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Bishop Rhoades blesses St. Jude renovations, construction

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades administered a blessing on a $3.9 million collection of updates, expansions and renovations underway at St. Jude Parish and School in South Bend on Sunday, May 19. He pronounced enthusiastically, “This addition — so many of you made sacrifices to produce it. This is so the mission of Jesus can be done. I’m so grateful to Father John (Delaney), and I’m grateful to all of you. … It’s because of your sacrificial giving. It’s because of your faith.”

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Area legal professionals form St. Thomas More Society

FORT WAYNE — Catholic leaders of northeast Indiana met on Wednesday to complete the formation of the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne, a private association affiliated with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, serving under the oversight of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

After several months of planning, the society formally adopted its constitution and bylaws and elected its founding governors and officers. Father Mark A. Gurtner has been appointed chaplain by Bishop Rhoades.

“First not only have I been appointed chaplain, but as a canon lawyer, I enjoy membership in the society in my own right. I am also a founding member,” said Father Gurtner. “Indeed, his steadfast conviction in the face of death is a reminder for legal professionals to not forsake their private conscious for their public duties.”

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FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Deacon Christopher Lapp to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Of the approaching ordination to the Priesthood, Deacon Lapp told Today’s Catholic in an email interview earlier in the year, “I’m looking forward to seeing a conclusion to the formal preparation for Priesthood so as to be able to live my vocation in all of its concrete reality. In short, I am looking forward to being what God has created me to be.”

Deacon Lapp served at the parishes of Holy Family in South Bend, St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, and St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

Deacon Lapp said, “Being able to live at a parish has provided me beautiful experiences of the depth of relationship a priest is called to have with his people.”

“My last summer at St. Therese was especially full and rewarding because of the opportunities to regularly preach to the people with whom I lived in Waynedale,” he added.

Of his diaconate year, Deacon Lapp said, “This year, seminary formation has shifted from primarily theology classes to a stronger emphasis on elements of ‘praxis’ in priesthood — instruction on hearing and preaching.”

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IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHODES

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. During this Year of Faith, we are called to reflect more deeply on the mysteries of our faith. The mystery of God, the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, is “the central mystery of Christian faith and life” (CCC 234).

Our journey of faith began at our baptism, when the minister pronounced over us these words: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” At that moment, we received the supernatural gift of faith. We became “new creatures,” adopted children of God the Father, members of Christ and His Body, the Church, and temples of the Holy Spirit. By the grace of Baptism, we have been called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

At every liturgy, we adore the one true God in three Persons. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we do so in the name of the Trinity. Every time we pray, we raise our hearts and minds to the Blessed Trinity. We cannot fully comprehend the mystery of God, His inmost Being as Holy Trinity. This mystery was revealed to us by Jesus, the eternal Son. Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father (CCC 240).

Jesus also revealed to us the Holy Spirit, a divine Person with the Son and the Father. He is of the same nature and substance as the Son and the Father. That is why, as we say in the Nicene Creed: “With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.”

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that God in not infinite solitude. He is not a static deity. God is a continual gift-giving between Persons, an eternal communion of life and love. It is amazing to consider that we have been called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity. As Jesus said: “Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him. We will come to him and make our dwelling place with him” (John 14:23).

In a recent catechesis on the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis described the Holy Spirit as “the great gift of Christ Risen who opens our mind and our heart to faith in Jesus as the Son sent by the Father and who leads us to friendship, to communion with God.”

The Holy Father called the Holy Spirit “the inexhaustible source of God’s life in us.”

The Holy Spirit brings to our hearts the very life of God.

We all long for joy and for enduring love. This is what God offers us in inviting us to share in his own divine life. God shares his life of communion with us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for the great gift of our Trinitarian faith!

During this Year of Faith, we are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) described the Church as “a people brought into unity from the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

We are called to be faithful to the Church’s nature by our close union with God and one another. In the face of division and conflict in the world, we are to be a sign of unity and love. This is our mission: to bring the world into communion with God.

In 1999, Blessed John Paul II wrote the following to the Church in America:

“Faced with a divided world which is in search of unity, we must proclaim with joy and firm faith that God is communion, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, unity in distinction, and that he calls all people to share in that same Trinitarian communion.”

We must proclaim that this communion is the magnificent plan of God the Father; that Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Lord, is the heart of this communion, and that the Holy Spirit works ceaselessly to create communion and to restore it when it is broken. We must proclaim that the Church is the sign and instrument of the communion willed by God, begun in time and destined for completion in the fullness of the Kingdom.

On Trinity Sunday, we reflect on the mystery of God in Himself, His innermost life. He draws us into this life, His communion of love. This is the deep mystery of being Christian, receiving the gift of God Himself, partaking of His life. The Most Holy Trinity has destined us to share in His own eternal life of love. And so we pray: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese’s website, www.diocesefwsb.org under “Safe Environment.”

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse.

In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, email: mgkowski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, email: mrratz@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assisting those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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I. Permanence important for our Iglésia

Permanence important for our Iglésia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócese de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, políticas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página ciber- nética de la Diócesis, www.diocesefwsb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro: “Safe Environment.”

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifiquen las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el ale- nado es un sacerdote o diácono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Victimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: mgkowski@diocesefwsb.org, o al al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: mrratz@diocesefwsb.org.

La diócesis es comprometida a ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asis- tencia a aquellos que reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour across the diocese

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw, will have a holy hour on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m.
- St. Peter Church, 518 S. DeWald St., Fort Wayne, will hold a holy hour on Monday, May 27, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- St. Patrick Church, 309 S. Taylor, South Bend, will have a holy hour on Friday, June 7, from 12:45-3 p.m.
- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour on Friday, June 3, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass, from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, has holy hours all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has a holy hour and a half of Adoration and Exposition from 3:30-5 p.m. every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.

Diversity a blessing when all united in faith, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling for unity — not uniformity — in the Church, Pope Francis said diversity is a blessing only when all Catholics recognize and follow Church teaching.

