of state spoke about freedom of religion, they used the phrase ‘freedom of worship.’ This is significant,” he continued, “words and works are thus silently exempted from our freedom of religion.”

“We physicians are being pressured by the culture of death to leave our religious beliefs at the doors of our hospitals and clinics. But if all of us to work to protect religious liberty, we will create a culture where a physician can still practice and promote the culture of life,” he stressed. “If we do not protect our religious liberty, physicians may be forced to choose between abandoning their moral principles or abandoning their medical careers. … does right make might or does might make right?”

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Dr. McGovern emphasized. We can fight it most powerfully with prayer and sacrifices, and also through the courts, education and the ballot box, he said.

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Sister Gianna Marie Webber makes perpetual vows

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — With all the joy of a wedding celebration, Sister Gianna Marie Webber, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, offered her perpetual profession of vows on Aug. 11 before a large gathering of family, friends and fellow religious at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister Gianna Marie radiated pure joy as she solemnly promised the Lord to live until death in poverty, obedience and chastity according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

“It’s a humble experience,” said the newly-professed sister in between hugs and photo ops after Mass. “It’s all the Lord’s! The Lord’s graces will bring you to His Church, and I love these sisters … it’s just a great honor.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass. Priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Sister Gianna Marie’s home parish of St. Patrick in Columbus, Ohio, and from her current home at St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Ind., concelebrated. It was at St. Patrick’s where Sister Gianna Marie received great support from the Dominican Friars, who, she says, encouraged her in her spiritual life and in her search for her vocation.

At the age of 40, Sister Gianna Marie entered religious life after the required eight years of Franciscan formation and a variety of world experiences. The third eldest in a family of four brothers and one sister, Sister Gianna Marie might have chosen a career in sports. A coach for the Boys and Girls clubs since the age of 15, the spirited young woman also played college level basketball and coached high school basketball and soccer in Anchorage, Alaska. She says religious life was never on her radar, but even as she fell away from the sacraments for a time, she never stopped searching for the truth.

“When I came back with my whole heart to the sacraments, that was the first time I heard His voice toward religious life,” explained Sister Gianna Marie, who credits her parents, Michael and Mary Webber, for their strong witness as they, too, returned to the faith. “I listened to His voice, and gave it some time. It only grew, especially through praying the Liturgy of the Hours and going to daily Mass. I started to look at communities and I found the sisters’ brochure, called Sister Lois and Jane, and heard her give her life to Christ and His Church,” said Margy Kloska. “And for my children to be able to witness this act of selfless commitment and devotion to our Lord was a priceless gift.”

“It was so beautiful to both see and hear her give her life to Christ and His Church,” said Margy Kloska. “And for my children to be able to witness this act of selfless commitment and devotion to our Lord was a priceless gift.”
The Fort Wayne Area Community Band, with approximately 80 musicians from around the area, plays patriotic music for the crowd gathered at Faith, Family and Fatherhood Festival at Headwaters Park on Sunday, Aug. 19.
Saint Joseph teams ready to test new facilities

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — They have a new building and a new stadium, but as far as results are concerned, the Saint Joseph Indians will be looking for the same old thing in the fall of 2012. Last autumn was one of the most successful in school history, and certainly raised the bar for Indian athletes in every sport.

Football

There is plenty of excitement surrounding the brand-new Father Bly Field at Leighton Stadium, located on LaSalle Street at South Bend. For the first time in school history, Saint Joseph will have a field all its own.

“For years and years, our program has been used to not having a home field, and we put the time in and now we’re getting one,” beams head coach Ben Downey.

“All the people who traveled with us every Friday night now have a place to call home.”

It will be a transition for the Indians, who play their first home game on the field turf Sept. 7 against Elkhart Central. Downey believes this year’s players have a find to bring the school’s great football history into their new digs.

“The thing that I’m most excited about is our senior leadership,” notes Downey, who has taken his squad to state runner-up finishes in the last two years. “We need to carry over our great tradition and I’m excited that we have a group of seniors who are very capable of doing that.”

Leading the way defensively is linebacker Matt Smallbone, who is verbally committed to Miami of Ohio next year. The senior has started the last two years and brings a wealth of experience to the squad.

“Everybody wants to be better physically and a lot of people overlook attention to detail… not Matt,” comments Downey. “I’m very impressed with the mental focus that we have, because a lot of times that’s the toughest thing to get across early in the season… the importance of attention to detail.”

