Zachary Barry consecrated to the Lord’s ministry as deacon

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said as he opened his homily at the Mass of Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate of Zachary Barry. “These words of Jesus are as true today as they were 2,000 years ago. The harvest is still great, still plentiful. There is a great need in the world today and in our diocese for the spread of the Gospel, for the work of evangelization.”

Bishop Rhoades ordained Barry to the order of the diaconate on May 25 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He will minister for a year as a deacon before his ordination to the Priesthood on June 7, 2014. This summer, Deacon Barry will serve at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Plymouth.

“We thank God that Zak has said ‘yes’ to this call, a ‘yes’ to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a minister of God’s Word and an agent of His mercy and love,” Bishop Rhoades said.

“Zak has been called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ and today will be ordained a deacon,” he said. “So many in our diocese have prayed and continue to pray the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Those prayers are answered each time a man is

Fortnight For Freedom planned June 21 through July 4

BY TIM JOHNSON

WASHINGTON — The second annual Fortnight for Freedom will take place from June 21 to July 4, and will consist of national and local efforts to educate Americans on challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad. As with last year’s Fortnight, the event will begin and end with a special Mass. Masses are scheduled in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and nationally.

On Saturday, June 22, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the Fortnight in the diocese with a Mass celebrated at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He will conclude the Fortnight with a Mass, Thursday, July 4, at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. The faithful are also encouraged to participate in Masses and special observances at parishes throughout the diocese.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, will open the 2013 Fortnight for Freedom by celebrating Mass at Baltimore’s historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington will celebrate the closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4 at 12 p.m. “The need for prayer, education and action in defense of religious liberty has never been greater,” explained Archbishop Lori. “The Fortnight for Freedom exists to meet that need. This year’s fortnight occurs just weeks before
Remembering Corpus Christi
with Pope John Paul II

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHODES

Every year, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I am reminded of Blessed John Paul II. The first Mass I served for Pope John Paul II was on the feast of Corpus Christi in Rome where I was a seminary student. It was in the year 1980, the end of my first year of theology. I will never forget that Mass. Before it began, three other seminarians and I were with Pope John Paul in the sacristy of Saint Peter’s Basilica. The Holy Father spoke to us about the Holy Eucharist and the feast of Corpus Christi. He counseled us to make the Eucharist the center of our faith and also of our lives. The Holy Father also spoke to us with apparent nostalgia about the tradition of Corpus Christi processions in Poland.

I watched Pope John Paul prepare for that Mass in the chancel of Saint Peter’s Basilica (several minutes) before putting on his vestments. We then proceeded into Saint Peter’s Square for an outdoor Mass where tens of thousands of people were gathered. At the end of Mass, the Holy Father carried the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in a procession around Saint Peter’s Square. When we returned to the sacristy, the Holy Father said that he would much prefer having the procession through the streets of Rome, like they did in Poland. It was evident that he missed his homeland.

Two years later, while still a seminary student in Rome, but by then an ordained deacon, I had the privilege to again serve Mass for Pope John Paul on the feast of Corpus Christi, this time as a deacon for the Mass. The Mass was celebrated not at Saint Peter’s but outside the cathedral of Rome, in front of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. After the Mass, the Holy Father indeed carried the Blessed Sacrament through the Roman streets, in a Corpus Christi procession from Saint John Lateran to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, about a mile long process. Pope John Paul had brought back a Roman custom that had not taken place for over a hundred years, a custom that he continued throughout his pontificate and which Pope Benedict XVI continued. Pope John Paul wanted the Blessed Sacrament carried into the city, where the people lived, as they did in Poland.

In Krakow (and I imagine throughout Poland), the popular Corpus Christi procession was banned during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Later, the Communists were determined to eradicate this tradition. Prior to the war, in Krakow this great procession honoring the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Christ went from Wawel Cathedral through the streets of the Old Town to the market square. The communists permitted a truncated procession to leave Wawel Cathedral and process around the courtyard of the royal palace, but the procession was forbidden to enter the city. After numerous protests from the archdiocese, the restrictions were eased a bit so that the Corpus Christi procession was permitted, albeit along a shortened route in the city.

During these processions in the 1970’s, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II, preached dynamic sermons in which he spoke of the Eucharist and also about religious freedom and the right to worship. As is well known, the future pope struggled for the building of new churches in the archdiocese of Krakow. He also fought for the restoration of the full Corpus Christi procession.