“The Church is which brings Christ to me and me to Christ; parallel journeys are dangerous,” he told some 200,000 members of Catholic lay movements and groups during a Pentecost Mass in St. Peter’s Square.

“When we venture beyond the Church’s teaching and community, and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ,” he said during his homily at the Mass May 19, concluding a weekend dedicated to movements, including the charismatic renewal, Focolare movement, Neocatechumenal Way, Regnum Christi, Communion and Liberation and others.

Pope Francis said Church lead- ers and Church members need to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire different movements and gifts within the Church but also to recognize the Holy Spirit to unite them all in one Church under the authority of their pastors.

“Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity while at the same time building unity,” the pope said. “When we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and unique, we bring division.”

On the other hand, he said, “when we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization.”

The pope said the Holy Spirit can appear “to create disorder in the Church” by giving some members differ- ent gifts to its members, but when everyone allows themselves to be guided by the Spirit, they learn to treasure variety rather than letting it become a source of conflict.

The Holy Spirit can make people uncomfortable, Pope Francis said. “Respect always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences.”

The spiritual journey is no different, he said. “We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind all our too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to His own.”

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHODES

- Sunday, May 26, 11:30 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Joseph Church, Bluffton
- Thursday, May 30, 3 p.m. — Meeting of Deacon Formation Policy Board, Blessed John Paul II Center, Mishawaka
- Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, May 31, 6 a.m. — Friday with Profession of Vows of Franciscan Bros. Minor, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

By Cindy Wooden

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PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Dr. Kermit Gosnell may have been convicted May 13 of murder at his Philadelphia abortion clinic, but “nothing can bring back the innocent children he killed, or make up for the vulnerable women he exploited,” said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

And, he added, “the repugnance of his clinic conditions” must be remembered.

In a May 14 statement, the Philadelphia archbishop said, “Gosnell is not an exception. Others just like him run abortion mills throughout our country.”

A Philadelphia jury May 13 found Gosnell guilty of murder in the deaths of three babies born alive during abortions and acquitted him of a fourth similar charge. He also was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of a patient who had an abortion.

Gosnell, 72, was charged with snipping the spines of babies born alive during illegal late-term abortions.

Pennsylvania law prohibits abortions after 24 weeks of gestation.

“We need to stop cloaking the ugliness of abortion with misnomers like ‘proper medical coverage’ or ‘choice,’” Archbishop Chaput said in his statement. “It’s violence of the most intimate sort, and it needs to end.”

A few weeks earlier in the six-week trial, after the prosecution had rested its case, Judge Jeffrey Minehart of the Common Pleas Court, dismissed three other murder charges against Gosnell, saying they lacked evidence.

Late May 14, prosecutors said the doctor agreed to give up his right to an appeal so he would not get the death penalty. The judge then gave him two consecutive life sentences with no chance for parole on two of three first-degree murder convictions.

At a May 15 sentence hearing, Gosnell received a third life sentence for the third murder conviction and another two and a half to five years in prison for involuntary manslaughter. Those sentences also are consecutive. He also was convicted of 24 counts of violating Pennsylvania abortion regulations.

Both supporters of legal abortion and abortion opponents praised the verdict, though they pointed to different underlying problems.

Michael Geer, president of the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Family Institute, said in a statement, the Gosnell case in all its details points to “the big remaining question that the trial exposed for all Americans to see: How is it murder to kill a late-term baby outside the womb, but legal to kill it minutes earlier while still in its mother’s womb?”

Ilse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said in a statement that “justice was served to Kermit Gosnell and he will pay the price for the atrocities he committed.” She described Gosnell’s clinic and practices as “a peek into the world before Roe v. Wade made legal a woman’s right to make her own choices.”

Hogue said “anti-choice politicians and their unreasonable efforts to deny women access to safe and legal abortion care, will only drive more women to back-alley butchers like Kermit Gosnell.”

Charmaine Yoest, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, said the “self-interested indifference of an unrepentant, unregulated and unmonitored abortion industry — today’s back-alley abortion clinics and rogue abortion profiteers.”

She said “pro-life Americans must fight Big Abortion as they attempt to block commonsense attempts to regulate and monitor abortion clinics where we know that some women and girls have suffered and even died.”

Yoest said the case underscores why abortion clinics must be subject to medical standards and regular inspections. Gosnell’s clinic had not been inspected for nearly two decades, she said.

“Kermit Gosnell is not the aberration that abortion advocates

Gosnell’s conviction shows ‘ugliness of abortion,’ archbishop says

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Father DeRiso to assume rector duties at Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau, Le Mans, France

By Vince Labarbera

SOUTH BEND — The weekend of June 8-9 will be Holy Cross Father John DeRiso’s last at St. Joseph Church, South Bend, where he has served as pastor for the past nine years.

“Being your pastor has been the joy and privilege of my priesthood,” Father DeRiso told parishioners the weekend of May 4-5 as he announced a new assignment from his superior general in Rome at the site of the congregation’s foundation in Le Mans, France.

“It was here, in 1837, that our holy founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, united priests and lay brothers as equal partners within a single association, thereby forming the Congregation of Holy Cross,” he continued. “Our congregation’s motherhouse and its church — Our Lady of Holy Cross — serve as the symbol and center of this union. It is at this church, dedicated to Our Lady and the site of Moreau’s tomb, where I will minister as rector of the Shrine of Blessed Basil Moreau.”

At Masses the following weekend, Father DeRiso announced that Holy Cross Father Kevin M. Russeuil will succeed him in mid-August as pastor of the 160-year-old parish founded by Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin.

“I expressed an interest nearly a year ago to the superior general of our congregation in Le Mans,” Father DeRiso said. “I was very responsive to my interest. The assignment is something he and the Holy Cross community would like me to do and I’m open to it.”

As rector, Father DeRiso’s main duty will be to establish the shrine in what now is a parish church with an existing pastor. Not only will the shrine be for the Congregation of Holy Cross, but for the local Church, the Diocese of Le Mans and the universal Church as well, he related. “Above all it is a spiritual and administrative task, and less of a physical construction one,” he said.