Volleyball

Not only does football get a new facility this season, but volleyball will be the first team to enjoy the new gym at Saint Joseph.

“Our first home match is Aug. 29, and it’s very exciting for all of us,” notes second-year head coach Kathy Mossey.

“There’s cause for excitement about what will happen on the court. The Indians surprised a lot of people last fall, winning both the sectional and regional and have started this season with a victory in the South Bend pre-season tourney.

“We have short-term and long-term goals that will work for us, so we’re not putting any undue pressure from last season on this group,” explains Mossey. “We have a great group of girls and they are good friends on and off the court, which I feel will help us build as the season progresses.”

Senior middle blocker Lauren Gillis returns to the lineup along with junior defensive specialist Chelsey Suppinger to give the Indians experience. Add in talented junior Nicole Francouer at one of the outside hitter spots, and Mossey feels there’s a lot of hope.

“I feel we’ll be strong in time,” promises Mossey. “We are a very quiet team this year, and we need to replace some strong leaders from last season.”

Cross-country

Longtime assistant Mike McCarthy becomes the new head coach of both the boys’ and girls’ cross-country programs. He has the unenviable task of replacing all but one varsity runner from a boys’ team that has made three consecutive state finals appearances.

“Our big word for the boys and the girls as well is identity,” declares McCarthy. “We’re very much unknown. We’re young, and even the juniors and seniors we have don’t have a lot of experience. What they did pick up from those who left, though, was an understanding of what it takes to run well, the need for consistency 12 months a year and doing the little things well.”

McCarthy admits the talent pool isn’t as deep on the boys’ side, but says the junior class offers seven contenders for the varsity spot.

“Our juniors are the ones who have stepped up and become vocal. We have four seniors, but the juniors are the ones who seem to be the leaders in the group.”

On the girls’ side, there is more promise, especially with a strong incoming class of freshmen with experience.

“We like what we have coming back,” says McCarthy of a squad that finished eighth in the semi-state last year. “We have a very close spread and we need somebody to step up and establish themselves as a front runner. Claire Firth has four years of distance running in her background. Plus, I really like what the freshmen girls are doing and six of them could compete for starting roles.”

“We’re excited to compete,” adds McCarthy. “We start the season with four meets in the first 12 days and normally that might be a little much, but it will help us quickly shed the inexperienced
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label and show us what we have.”

Girls’ soccer

Only four starters return from a squad that reached the final four in Class 2A in 2011, but it hasn’t changed the goals of 26-year head coach Johan Kuitse. “You always have the same expectations,” remarks Kuitse. “We expect to win the conference. We expect to go to state. If we fall slightly short of that, it’s better than setting lower goals and exceeding those.”

While the Indians may be young, they are still talented. Returning starters Catherine Raster, Emily Rompola, Rachel Staud and Maddie Turner bring plenty of firepower to the offense, as well as key intangibles. “I think all four of them have leadership ability,” comments Kuitse. “They’re going to have to exert it with such a young team. We’re starting a couple of freshmen, which we haven’t had to do in a few years.”

The inexperience of his team doesn’t deter the enthusiasm of the head coach. “I’m still excited,” beams Kuitse. “It’s fun taking a group of kids at the beginning of a year and seeing how much better you can get as the season goes along.”

Boys’ soccer

It’s a contrast on the boys’ side, where veteran coach Alberto Verteramo has nurtured the seeds from Bishop Dwenger High School.

“Everyone is contributing, doing their best, and that’s great to see,” notes Wilcoxson. “Brianna Hart and Lydia Lorenz have had some great outings for us, but everyone has stepped up at one time or another.”

Postseason play is just a month away, and that’s the goal the Indians are aiming for in the next few weeks.

“I think we should have a great showing in sectionals, and hopefully go on to do well at regionals,” says the upbeat Indians mentor. “Our season has certainly been a positive so far.”

Boys’ tennis

The positive attitude carries over to the tennis boys program, where coach Steve Bender is hoping for more than a fourth straight sectional title.

“We’ve got to find a way to win that darned regional match,” chuckles Bender. “We can go downtown. We see it. We believe it. Now we just have to do it.”

“We have lots of depth and flexibility,” says Bender, who has been a successful tennis coach in the area for nearly a quarter-century.