Every year on this feast of Corpus Christi, I remember the great John Paul II and the Corpus Christi processions in Rome. I remember his words to me about keeping the Holy Eucharist at the center of my daily life and ministry, important advice for all priests.

It is significant that the last encyclical letter written by Pope John Paul II was on the theme of the Holy Eucharist. This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this beautiful encyclical, entitled Ecclesia de Eucharistia. If you have not already read it, I highly recommend this encyclical for your spiritual reading. In it, he wrote the following:

“The Eucharist, as Christ’s saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history. Blessed John Paul II believed this with all his heart. His Eucharistic devotion and piety were an example for us all.

The Eucharist is our most precious possession as Catholics. I encourage your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, especially through its reverent reception and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Near the end of Ecclesia de Eucharistia, we read: “In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love.”

My brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this Sunday, we thank Christ our Lord for this amazing gift. When we receive Holy Communion, we know that we are receiving the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord. When the people of Israel journeyed through the desert during the Exodus, the Lord fed them with manna. As we journey through the desert of this life, the Lord feeds us with living bread, with Himself, the bread of life. We believe Jesus’ promise that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life and He will raise him on the last day.

Every time we receive Holy Communion, it is an intimate and personal encounter with Jesus who gives Himself to us. May the power of this sacrament penetrate our lives! Let us never take for granted the unsurpassable gift and priceless treasure of the Most Holy Eucharist!

Blessed John Paul II, pray for us!
At Roman parish, pope gives children first Communion, catechism lesson

BY FRANCIS X. ROCCA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Visiting an ordinary Rome parish for the first time as the city’s bishop, Pope Francis gave a group of children their first Communion and a catechism lesson on the meaning of the Trinity.

The pope celebrated Mass May 26, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, outside the Church of Sts. Elizabeth and Zechariah, about nine miles north of Vatican City in the Rome suburb of Prima Porta.

Pope Francis arrived at the church by helicopter shortly after 9 a.m. and went inside to hear the Confessions of several people, before celebrating Mass at an altar under a canopy in front of the church. In the rural setting of rolling hills, sheep could be seen grazing in a nearby field.

“We understand reality better not from the center, but from the outskirts,” he told the several thousand people in attendance at the beginning of Mass.

Most of the pope’s short homily was addressed to the children.

“How many gods are there?” he asked. “One? But they told me that there are three: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! How do you explain that?”

“They are three in one, three persons in one,” he said.

“The Father creates everything, he creates the world; Jesus saves us,” the pope said. “And the Holy Spirit? He loves us! How does Jesus give us strength?” he asked. “In Communion.”

“Does a piece of bread give you such strength?” the pope asked. “Is it not really bread? ... It is the body of Jesus.”

Pope Francis later administered first Communion to 16 white-robed children and gave the sacrament to another 28 who had received their first Communion in recent weeks.

During his 26-year pontificate, Pope John Paul II visited 317 of the 333 parishes in Rome. Pope Benedict XVI made such visits much less frequently, typically during Advent and Lent.

Also on May 26, after praying the noon Angelus from the window of his study in the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis addressed the crowd in St. Peter’s Square.

Noting the beatification May 25 of Father Giuseppe Puglisi, who was killed by the Sicilian Mafia in 1993, the pope spoke of the “sufferings of the men and women, and even of children, who are exploited by the different mafias, who exploit them by forcing them into work that makes them slaves, with prostitution, and with many societal pressures.”

“Let us pray to the Lord,” Pope Francis said, “to convert the hearts of these people.”
Sisters recall infamous day

BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — Sister Jane Marie, chair of the Board for the Franciscan Alliance, and Sister Anna Marie, directress of novices, recall fondly the years they worked together at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis. However, one night stands out for these Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration that they will never forget.

It was April 4, 1968 and on the other side of Memphis, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been shot and was being transported to St. Joseph Hospital. King had requested that if anything happened to him that he be taken to a Catholic hospital.

“We were out walking when I was paged. It was a beautiful evening and we were off that night,” remembered Sister Anna Marie. “I ignored the first page because we were enjoying our time off. When I was paged the second time right away I thought something must be going on and we better return to the hospital. We were told when we arrived that King had been shot and was in emergency room,” said Sister Jane Marie.