“A beautiful church is already there and we will establish some offices for the shrine adjacent to it.”

The area is not new to Father DeRiso since he visited the location last month, making several acquaintances among the congregation’s French priests and brothers, and the Marianites of Holy Cross, religious sisters who also look to Blessed Moreau as their founder.

The French language also is not new to Father DeRiso since as a sophomore at Notre Dame he spent a year abroad as a participant in the University of Notre Dame’s Angers Program near his new location.

“Everything, including all classes, was in French,” he related. Despite his past proficiency in the language, some 22 years ago, prior to assuming his new position, he will spend seven weeks at Middlebury College in Vermont participating in an intensive French-language program. “Middlebury’s language school is of high quality and administra-“

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Speaking of his arrival as pastor in 2004, Father DeRiso wrote to his parishioners, “I was 33 years old and had been a priest for two. I doubted my abilities and my readiness to assume a pastor’s role. I was anxious and afraid, but you welcomed me, the stranger, as your brother in Christ.”

“Before, I doubt my abilities and my readiness to assume a (new) role,” he continued. “I am anxious and afraid. And yet, I am called to a place of trust — trust in Divine Providence and trust in the Lord Jesus who said to His disciples, who themselves were troubled and afraid, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.’”

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He continued, “The gift of this assignment is that Blessed Moreau from Notre Dame de Sainte Croix in France sent Father Sorin to the woods of Indiana where he founded the University of Notre Dame in 1842. And now I, a spiritual son of Sorin having been educated at Notre Dame, graduating in 1993, am going back to help the Church in France. I’m not sure that’s happened before. It’s quite a privilege!”

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Father DeRiso has an excellent reputation. I’m confident it will help me to greatly improve my French language skills.”

Father DeRiso also speaks Spanish. After his ordination to the Priesthood, April 6, 2002, at Notre Dame, his first assignment was to serve a mostly Spanish-speaking community as associate pastor at St. John Vianney Church, Goodyear, Ariz., just outside Phoenix. He was there two years before returning to South Bend.

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FATHER JOHN DE RISO
Bishops say full effect of ‘redefinition of marriage’ will be felt for years

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — The “full social and legal effects” of state lawmakers’ decision to legal- ize same-sex marriage “will begin to manifest themselves in the years ahead,” said the Minnesota Catholic Conference. “Today the Minnesota Senate voted to redefine marriage in Minnesota. The outcome, though expected, is no less disappointing,” the conference said in a statement. The state Senate in a 37-30 vote
gave final approval May 13 to a same-sex-marriage bill. The House passed the measure May 9. Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said he would sign it May 14. The law is to take effect Aug. 1, mak- ing Minnesota the 12th state to allow same-sex couples to marry. Earlier in May, Rhode Island and Delaware became the 10th and 11th states, respectively, to legalize same-sex marriage. “The Church, for its part, will continue to work to rebuild a healthy culture of mar- riage and family life, as well as defend the rights of Minnesotans to live out their faith in everyday life and speak the truth in love,” said the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state’s bishops.

Pope: Satan tricks people into being selfish, leaving them loveless

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Payback is a trick Satan uses to “rip us off” and “always,” the pope said. “Selfish people don’t understand what it means to love, because loving means giving, not receiving,” he said during a morning Mass homily.

Young Catholics receive the World Youth Day cross from sailors of the Brazilian Navy during its arrival at Icarai Beach in Niteroi, Brazil, May 19. Pope Francis will travel to Brazil on his first international trip as pontiff to attend the World Youth Day gathering July 23-28.

Indiana Catholic family with worldwide business challenges mandate

MADISON, Ind. (CNS) — Although Grote Industries in Madison has been in business for more than a century, one date in May holds particular significance for the family-owned, worldwide manufacturer of vehicle lighting products. On May 22, a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago was scheduled to hear arguments in the lawsuit the Grote family filed last October to gain relief from the U.S. Affordable Care Act’s requirement that employers provide abortion- inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees in company health plans. The mandate is a part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, called Obamacare by some, which was signed into law in 2010. The Grote family was granted a preliminary injunction in January. On May 22, however, arguments will be made on the merits of their case that could lead to permanent relief from the mandate. Although many other Catholic organizations and busi- nesses owned by Catholics and other people morally opposed to the mandate have been granted prelimi- nary injunctions, the Grote case is the first to receive a hearing on the merits of their case.

Parishioners mobilize after tornado wreaks havoc in northern Texas

GRANBURY, Texas (CNS) — “Overwhelmed.” That’s how relief volunteer Julie Lyssy described the families who sought shelter inside St. Frances Cabrini’s Family Life Center after a tornado ravaged their neighborhoods May 15. The deadly funnel cloud, one of several that ripped through parts of north Texas, killed six, injured more than 100, left seven missing and destroyed more than 50 homes and trailers in the Rancho Brazos subdivision. Injuries and damage were also reported in the nearby Pecan Plantation community. Many of the affected — including some of the deceased — are members of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, 35 miles southwest of Fort Worth. “The 15 to 20 people who came here last night knew there was nothing else they could do,” said Lyssy, the church’s communications spokesperson, who coordinated emergency outreach efforts with her husband, Thomas. “As soon as they realized they were safe, everyone turned to prayer.” Storm victims formed two circles inside the parish hall. One group recited the rosary in English and the other in Spanish. The church’s pastor, Msgr. Juan Rivero, spent the night comforting visitors and offering a blessing when asked.

Pope calls for global, ethical finance reform, end to cult of money

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis called for global financial reform that respects human dignity, helps the poor, promotes the common good and allows states to regulate markets. “Money has to serve, not to rule,” he said in his strongest remarks yet as pope concerning the world’s economic and financial crises. A major reason behind the increase in social and economic woes worldwide “is in our relationship with money and our acceptance of its power over ourselves and our society,” he told a group of diplomats May 16. “We have created new idols” where the “golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly humane goal.” The pope made his remarks during a speech to four new ambassadors to the Vatican presenting their letters of creden- tial. The new ambassadors from Kyrgyzstan, Antigua and Barbados, Luxembourg and Botswana will not be residing in Rome. The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told journalists it was the pope’s “first forceful speech on the economic and financial cri- sis,” social justice, and the attention needed to the world’s poor.