Co-caption Jason Rink is joined by Ryan Jamieson at No. 1 doubles, as the tandem also went 22-2 last season. A variety of combinations are available for the second doubles squad.

“We are very excited for this year and the next few,” exudes Bender. “We’ve made great strides with our program and the best is to come.”

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Fort Wayne area high school sports gear up for fall seasons

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Both the Knights and the Saints continue their rich history of a winning tradition in the Fort Wayne area’s Summit Athletic Conference (SAC), as well as on the Indiana state map, as teams from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers prepare to hit the weekday courts and fields, Friday night lights and Saturday morning courses this fall.

Bishop Dwenger High School

Boys’ cross-country
One of the area’s top individuals, Luke Miller is back for his senior season. Although the Saints came up just short as a team, Miller finished 22nd at the state meet with a time of 16:17.75. Miller will have help this fall from Matt Klein, Greg Tippmann and Kevin Wuest to lead Bishop Dwenger.

Girls’ cross-country
Coach Jessica Hayes lists a total of 18 members this season after a 2011 regional appearance. Led by seniors Meri Didier, Sarah Coffee, LeeAnn Moeller and Gretchen Childers, the Saints cross-country team also returns letter winners Rachel Hentz, Karen Eckrich, Erin Kilbane and Amanda Miller.

Football
Kicking off his 11th season at the helm of the Bishop Dwenger football program, Chris Svaczkopf (110-24) lost 6-foot-1 junior quarterback Michael Miacable to a preseason injury, but returns an experienced offensive line, tight end, and defensive ends, linebackers and defensive backs. After five straight SAC championships, Bishop Dwenger finished 7-5 in 2011 and was fourth in their conference. The mighty Saints will be led by senior captains Blake Bower, Ben Evans and Nick German.

Boys’ soccer
The Saints return senior captains Ben Combs and Jan Drizer to lead the Bishop Dwenger boys’ soccer team this fall.

Boys’ tennis
A dynamic duo of Bertram Najev and Charlie Scott return as Bishop Luers boys’ tennis team to watch in Fort Wayne this season.

Boys’ golf
Senior captains and cousins, Heathen Hanke and Megan Hanke return to pace the Knights. The Bishop Luers’ linksters finished a strong third in the SAC tournament last season. “We lack experience, but have great camaraderie and have improved tremendously already in early season play,” explained Coach Tom O’Brien.

Cross-country
A familiar face on the track and field, Jason Draper, has taken over the boys’ and girls’ cross-country program at Bishop Luers. For the boys, Sean McManus is back for his senior season after a successful spring season and a second-place sectional finish in the 800-meter run as a junior. Robbin Schaefer is the lone senior on the girls’ squad.

St. Aloysius Gator Gallop 5K winners announced

YODER — The St. Aloysius Gator Gallop 5K Run/Walk, held June 17, had 113 finishers. The 12th annual event’s winners were the following:

- Overall female — Bridgit Nemitz of Pierceton, time 21:17
- Female masters winner — Cindy McGovern of Fort Wayne, time 22:43
- Overall male — Dylan Cozad of South Whitefish, time 17:15
- Male masters winner — Matt Jones of Lagrange, time 18:18

Kirkpatrick sisters swim to victory

SOUTH BEND — Twin sisters Abby and Anna Kirkpatrick, eighth graders at St. Matthew School in South Bend, finished first and seventh in the Indiana State Swim Meet in Indianapolis in July. They each swam the 50-meter breaststroke with amazing first and seventh podium finishes. Abby’s first-place finish in the 50 meter as well as the 100-meter breaststroke resulted in new state records for both events. The old records were set in 1994 and 2006, making Abby the fastest 12-year-old breaststroker in Indiana history.
Mishawaka — Marian High School’s fall staff is loaded with successful incumbents at the helm solidifying a strong vision of competitive teams.

“We have just one new head coach this fall and Tom Snelson will be an outstanding addition to boys’ tennis,” commented Athletic Director Reggie Glon.

“Though our main focus at Marian has been reconditioning of our educational areas, we have also improved our athletic infrastructure,” Glon said. “We were able to refurbish the track, upgrade the bleachers in the main gym, complete the ticket booths for the multipurpose stadium and repaint the parking lot in the soccer complex.”

Football

Coming off a solid 9-3 campaign where head Coach Reggie Glon received the NIC coach of the year honors, the Knights are looking to better the successes of last season.