The hospital was locked down by the FBI to protect King and keep the employees safe. “All eyes were on the hospital. Everyone knew he was there and the news coverage announced he had previously requested to staff the hospital that he be taken to a Catholic hospital. In reality, there was little we could do for him,” Sister Jane Marie said.

King’s staff members were there, along with prominent members of the NAACP that worked with Dr. King. The sisters were allowed to go into King’s room and pray for him. “We wanted to be with him, to give him comfort. We knew it was only a matter of time before he died,” said Sister Anna Marie.

When King died the city prepared for the worst. “The announcement was delayed by several hours. The police wanted to ensure the safety of King’s staff and the other members of the NAACP. The police believed they were potential targets so they needed to get them out of hospital. They were also waiting for extra police because they knew the city could erupt in violence when the news was released of King’s death,” said Sister Jane Marie.

The police were right to prepare. As soon as the news broke that King had died, riots broke out all over Memphis. “We opened our cafeteria and began to make sandwiches for the police. I think we fed every one of them that night. It was good to serve them and we were happy to have them around. It was a scary time,” remembered Sister Anna Marie.

The city would endure more violence in the following days and weeks. A curfew was established and the streets were empty at 7 p.m. each night. “It was so eerie, to see a major city so quiet. It was a difficult time. We had to send notes with all employees since they were coming in and out of the hospital past curfew,” Sister Anna Marie recalled.

Both women believed in the power of King’s message. “When I arrived in Memphis in 1965,” remembered Sister Jane Marie, “it was a real culture shock. I was not prepared for the blatant discrimination, the separate bathrooms, and the way the white people talked about blacks. It was so shocking to me.”

Sister Anna Marie agreed. “When I first started at St. Joseph hospital in 1962 we didn’t even take black patients. I truly had my eyes opened to what real discrimination looked like. I was relieved when we were allowed to serve everyone. King’s mission helped make that happen. He was a powerful man with a message of love.”

Both sisters were honored to meet Dr. King’s widow, Coretta Scott King in 1995. “We wanted to know why she didn’t come to the hospital that night. We thought she was coming to Memphis. She told us she had planned to come, but when they told her King had died she decided to stay home. She explained that there was nothing she could do for him, he was with the Lord, so she thought her place was at home to comfort her children,” said Sister Marie Jane. The sisters enjoyed speaking with her and felt humbled that she shared some time with them. “She was a beautiful woman with such strength,” recalled Sister Anna Marie.

Both sisters recall their time at St. Joseph hospital fondly. “I am glad I was there to serve the poor people of Memphis. It was a challenging time,” said Sister Anna Marie.

Sister Jane Marie agreed saying, “It was a unique time in history and looking back it is hard to believe I was there. Dr. King’s dream for his people was so powerful, his message so strong. I think he knew something would happen to him. His death was a powerful testament to his life. His message remains just as important today.”
H.R. 940 — Why we need a Health Care Conscience Rights Act

The right of religious liberty, the first freedom guaranteed by the Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Especially since 1973, when abortion became legal nationwide, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate their conscience.

But the need to improve current laws is clear, because the right of conscience is still under attack:

• Under the new health care reform law, the federal government is demanding that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and a wide range of drugs and devices to prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Even individuals and organizations with a religious objection to abortion, sterilization or other procedures are forced to take part.

• A Catholic agency that for years had provided excellent service lost its federal grant to serve the victims of human trafficking, because it could not, in conscience, comply with a new requirement to facilitate abortions.

• In some states, government hospitals are required to allow abortions or provide abortion coverage in order to continue or expand their mission.

This is why Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) and over 100 other members of Congress of both parties are sponsoring the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940). The Act would improve federal law in three ways:

1. Correcting loopholes and other deficiencies in the major federal law preventing governmental discrimination against health care providers that do not help provide or pay for abortions.

2. Inserting a conscience clause into the health care reform law, so its mandates for particular “benefits” in private health plans will not be used to force insurers, employers and individuals to violate their consciences or give up their health insurance.

3. Add a “private right of action” to existing federal conscience laws, so those whose consciences are being violated can go to court to defend their rights. (Current enforcement is chiefly at the discretion of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is itself sponsoring some attacks on conscience rights.)