Pope prays for victims of Oklahoma tornado

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the death toll rose from the massive tornado that struck near Oklahoma City May 20, Pope Francis offered a special prayer for the victims during his morning Mass May 21 and later offered his condolences through his Twitter account. “Let us pray for the victims — at least 50 of them — and the missing, especially the children, struck by the violent tornado that hit Oklahoma City yesterday. Hear us, O Lord,” the pope said during the prayers of the faithful. The tornado touched down at about 3 p.m. local time in Oklahoma and reportedly stayed on the ground for more than 40 minutes, leaving a 20-mile path of death and destruction. By midday Rome time May 21, news reports were saying at least 91 people died, including 20 children, two elementary schools were struck by the tornado. A few hours after the Mass, Pope Francis also used his @Pontifex Twitter account to express his concern for the Oklahoma vic- tims and survivors. “I am close to those who have lost all of what they had in the Oklahoma tornado, especially those who lost young children. Join me in praying for them,” he told the 2.4 million who follow his English-language Twitter account and the 2.4 million who follow his Spanish-language account.
ANCILLA COLLEGE CELEBRATES 46TH GRADUATING CLASS

DONALDSON — Ancilla College celebrated its 46th class in school history on Saturday, May 11, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel.

The college recognized 85 candidates for associate’s degrees, including two students completing a double major. Nineteen of the graduates are from Ancilla’s nursing program.

Tricia Sloma, WNDU-TV morning news anchor, delivered the commencement address and talked about how a person’s faith and education can empower them for the future. Sloma said, “Graduates, your education is not over. We are constantly learning. I’m not referring to the need to refresh our skills in technology, equipment or social media. We should always strive to learn something every day from the people around us.”

A reception organized by the Ancilla Alumni Association followed, as Ancilla faculty, staff, students and their families gathered in Cena Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Dr. Joanna Blount, dean of Academic and Student Services, commented, “These graduates have started on a journey that will last a lifetime. Their education has not ended but only begun. As they grow, I hope they will remember the start that Ancilla College provided and give back so that others may have the opportunities each of our students did. I wish them all good luck in future endeavors, whether that is career or pursuing higher education.”

An honors convocation was also held on Friday, May 10, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, as students and faculty alike were honored for their achievements.

Of the 110 candidates, 16 received recognition for graduating summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude.

Another 26 were honored for their affiliation with Ancilla’s Beta Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest honor society in American higher education.

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Fort Wayne Bishop Luers High School senior Nancy McNamara and junior Mark Hellinger have been chosen from among 5,600 gifted students from across the country as Carson Scholars. Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson sponsor this award to honor young people around the country for their academic achievement and humanitarian achievements. McNamara is the daughter of Dan and Julie McNamara. Hellinger is the son of Mark and Karen Hellinger. Both were recognized at the Annual Carson Scholars Fund Indianapolis Awards Banquet this past month.

Cunningham from Carmel as secretary, Martin McCoy from North Vernon as treasurer, Paul Zielinski from Pittsboro as advocate and Gene Hurn from Tell City as warden forming the state council.

For more information about the Indiana Knights of Columbus go to www.IndianaKCF.org.

USF Hosting Youth Leadership and Ministry Conference

FORT WAYNE — High school students are invited to strengthen their leadership skills, explore their faith and experience life on a college campus during the Youth Leadership and Ministry Conference 2013, the second annual event at the University of Saint Francis (USF). The conference will involve students from which to choose will follow allowing them to explore leadership skills and possibilities will be offered the following forefront.

Two sessions with various options from which to choose will follow breakfast on Saturday. Sessions will cover various topics relating to personal, leadership and ministry development.

After a mid-morning brunch, participants will hear a keynote speaker and check out of their rooms. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a noon Mass. Families are invited to join their students for Mass.

Detailed information on time, location and sessions will be provided with registration confirmation. A discount will apply for early registration through May 31, and group reservations and scholarships are available. Those wishing to register or learn more about the event can visit sf.edu/sfyouth-leadership. Detailed reservation and cost information is available at sf.edu/sfyouth-leadership/register-youth-leadership-and-ministry-conference.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announces four-star schools for 2013

INDIANAPOLIS — Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced Indiana’s Four-Star schools for 2013 on May 13. In order to achieve this designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in ISTEP+ testing results. A total of 313 schools received the award throughout the state.

Superintendent Ritz congratulated these schools saying, “I am honored to name these schools as our Four Star Schools for this year. Winning this award required excellent work by teachers, administrators, students and parents throughout the year, and on behalf of the entire Indiana Department of Education I send them my sincere congratulations.”

Schools that received the award in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend include the following:

- St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart
- Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne
- St. Joseph High School, South Bend
- St. John the Evangelist School, Fort Wayne
- Bishop Holy Cross Catholic School, Elkhart
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Elkhart
- St. Mary of the Assumption School, Fort Wayne
- St. Mary of the Assumption School, South Bend
- St. Michael the Archangel School, Fort Wayne
- St. Michael the Archangel School, South Bend
- St. Joseph School, South Bend
- St. Matthew Catholic School, South Bend

USF Names Father David Meinzen Campus Chaplain

FORT WAYNE — Father David Meinzen has been named full-time campus chaplain at the University of Saint Francis (USF). Father Meinzen served USF as part-time interim campus chaplain since fall 2012, and as an adjunct professor of philosophy from 2008-2009.

After nine years of parish experience, as an Eastern Orthodox priest (from 2000-2009), he entered communion with Rome in 2010, under the bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago. As a priest of the Catholic Church, Father Meinzen has received the authority from his own bishop, as well as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, to serve in Fort Wayne in both the Roman and the Byzantine rites.