“The strength of our team isn’t at particular positions such as linemen or skill kids. This squad is about everyone contributing,” explained Glon. “All 15 of our seniors will see time this fall.”

“Every school we play this season will be a little young, but very big,” explained 20-year veteran coach Dan Anderson. “Our front line will be six foot, six foot, six foot and two and one of them is a All-Stater and we have two All-Conference players in Nikki Pullin the libero and Allison Ketcham.”

“Our size is comprised of Jordan Baeter, Collen Hunsberger, Alyssa Hasler and Elizabeth Asdell, all juniors and sophomores,” explained Anderson. “Even though we will be one of the bigger teams, I expect that our offense will be much quicker this season.”

“Jenny Stahl is one of our defensive specialists that should make us an explosive and well-balanced team,” Anderson added.

Boys’ tennis

Veteran coach Ben Householder starts his 15<sup>th</sup> campaign sporting a perfect record of 14 winning seasons and expects nothing but the same from this year’s crop of players.

“We will be very young, we have just a handful of seniors, a new keeper, no real varsity experience and we will throw two sophomores and four freshmen into the mix,” commented Householder. “Our strength will have to be through our work habits; we have to play smart, work hard and because we are a smaller team, be more aggressive.”

“Our captains Adam Rhody, Joey Berends and John Gruber have shown great leadership and have helped the younger kids adapt quickly to the varsity mentality,” added Householder.

Girls’ soccer

The Knight girls’ soccer team hoisted the state runner-up trophy last season and have high expectations going into this the fall.

“Right now we are trying to get healthy, both Gabby Veldman (scored 46 goals last season) and Shannon Hendricks were both injured during the summer and are trying to get back on the field,” remarked coach D. J. Charmat. “The other players will have to fill in the holes until they can return.”

“Both our keepers are returning in Makaela Douglas and Devon Smith, and our midfield and scorers should be able to be very competitive,” explained Charmat. “D.J. Veldman is returning as our second leading scorer and with the hard work from the team, I think we can weather the injuries and make another run down state.”

Boys’ cross-country

In the third year as head coach of the Knights, Andrew Grey is seeing progress in building a solid program at Logun and Dragoon Trail.

“The objective has been to turn the Marian cross-country team into a competitive squad. When I first arrived we were in the bottom of the conference and we have elevated up to the middle of the pack. Now we are striving to be competitive with the top programs,” expressed Grey. “We really don’t have a feeder program so it’s important to get the younger kids hooked into the rewards of cross-country competition.”

“Adam Duval is our senior leader both in practice and during the meets,” remarked Grey. “We have a strong pack of sophomore runners in Matt Rice, John Spaulding and Kevin Hunkler that give us some solid depth.”

The dedication and work by our athletes shows our younger runners what it takes and allows them to be the foundation for our future teams,” stated Grey.

Girls’ cross-country

The Lady Knights are improving with every stride as they prepare for the upcoming season.

“The girls are really making great progress and now we are starting to put more focus on the mental hurdles that are involved in this sport,” commented Grey. “We return three outstanding runners in Jenny Walmann, Gabby Skwarcan and Maggie Pendergast.”

“Molly Ogren is a converted soccer player and track runner and she seems to be locked in as solid cross-country athlete,” remarked Grey. “Cross-country is definitely a sport that Marian High School can grow to be competitive in local and state meets.”

Girls’ golf

The girls’ golf team has not only a coach but also a spiritual leader with school chaplain, Father Jacob Guinan for singles in our matches.”

“Right now one of our doubles teams is Clint Lowenhoswer and David Huege with other players trying to break into the field,” stated Snelson. “I also see some really positive improvement by our No. 2, Riley Hicks and an athletic Andrew Guinan for singles in our matches.”

“All the girls are striving to be competitive and I think we will have a solid team this year but depth and consistent off-season workouts and competition will be the key going forward,” stressed Coach Tom Snelson. “The key to top team is depth and to get to that level it takes year round play.”

“Our No. 1 player, Jack Juilen, has been working hard this off season and will do well,” explained Snelson. “I also see some really positive improvement by our No. 2.”