All House and Senate members should be urged to support and cosponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, so the First Freedom can regain its proper place as a fundamental right protected in our health care system.

For more details, see: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,

From Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened, give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every terrorist, every tyrant and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christians in Egypt: Solidarity or suffering?

In early January 2012, at Midnight Mass celebrating the birth of Christ, the Coptic Catholic church in Luxor, Egypt, was surrounded by Muslims. These Muslims were not there to attack the worshippers, but rather to protect them. Muslims formed a cordon of security around the church. Some even took part in the service to visibly demonstrate their solidarity with Christians.

Bishop Johannes Zakaria, the Coptic Catholic Bishop of Luxor, was moved to say, “I was able to witness in person how ordinary Muslims — just normal people who live around us — embraced our community. ... These brethren of ours have rejected violence; have asserted that terrorism is not true Islam.”

While this expression of solidarity and support was much appreciated, unfortunately Christians in Egypt frequently face discrimination, attacks, bombings and killings at the hands of extremists intent on taking advantage of current political instability to promote an agenda of intolerance for any religion except Islam.

Coptic Christians make up about 10 percent of Egypt’s 86 million people. Of that number, the vast majority are Coptic Orthodox. Coptic Catholics number about 250,000. Under President Hosni Mubarak, Christians needed special permission to build or repair their churches. They were discriminated against in employment, particularly for high-level positions in the government and military. Worse yet, vandalism and violent attacks against Christian communities and businesses, some resulting in deaths, usually went unpunished.

Both Christians and Muslims joined together in Tahrir Square to help bring down the Mubarak government. In light of this fact, many Christians thought life would improve and that they would be able to participate more equally in Egyptian society. Instead, conditions have worsened. Extremists have taken advantage of instability.

Churches in Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor and other parts of the country have been bombed, and the level of violence directed against Christians has increased. For example, in October 2011, a peaceful protest by Christians about lack of police response to attacks on two churches in southern Egypt that left 12 dead and over 200 injured was met by Army tanks and guns that killed at least 17 protesters.

Egypt now has its first democratically elected president, but Christians wonder if the human rights of all, including religious minorities, will be respected. Many question provisions in the new Constitution that may undermine their rights.

Countless Egyptian Christians have fled Egypt since March 2011 with some 100,000 coming to the U.S. alone. But the vast majority of Christians remain in Egypt despite the uncertainty of what lies ahead. They and their leaders are working with Muslims of good will to build an inclusive society respectful of the human rights of all.
Pope Francis to visit birthplace of his namesake on saint’s feast day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will visit the birthplace of his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, on the saint’s feast day, Oct. 4. The Vatican confirmed the trip May 22. Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said he was thrilled about the visit and that it was “a great sign” on the pope’s birthday and consideration. “It could be no other way,” he said, than a trip to Assisi “for someone who took the name of Francis.” Vatican Radio that Pope Francis has never been to the small city in central Italy and that the pope “intends to have a very comprehensive visit that lets him walk in the footsteps of St. Francis, along his spiritual path, the path of his conversion.” Just a few days after his March 13 election, Pope Francis told Italian pilgrims during his Sunday Angelus address that choosing St. Francis as his papal name “reinforces my spiritual tie with this land, where — as you know — my family origins lie.” St. Francis is the patron saint of Italy, and the pope’s maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Italy and later emigrated to Argentina. Pope Francis has said that he chose his name because St. Francis of Assisi was so devoted to the poor, a virtue he wanted to be reminded of throughout his papacy.

Judiciary Committee approval moves immigration bill on to full Senate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Advocates for comprehensive immigration reform expressed optimism and hope for a law to pass this summer after the Senate Judiciary Committee May 21 finished wading through 300 proposed amendments — accepting about a quarter of them — to a massive bill on to the full Senate. Comments lauding the committee’s effort came from faith groups, young adults who would benefit from the DREAM Act, which is included in the bill, and even from a Catholic bishop in Ireland. A statement from the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Migration May 23 lauded the bill’s progress and encouraged legislators to broaden the potential number of participants in its legal provisions and to rethink those that would eliminate some categories of family reunification immigration. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles said the bishops and their staff had been advocating to change the eligibility cutoff dates and make other changes that will allow more people to participate. “To leave a large population behind would defeat the purpose of the bill, which is to bring persons into the light so they can become full members of our communities,” he said in a statement.