He comes with him the further experiences of two years active mobilization as a U.S. Army chaplain, ongoing Indiana Army National Guard chaplain work, part-time Veteran’s Administration chaplaincy experience and intensive clinical chaplaincy training at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He will begin full-time university chaplaincy work on July 29. His office will be in the Campus Ministry Center.

Redeemer Radio to broadcast ordination of Deacon Christopher Lapp

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 and 89.9 FM will broadcast the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Christopher Lapp, on Saturday, June 1, at 10:55 a.m., live from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside.

Father Daryl Rybicki and Dr. Matthew Bunson will co-host and Father Matthew Bunson will serve as anchor for the live broadcast, beginning at 10:25 a.m. on Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 Fort Wayne and 89.9 FM in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.
Parish programs, Small Christian

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The second Saturday of May was a joyful day at the Pontifical College Josephinum, as the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy held its 114th Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises. Thirty-six seminarians from 13 different dioceses were granted degrees or certificates from the College of Liberal Arts, Pre-Theology Program or School of Theology.

Deacon Christopher Lapp from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend received a master of arts in dogmatic theology; a master of divinity; and a baccalaureate in sacred theology. More than 200 parents, family members and friends of the graduates attended the day’s festivities. Baccalaureate Mass in St. Turibius Chapel was celebrated by Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, rector and president.

“It is our joy to welcome you to the Josephinum,” he said, “to witness this historic and formative moment in the lives of your sons and brothers, who take the major and memorable step toward the fulfillment of their vocations.”

Msgr. Schreck was joined by Msgr. Charles Singler, director of vocations for the Diocese of Toledo, and Father Paul Noble, director of vocations for the Diocese of Columbus, as well as other visiting priests and priest-faculty of the Josephinum.

The homily during the Mass was given by Msgr. Singler, who focused on the meaning of discipleship.

“The students who are graduating from this institution today have been confronted by the very notion of Christian discipleship,” he said. “The open and free consent to emulate Jesus on the cross. The seminary is not the final stretch or the end or the goal to be championed. It is really a matter of learning to be a faithful son and a witness to Christ — being a follower.”

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Community involvement, participation in a monthly rosary group and an Adoption Small Christian Community. “Our faith has supported our marriage over the past 31 years,” notes Juli, who along with Greg has also worked with couples preparing for marriage for over 15 years. The Lapps have lived that faith in their home with their children Chris, Josh, Nick and Becca.

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“Faith is an important part of my life," says Greg. "It is a foundation for everything I do. It guides my decisions and helps me make sense of the world around me." Greg’s parents were proud of not only his intelligence, but his character as well. When thinking back over the years, the Lapps, who are parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, recall how Chris’s faith developed during his years of high school when he began attending the Lifeteen program at their church after Sunday Mass and ministry hour on Wednesday nights as well. He even prayed at the abortion clinic once a week and never missed an overnight Lifeteen retreat.

Both Greg and Juli are devout in their faith and have developed a deep love for the Church through Christ Renews His Parish programs, Small Christian

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Confessions, celebrating Mass, etc.

“My brother deacons and I also all have parish assignments where we go on the weekend, primarily assisting at Sunday Masses (and occasionally preaching) and helping with Baptisms,” he said. “As scheduling permits, we also try to find time to do some teaching, youth ministry, marriage preparation and just about anything else that comes up!”

Deacon Lapp is the son of Greg and Juli Lapp of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. He attended St. Vincent de Paul School and Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Deacon Lapp has an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona, Minn., and took theological studies at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Deacon Lapp traces the beginnings of his journey to the Priesthood to Bishop Dwenger High School’s strong theology and campus ministry program.

“I became truly interested in learning theology in high school and the theology classes kept me on my toes,” he said.

He also credits the priests at his home parish: “The priests at St. Vincent’s especially helped me consider a vocation to the Priesthood — especially Msgr. (John) Kuzmich, who has been my only pastor and a wonderful priestly example. And the people there are amazing.”

He added, “Lastly, my family helped me to grow up to be free to embrace whatever the Lord invited me to; and I received tremendous support when I entered seminary. This support has been a sturdy shelter throughout the ups and downs of the last several years.”

Deacon Lapp, who was ordained to the diaconate May 12 last year at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, has the opinion that every Catholic man needs to explicitly open his heart to the possibility of a priestly vocation.

“I have confidence that God is calling many more men to answer this call,” Deacon Lapp noted. “So much does He love us and desire for us to have the Eucharist and other sacraments. We can and should pray that these men are courageous in the face of any number of oppositions that present themselves, especially the culture, friends, personal expectations, and even at times family.”

Deacon Lapp said there were “signs” along his journey that reassured him. Those were, he said, “abiding peace, good and faithful prayer, parish and apostolate experiences.”

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The Men of Serra of Fort Wayne offer congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Christopher Lapp as he is ordained into the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Once a Saint, Always a Saint!

God’s Blessings upon Christopher Lapp, Bishop Dwenger Alum ’04, as you enter the Order of the Priesthood through the Sacrament of Holy Orders!

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit…so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

— John 15:16

Welcome to the Bishop Dwenger Hall of Faith!
The personnel in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocesan Departments listed here, offer their sincere congratulations and pledge their continued prayers and assistance to

CHRISTOPHER LAPP

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With God’s help, you will continue to succeed in your leadership and in your duties, because Our Lord’s work is accomplished not so much by the multitude of workers as by the fidelity of the small number whom He calls.

- St. Vincent de Paul

Another parish son who has made us proud and for whom we wish a priesthood filled with much joy and peace.

Msgr. John Kuzmich
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Father Polycarp Fernando
and the Entire Parish Family
Trinity reveals divine love

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Trinity Sunday
Jn 16:32-15

The Church celebrates Trinity Sunday this weekend, and it uses the celebration to teach us about the Holy Trinity, the mystery of three Persons in one God. For its first reading, the Church offers us a passage from the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is one of a series of books in the Old Testament, the series being called the Wisdom Literature. The purpose behind the writing of all these books was to reassure pious Jews that their belief in the one God of Israel, a divinity of mercy and eternal faithfulness, was not in the least contrary to reason. Only the wisest, namely God, is an awareness of what actually is. It is a frank look at reality. Only the wisest, namely God, possesses this unobstructed view of reality.