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Treasures in the wilderness

T he Book of Joshua provides this weekend’s first reading. The book draws its name from the ancient Israelite leader, Joshua, who followed Moses and actually guided the Hebrews into the land God had promised them. Fleeing from slavery in Egypt to settlement in the Promised Land was long, difficult and at times chaotic. Natural problems, political opposition to Jesus. It con-
cludes with faith.

The Epistle to the Ephesians supplies the second reading. This reading often is misunderstood in the modern context in which the human rights of women are much noticed and appropriately demand-
ed. To understand the Epistle’s message, one must know the environment in which the New Testament was written. In this Roman culture, women were little better than animals.

The Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans was written for much of the trouble. Another serious problem was the restlessness of the people, who were apt to stray away from the path given with them by God. They had no map or navigation to guide them. In short, they were wanderers.

The greatest task before Moses, and later before Joshua, was to reinforce the people’s trust in the guidance given by God. In this weekend’s reading, Joshua summons the leaders of the people. He bluntly calls them to be true to God and to none other. The people respond by declar-
ing their will to follow God. They realize that God alone has led them out of the misery of Egypt. God has guided them so far. They trust that God will guide them until they are secure in the Promised Land.

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Loving the disabled

M any of us have hidden fears and hesitations when it comes to deal-
ing with persons with severe disabilities. Therapy, physical ges-
tures, behaviors and limitations can challenge us and infringe on our comfort zones. We may be tempted to apply a different standard when we deal with them. Even very young children with disabilities may suffer discrimi-
nation through denial of care as newborns, or through abortion in utero.

During his presidential cam-
paign, former President Senator Rick Santorum and his wife Karen were often asked by people on the campaign trail about their daughter Bella, who was born with Trisomy 18, a severe genetic defect caused by an extra chromosome. Such children tend to have shorter lifespans, with 90 percent dying before their first year of life. Nevertheless, with proper care, some can live well into their teens, and even into their 20s or 30s. Bella became a great example of the public during her father’s candid-
acy in part because of several memorable moments during the TV debates where Rick power-
fully described how Bella’s birth and struggles had impacted their family.

Early on, Rick and Karen struggled with the Trisomy 18 diagnosis, and with the way physi-
cians labeled it a “lethal diagno-
sis” and “inconceivable” with life.

Karen also mentioned another couple with a child affected by Trisomy 18 who told after delivery that little could be done for their newborn, and the child was placed off to the side, until one of the parents noticed her struggling and sought assistance for her. Other parents spoke to Karen about the subtle but noticeable resistance among medi-
cal staff when they brought their child with Trisomy 18 to the hospital for medical attention. The Santorums had experienced similar challenges with caregivers and medical staff. They had to fight to get the prescription for oxygen, and basic medical supplies, that Rick needed after she was discharged from the hospital; in addition, a hospice physician prescribed what would have likely been, if administered, a lethal dose of drugs.

Discrimination against those with disabilities should never be allowed to gain a foothold in the medical profession, nor be allowed to guide public policy. The true measure of the great-
ness of a society will always be in terms of how we treat our weaker members, and the authenticity of our own love will be measured by our compassion and acceptance of the disabled child or the poor. God seems to send us children with disabilities to help us grow, to remind us that every soul is of great value, and has a unique place in His plan, and to teach us how man’s highest calling is found in his God-like possibility of sharing unconditional love.

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MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

I’ll be the first to admit that I am an outdoor kind of girl. I enjoy the warmth of the sun and the wind on my face while hiking or running. In nature brings me a real sense of God’s presence, whether in an open field or along a mountain path. My husband Trent and I were active nature enthusiasts before he died and I’m delight-
ed his legacy lives on in our daughters. We also be the first to admit that following Trent’s death 22 years ago, nature — and life itself for that matter — turned harsh and cold — a treacherous wilderness.

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Reparation made for offenses made against Mary’s perpetual virginity

I t has been almost 100 years since Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in a small Portuguese village. Despite the passage of time, Our Lady’s message of world peace and salvation of souls remains unchanged. Her words are of critical importance especially since the Catholic Church has recognized these apparitions and has accepted the messages given at Fatima.

During the July 13, 1917 apparition, Our Blessed Mother said she would one day ask for the “Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.” On Dec. 10, 1925, Our Lady kept her promise and appeared with the Child Jesus to Lucia (at the time, she was a postulant for the Dorothean Sisters at a convent in Spain and the only surviving Fatima visionary).

Our Lady’s request was for the following actions to be completed on the first Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday itself, 3) recite five decades of the rosary, 4) meditate on one of our Mother Church on all matters pertaining to Fatima) hopes to properly educate readers on this devotion and encourages everyone to join us in practicing five first Saturdays.

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In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be received eight days before or after the first Saturday. If you would like to inquire about ways to start the devotion in your parish, contact the president of the WAF Diocesan Division, Christine Renbarger, at (260) 749-0901.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MARIAM SCHMITZ

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CYO 2012 football kicks off at Zollner Stadium

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The 2012 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league football season kicked off at Zollner Stadium on Sunday, Aug. 19. In the opener, Sam Talarico and the boys from St. Charles beat the mighty Panthers from St. Vincent, 38-8, in Talarico’s first outing as head coach of the Cardinals.

Cardinal eighth-grader Mac Hippenhammer, a tailback, had a stellar day scoring three touchdowns and rushing for nearly 100 yards. Mike Hake added a interception and touchdown, while Riley Miller had a 60-yard reception from quarterback Jack Pentenburg. A strong Cardinal defense added a safety to round out the scoring in the victory.

“I was extremely proud of this team in their first game,” said a pleased Talarico. “They committed very few mistakes or penalties and came ready to play.”

New this fall will be a combined team from St. Jude, Queen of Angels and Most Precious Blood. Therefore, the league will consist of seven teams. One team will receive a bye each week. Tune in to Redeemer Radio — Catholic 1450 AM — for the game of the week aired live at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Coaches please email mmcas- tleman@aol.com with your scores and highlights.
Queen of Peace Parish to host PeaceFest
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will host PeaceFest — “Party at Mom’s House.” Friday, Aug. 24, “The Mother of All Block Parties” will be from 7-11 p.m., with live entertainment, casino games, food, beer and wine. Saturday, Aug. 25, offers a 5K run/walk, diaper derby, carnival games for kids, inflatable bouncing fun, bingo and local food vendors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A trivia night will be from 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, a 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated with parish picnic at noon, fun fair from 1-3 p.m. Benefits for PeaceFest will be Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-3 p.m. For information contact Mike Portolese at (574) 532-5965 or visit www.queenofpeace.cc/peacefest.html.

Christ Child Society Golf Classic
Fort Wayne — A women’s 18 hole Florida scramble — Golfing for Kids Classic will be Monday, Sept. 17, at Autumn Ridge Golf Course with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m. Golf package is $100 per participant ($43 tax deductible) and includes continental breakfast, green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. Reservations needed by Sept. 10. For information call DeeDee Dahm at (260) 426-4131 or Patty Schrimper at (260) 627-8247.

Let Love Shine dinner, auction planned
South Bend — The Christ Child Society will hold “Let Love Shine” dinner and auction Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Gillespie Center, Hilton Garden Inn, to benefit its clothing center and outreach programs. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and live auction to follow. Tickets are $75 or $650 for a table of 10. For tickets call (574) 256-5633 or visit www.letloveshine.info for information.

Fried chicken and ham dinner planned
Ege — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a chicken and ham dinner Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church. Bingo, games, raffles and country store. Serving from noon to 5 p.m.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

Catholics on a Mission readsies mission trip to Costa Rica
Fort Wayne — Catholics on a Mission, a group of Catholic families, are getting a team of teens and parents ready to travel to Costa Rica to assist indigenous Indian tribes with their needs and God’s call to evangelization. They will also carry funds to build a chapel there. Fundraisers to cover the costs will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, with a car wash at 4120 N. Clinton St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A garage sale will be held Sept. 7-8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6714 Winniebagro Dr. Donations accepted. Guided tours through Acres Land Trust will be Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1802 Chapman Rd. in Huntertown. Fees of $10 per person or $25 per family will be charged. For information visit www.catholicsinmission.wordpress.com or “Catholics On A Mission” on Facebook, email Catholicsinmission2013@gmail.com or call (260) 436-8222.

Pancake breakfast planned
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Our Lady of Good Hope St. Vincent de Paul Society on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joseph Rd. Tickets are $5 for adults, $2 children 4-10 years and children 4 years and under free.

The Silence of Mary plans yard sale
Fort Wayne — The Silence of Mary will have a yard sale Friday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2312 Nuthatch Lane in Wallen Chase subdivision. Visit the website, www.thesilenceofmary.org or call (260) 267-8371 for information.