Finally, the reading reveals the place of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit of God will give glory to God in the bestowal of divine wisdom upon the Apostles. Jesus foretold the coming of the Spirit. God sends the Spirit. Guided and strengthened by the Spirit, the Apostles continue Christ’s work of salvation.

Reflection

The Church teaches that the Holy Trinity is one of the greatest revelations of God. As such, the Church presents this teaching to the world, and to its own, again and again. The Church includes confession of the Trinity in all its formal creeds. Catholic parents teach toddlers the sign of the cross, “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” It is taught at all levels of institutional Catholic education. In a word, the Trinity is basic to the Catholic Tradition.

Nevertheless, even for those who believe, the mystery of the Trinity can be quite dry, its relevance obscure.

To the contrary, it is relevant to everything we are and to every thing we do. It explains creation. It explains salvation. It explains God, because God is love. Thus, God is with us. He gives us life. We belong to God. God’s revelation of the Trinity in itself reveals the divine love. Because of God’s love, we have peace in this life, come what may, and a promise of joy hereafter.

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DAVID AGREN

he said.

In Mexico City, pilgrims go daily to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the world’s most visited Marian shrine and the place Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531.

Blessed John Paul visited the basilica in 1979, an event symbolically important for ending the estrangement between Mexico and the Holy See.

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What do you really value in life?

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Recently I was in a faith-sharing group where the participants were asked to share our most important values. Have you ever been asked to articulate your deepest values? It is something to think about.

There is an old saying that we should “put your money where your mouth is.” Another one tells us “practice what we preach.” Often we say we value certain things, but in reality our actions say otherwise. I remember a retreat director saying one time that you can usually tell what you really value by how you spend your money and the bulk of your time.

An example is that many people claim to value prayer but they are so busy and don’t have enough time. On the other hand, when the weekend rolls around or they have a day off, they often don’t spend any more time with the Lord than when they are working or studying.

This holds true for persons who say they value friendship or family and yet rarely spend a few hours of quality time with those they love. I knew a married deacon who was responsible for the Family Life Committee of a particular parish where I ministered. He and his wife spent so much time doing things in the parish that he was rarely home with his children. Consequently, several of them ended up in trouble and with serious problems from lack of parental attention. If you asked him, he would claim to be a family man, but his behavior proved otherwise.

It is so easy to say we have certain values but our lives don’t always reflect them. We can say our faith and the Eucharist are important to us and yet go on a vacation with friends and miss Mass because we didn’t want to inconvenience them.

Another example is to call good health a value, but skip meals, eat poorly and get little exercise. Recently, I came to the conclusion that if exercise really is a value in my life, I wouldn’t avoid it so much, especially because it helps people with Parkinson’s disease.

You can also discover your values by regularly reflecting on your daily life. I like to take a little time each day to review how I lived the last 24 hours. I ask myself questions about what I did or did not do, and how I spent my time and energy. Some of the following questions may help you in your own reflection:

Do I value friendship and relationships? Look at your life. Who are your true friends? Do you connect with them frequently? Will they stick by you in the good times and the bad? The list goes on and on. What we really value in our lives must be translated into action.

It is in reflecting upon our actions and where we spend our time and energy, that we discover what we really value. You might be surprised.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, works for the Sisters of the Holy Cross communications department.

Saint of the Week

Ursula Ledochowska

1865-1939

May 29

Born into a distinguished Polish family in Austria, Julia Maria entered an Ursuline convent in Poland at age 21, taking the name Maria Ursula of Jesus. She taught in a girls’ school for 20 years, and in 1907 went to St. Petersburg to supervise a new school. Expelled from Russia at the beginning of World War I, she spent the war in Sweden and returned to Poland in 1920. In 1923, she founded the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, known as Grey Ursulines. As the order expanded, the Vatican asked her to live in Rome, where she died. Grey Ursulines now minister in 12 countries. Ursula was canonized in 2003; her older sister, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledochowska, is also a foundress.

READINGS

Sunday: Psv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Monday: Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 10:26-32

Tuesday: Sir 55:1-12 Ps 50:8-14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1-6a, 10-17 Ps 79:9-11, 13 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:12-15 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 122-3, 4bcd, 5-6 b: 139-56

Saturday: Sir 5:11 cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33

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The morality and wisdom of incremental legislation

People with strong pro-life, pro-family convictions will sometimes disagree among themselves about whether they should support a particular piece of legislation being debated in the halls of their state legislature or in Congress. Their disagreement will often center on whether it is morally permissible and politically prudent to support a bill that is a step in the right direction, but that still permits other objectionable practices. Is it good and wise to take an “incremental” approach to reversing an unjust law, confronting the offensive practices “piecemeal,” rather than all at once?

In general, when it is not feasible to push back an unjust law in its entirety (for example, when insufficient votes exist to overturn an unjust law), it can be morally acceptable for a lawmaker to support a piece of legislation that aims to lessen a portion of the evils or harmful effects of that standing unjust law. The pro-life community in recent years has seen various cases and fractures over this question. For example, some have argued that since abortion is a grave evil, a Catholic lawmaker could never vote for a piece of legislation that allows for any abortions to occur. Thus, if a vote were being taken on a proposal that allowed abortions in cases of rape and incest but enacted new restrictions against abortion in many other situations, some take a hard line and insist the lawmaker could not morally support the legislation, but could vote only for a law that outlawed all abortions, in every situation.

Blessed John Paul II, however, in a well-known passage from his beautiful encyclical “On the Gospel of Life” (“Evangelium Vitae”), reminds us of the wisdom and morality of supporting incremental legislation in certain circumstances: “A particular problem of conscience can arise,” he noted, “in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed or ready to be voted on. Such cases are not infrequent. It is a fact that while in some parts of the world there continue to be campaigns to introduce laws favoring abortion, often supported by powerful international organizations, in other nations – particularly those which have already experienced the bitter fruits of such permissive legislation – there are growing signs of a rethink in this matter. In a case like the one just mentioned, when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could likely support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law, at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and public morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects.”

Many commentators have observed how dramatic progress has occurred in changing public opinion on abortion in the United States in recent years because of this incremental approach: eliminating partial-birth and late-term abortions, establishing waiting periods, mandating ultrasounds, regulating abortion facilities and the like.

Incremental legislation may likewise be needed to respond to certain unethical practices regarding end of life care. In Texas, for example, the law allows a physician to unilaterally establish Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders for a patient, with no process for review or appeal when the physician is convinced that resuscitation attempts for that patient would be futile. This means that even in the absence of a patient’s or family’s consent or even input, a doctor can declare a DNR order for that patient.

Because this practice has become accepted in Texas, and because stronger corrective legislation was judged unable to garner sufficient votes, the Texas Catholic Conference crafted a form of incremental legislation in 2013 to address this obviously unethical circumstance that violates a patient’s right to consent.

The proposed legislation seeks to assure that patients and their families receive written notice of their rights regarding DNR orders. It also requires hospitals to assign a liaison to work with the patient to provide clear and compassionate communication about their rights once a conflict between the doctor and the patient/family has been identified. It works out important details regarding ethics committee reviews applied to the case, and it establishes an expanded timeframe for hospital transfers in more complex situations of disagreement between the doctor and the patient or the family.

Passing incremental legislation often represents the most sensible approach to dealing with poorly crafted or morally problematic pieces of legislation. In the absence of needed votes to overturn harmful legislation altogether, it is still possible to make significant progress in limiting the damage that these laws can do through the patient or family’s request for override of the physician’s order.
ST. JUDE EAGLES TAKE JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER TITLE

Like spring sports across the diocese this year, the junior varsity Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer teams had a rain-shortened experience. But for the second consecutive season, the St. Jude Eagles boys’ club went undefeated in CYO league play and won the CYO title as well. In the tournament, the combined group of fifth-and-sixth graders got by St. Charles 6 and St. Vincent 6 before facing St. Vincent 5 in the championship game. The Eagles beat the very tough Panthers by a score of 3-0.

BISHOP DWENGER GIRLS’ SOFTBALL TAKES SAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bishop Dwenger High School girls’ varsity softball team won the Summit Athletic Conference championship title. The team consists of the following: front row, from left, seniors Erica Miller, Sara Spaulding and Julie Bazur; second row, Emma Winkeljohn, Jordan Schneider, Madi Snyder, Amanda Miller, Sierra Fisher and Holly Weber; back row, Coach Dave Moyer, Kristina Burkhardt, Alli Dennie, Ali Irvine, Demitra Burns, Morgan Haney and Assistant Coach Jeannine Mellish. Assistant Coach Scott Burkhardt is not in the photo.

ST. AUGUSTINE HOSTS BRUNCH, VOLLEYBALL GAME

St. Augustine Parish, South Bend, kicked off Mother’s Day weekend with a 11 a.m. brunch at the church and its first annual parish “Girls vs. Ladies” volleyball game held Saturday, May 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center. The girls of St. Augustine Youth Ministry challenged the women to the volleyball game months ago and did much of the organizing under the guidance of Assistant Youth Minister Annie Tardy. In the first match, the girls’ “Angels” team was swept by the “Senior Spikers” women’s team. The game ended in a tie with the Angels storming back to win the second match.

St. Vincent girls win CYO softball championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent girls’ softball team started working hard before the season even began by recruiting classmates so they would have enough players to fill a roster.

The Panthers listed just 10 names — six eighth graders and four seventh, but it was just the right combination of veterans and rookies to win a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship.

“Our brand new players really stepped up when we needed it most, both during the regular season and in the tournament, and our experienced players were excellent leaders taking them under their wing,” said a joyful Coach Karen Deverell. “The girls really got along well and had great team camaraderie. I can not stress how proud of them I am or be more happy with this special group.”

Deverell, who grew up in Florida playing the sport year round, surrounded herself with a great staff including Laura Lancia, Cory Kitchen, Mark Lapp and Assistant Coach Laura Lancia.

The CYO softball championship winners were the St. Vincent de Paul Panthers of Fort Wayne. The team includes the following, from left to right, front row: Katie Smith (eighth), Tori Cooper (seventh), Meghan Lapp (seventh), Winnie O’Brien (seventh), Brooke Hermann (eighth); middle row, Amy Weibaker (eighth), Amber Lancia (eighth) Katie Owens (eighth), Karsyn Kitchen (eighth), Emily Anglin (seventh), Coach Karen Deverell; and back row: Coach Cory Kitchen, Coach Julie Bennett, Coach Mark Lapp and Coach Laura Lancia.

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Deverell was sure to mention the solid play of backup pitcher and shortstop, Karsyn Kitchen.

“She was always there for me giving strength and leadership to the team,” Deverell said. Also vital to the team chemistry was its traffic director, seventh-grade catcher, Emily Anglin, who had 11 hits, including two doubles, during the post-season run.

After squeaking by Queen of Angels, 5-4, in the opener, the Panthers beat St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth in the semifinals before downing a very tough, young team from St. Charles for the title. This was the first for the Panthers since they won back to back in 2006 and 2007.

The Evansville, Indiana St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is a special work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and its mission is to operate a thrift store to receive and re-sell gently used donated clothing and household goods, according to sound business principles for the benefit of people in need, making no distinction in those served because in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

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‘Big Hearted’ stories inspire families

BY KAY COZAD

“Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories From Everyday Families” by Theresa Thomas and Patti Maguire is the second effort of this dynamic duo to bring remarkable stories of love and generosity from around the country into the light.

“Big Hearted” is a touching text that looks at the lives of ordinary families with generous hearts. The pages provide a glimpse into the struggles and joys of these courageous families that readers will find relatable and encouraging.