Visit Cuba
Its People & Culture
9 Days for $2698*
Travel with Fr. James Dallen and other Catholics Departing February 19, 2013
Discover Cuba’s colonial history and vibrant culture! YMT’s fully escorted Cuba program is operated under U.S. government people-to-people license # CT-18935 issued by YMT Vacations, and the itinerary will include a full-time series of educational exchanges and interaction with local people. You’ll never forget the scenery, history and culture of this beautiful island nation!
From Miami, you’ll fly to Havana; highlights include five nights in Havana, two nights at the Santa Clara, Old Havana, Rivera Plaza, the Che Guevara Museum, Ernest Hemingway’s farm, and visits to the iconic towns of Remedios, Cienfuegos and much more. Learn about authentic daily Cuban life through interactions with local people. This fully-escorted program includes eight nights hotel accommodations, round-trip airfare from Miami to Cuba, a full-time schedule of activities through the itinerary, a professionally-trained Cuban guide and 15 meals. US law requires that all participants of this program adhere to the full time schedule of people-to-people activities. *Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add only $400 for single room. Airfare to/from Miami is extra.

Group Leaders Travel Free!
Organize a group from your church on this or other YMT faith based packages.

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Jackie D. Hostetler, 60, St. Mary/Annunciation

Decatur
Martha E. McConnell, 94, St. Mary/Assumption

Earl E. Dawson, 80, St. Mary/Assumption

Florence T. Koors, 89, St. Mary/Assumption

Dennis J. Stroup, 71, St. Vincent de Paul

Bryan Todd Kolski, 27, St. Thomas/Apostle

Fort Wayne
Edward F. Grzeth, 84, St. Charles Borromeo

Vema Koorsten, Delamarter, 91, Queen of Angels

Richard J. Doak, 87, Most Precious Blood

Miguel Torres, 83, St. Joseph

Gregory A. Funich, 42, Our Lady/Good Hope

Mary M. White, 81, St. Charles Borromeo

Haile Sabrina Orth, 33, Most Precious Blood

Benjamin E. Bunt, 89, St. Charles Borromeo

Helene M. honor, 86, St. Charles Borromeo

Florece C. Beckman, 96, St. Jude

Kenneth J. Eme, 84, St. Adalbert

Dorothy J. Bagarus, 79, St. Joseph

Brother Frederick J. Williams, CCS, 74, Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel

Charlotte Renee Chelimianik, 18 mo., Basilia/Sacred Heart

David R. Pienkowski, 55, Basilia of the Sacred Heart

Sister Marilyn Reiser, CCS, 85, Our Lady of Loretto

Jeanne A. Gorzynski, Basilia of the Sacred Heart

McDonald B. Pacheco, 69, St. Adalbert

Eugene S. Geissler, 99, Little Flower

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Maureen Clare, 95, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at Central Catholic High School.

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CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE
Games  •  Raffles  •  Fun for everyone!
Poor Sisters of St. Clare vow prayer, penance in cloistered life

The Franciscan Sisters Minor community gathers with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, priests, seminarians and brothers to process into the Mass of Enclosure that was celebrated Aug. 9 at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne. The sisters, henceforth known as the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, had resided at St. John the Baptist Parish’s Providence House before coming to St. Andrew where they will live an austere life of prayer and penance for the intentions of the diocese.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Mass of Enclosure that preceded the cloistering of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, formerly known as the Franciscan Sisters Minor, in Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew on Aug. 9. In his homily Bishop Rhoades encouraged the sisters saying, “In your lives of prayers, you will constantly sing the praises of God and intercede for the Church. In doing so, you will be living, not apart from the Church, but in the very heart of the Church as did St. Clare and so many contemplative nuns throughout the Church’s history.”

Superior of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare community, Mother Celeste Marie, right, beams with joy during the Mass of Enclosure celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne on Aug. 9, along with Sisters Mary Clare, Margaret Rose, Stella Francis, Karolyn Grace and Marie Veronica. During the Mass family and friends witnessed these sisters profess their temporary vows during a special ceremony.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ceremonially locks the door of the cloister at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne behind which the Poor Sisters of St. Clare begin their life of prayer and penance on Aug. 9. The sisters processed to the cloister along a hall that was lined with the Franciscan Brothers Minor, friends and family members who sang the Litany of the Saints.