Theresa Thomas is the mother of nine children ages 25 to eight and a graduate of Saint Mary’s College. She is a family columnist for Today’s Catholic newspaper. Patti Armstrong is mother of 10, including two adopted teens from Africa and is the author of a number of best-selling Catholic books. Their first collaborative effort, “Stories from the Homeschool Heart” (2010) earned About.com’s “Best Catholic Book” of the year.

Their newest collection of inspiring stories from contributors in Australia and across the U.S., including Kate Coates of Elkhart County, has recently been released from Scepter Publishers in New York and will get people talking about the real life issues that many families face everyday. Readers will gain insight from the stories that involve challenges faced in alcoholism and healing, the struggle of raising a special needs child, grandparents in their final days inspiring their grandchildren in simple ways and much more.

Look for “Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories From Everyday Families” at Amazon.com, Scepter Publishers at scepterpublishers.org and in bookstores.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

Germanfest at St. Peter’s Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will open Germanfest with a German Mass, celebrated by Father Charles Herman. The Mannechor and Dammenchor under the direction of Greg Vey will provide the German Music. After Mass a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverage will be served in the pavilion. The cost is $8 for adults and $5 for children 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free. George Berger and his accordion and dulcimer will provide German music during the dinner.

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Thrift store volunteers needed Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center is opening a Thrift Store at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd. Volunteers are needed to help with the store.

The Germanfest committee will be welcoming more vendors for the event. All of the proceeds will support the mission of serving the community. Call (260) 744-3977 or contact@thefranciscancenter.org for information.

Fun Fest 2013 Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will celebrate Fun Fest May 31 and June 1. On Friday a fish dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m. and a beer tent until 10 p.m. All age karaoke will be from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday family fun is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. BBQ dinner served from 4:30-7 p.m. Beer tent from 6-11 p.m. with the Freak Brothers.

Rummage sale planned Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish Rosary Society will have a rummage sale on Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym at 217 W. 3rd St. Concessions will be available.

Knights plan fish fry Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 7, from 5-7 p.m. 

Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children 12 and under.

Little Flower Holy Hour Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shemwell will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Tom is pastor of St. Jude, Fort Wayne.

Vacation Bible School Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, 319 E. Diamond St., will offer Vacation Bible School, Kingdom Rock, June 3-7. Open to children 4-14 years of age and will be from 6-8 p.m. each day. Call (260) 347-4045 for information.

Father Dan Durkin to celebrate jubilee Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish, 2929 E. Paulding Rd., will celebrate the 40th jubilee of Father Dan Durkin on Sunday, June 2, at a 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception at the St. Henry Parish Center. R.S.V.P. by May 27 to (260) 447-4100 or e-mail revdan-durkin@frontier.com.

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church building followed during the 1950s, although it was not intended to be a permanent location. Discussions took place off and on over the next three decades about building a new church or renovating the current structure. Under Bishop Rhodes those plans have come to fruition.

That was certainly a factor we had to overcome,” said Joel Hoff, co-chairman of the project’s capital campaign. “People’s initial reaction was, ‘You’ve said this before.’

Now, however, concrete has been poured and the walls of an addition to the school stand tall.

Because those previous plans and the long wait for a new or improved church and school building came up frequently when church leadership approached members about the renovations, the project came to be called “Our Time to Build.”

“Now the time has come. It’s our time to pray, and our time to build,” Hoff elaborated. Of great assistance was Father John Delaney, the parish’s shepherd.

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Missio is available for free at the iTunes App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit Little i Apps online at www.littleiapps.com or contact Patrick Leinen, developer and cofounder, at marketing@littleiapps.com or call (574) 307-0853. To learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies visit their website at www.onefamilyinmission.org.

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Missio app launched by Pope Francis has diocesan tie

**BY DIANE FREEBY**

**SOUTH BEND** — With the touch of a button May 17, Pope Francis joined forces with a small mobile app company from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to make history and help spread the Gospel even further in the digital age.

After a few anxious moments, the first-ever papal launch of a mobile app took place as Pope Francis opened Missio, a free app that brings the latest Catholic news and video from around the world to iPhone, iPad and Android mobile devices. Scheduled to happen between 4 and 6 a.m. EST, the two-hour window came and went. Then at 7:09 a.m., the screen flickered to life.

“We were just relieved that everything worked,” grinned Andrew Small, a parishioner at Christ the King in South Bend, says Fr. Andrew Small approached Little i Apps, all of whom were anticipating Friday’s launch. “We had to build this very, very quickly and we were nervous about whether everything would be working, and we’re just thankful that it all worked.”

Leinen, a parishioner at Christ the King in South Bend, says the ancient architecture of the Vatican presented some technological challenges with the app, first blessed by Pope Francis, without a hitch.

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“I think the best feature of this app is the video,” says Kreager. “Catholic News Service and Vatican News videos produce a huge amount of high-quality videos about the Catholic Church all over the world, and especially related to the pope. Unfortunately, the videos were embedded in their mobile-unfriendly websites or buried in YouTube RSS feeds. The Missio app brings some amazing video right to your pocket.”

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Missio app launched by Pope Francis during an audience with national directors of pontifical mission societies May 17 at the Vatican. Holding the iPad for the pope is Oblate Father Andrew Small, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States.

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Missio provides daily news reports and videos from the Vatican’s news service — Vatican.va — and international news agencies, like the Pontifical Mission Societies (FIDES) along with streaming video from Catholic News Service and Vatican News Agency. Users will have the latest global Catholic news at their fingertips along with the ability to share articles and videos on other social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

“The most rewarding part of our work is seeing our clients flourish,” says Kreager. “The Pontifical Mission Societies are a great example. These guys are the real deal — they run thousands of clinics, orphanages and schools all over the world. They are living out the call to preach the Gospel, and they do it through their actions. Even this app is part of their mission. Computers are expensive in developing nations, but smartphones are becoming more common; the app is mindful of this need. The most rewarding part of what we do is getting to be a small part of the great work our clients do.”

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