Bipartisan tribute on Hill celebrates Father Hesburgh’s life, ministry

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Testimonials rained down upon Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, the retired president of the University of Notre Dame, during a bipartisan congressional tribute in the U.S. Capitol as the priest neared his 96th birthday and the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The May 22 reception, three days before the priest’s birthday, included Vice President Joe Biden, House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., both of Indiana’s senators, and former U.S. Ambassador to India Tim Roemer, a Notre Dame alumnus. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who issued invitations to the reception, could not attend because of various appointments, according to Pelosi. About one-fourth of those at the reception applauded when Pelosi asked who had graduated from Notre Dame, although by the sentinents expressed later on, everyone felt a kinship with the Fighting Irish. “In 1972 I ran for public office as a 29-year-old kid because of your passion for civil rights,” Biden told Father Hesburgh, who uses a walker to aid his movement. “You’re one of the reasons I’ve been so proud to be a Catholic.”

Court to hear case on constitutionality of prayers at public meetings

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court in the fall will hear oral arguments in a case from upstate New York about the practice of praying at open public meetings. One of the questions the high court may consider is what steps a municipality should take to ensure the religious diversity of prayers offered at such meetings. The court announced May 20 that it would hear the case Greece, N.Y., v. Galloway, Susan, et al., a dispute that dates back to 2008. It centers on the constitutionality of prayers at the beginning of town board meetings in Greece, a suburb of Rochester. According to background on the case filed by attorneys representing the Town of Greece, public prayer has been offered at town board meetings since 1999 by Greece clergy members who were invited by the town based on lists published by the Greece Chamber of Commerce and by a local newspaper. The houses of worship located in Greece are predominantly Christian. As a result, a majority of the invocations offered from 1999 to 2010 contained Christian references, according to Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a nonpartisan, nonsectarian group that is representing plaintiffs Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens, who are Greece residents. “A town council meeting isn’t a church service, and it shouldn’t seem like one,” said a statement from the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United. “Government can’t serve everyone in the community when it endorses one faith over others. That sends the clear message that some are second-class citizens based on what they believe about religion.”

Tornadoes exact deadly toll; region needs ‘a lot of prayers right now’

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — Even after the initial death toll was cut by more than half, the human and material devastation of a string of tornadoes that buffeted areas of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City May 19-20 was incalculable. “Our first concern is for the victims who have lost their lives or loved ones and suffered injury or loss of property,” said a May 21 statement by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City. “We are moved by the efforts of the first responders who have put their own lives on hold to help in this time of need. We owe them a debt of gratitude and assure them of our prayers,” Archbishop Coakley said. St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Moore, an Oklahoma City suburb that bore the brunt of the EF-5 tornado that struck mid-afternoon May 20, was spared, although it had lost its telephone service in the wake of the twister. Archbishop Coakley told Catholic News Service in a May 21 telephone interview he was planning to visit the site at the conclusion of the interview, adding the church had also lost power and water.

Struggle for power in Church is sin, pope says at Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Careerism and a drive to seek power in the Church are sins as old as the Church itself, Pope Francis told a group of employees from Vatican Radio and from the Vatican’s office for pilgrims and tourists. Commenting on the day’s Gospel passage — Mark 9:30-37 — the pope said that while Jesus is talking about his upcoming passion and death, the disciples are arguing over who is the greatest among them. “The struggle for power in the Church isn’t something recent,” Pope Francis said in his homily at the Mass May 21 in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae. Such struggles “should not exist,” because Jesus’ whole life and death teach His followers that greatness is measured by humility and service. “He lowered Himself to the point of death, death on a cross, for us, to serve us,” he said, adding, “If the pope said, ‘In the Church, there is no other path for moving forward.’”

Woman weeps after finding box of photographs

Kelli Kannady weeps after finding a box of photographs of her late husband May 21 in the rubble of her home that was destroyed by a massive tornado in Moore, Okla. The city of Moore was the epicenter of an EF5 tornado the previous day that decimated neighborhoods in the Oklahoma City area, leaving a 20-mile path of death and destruction.
FORT WAYNE — The diocesan Office of Worship will be hosting “Mornings of Reflection” at the following times and locations:
- Fort Wayne area: Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 East Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825.
- South Bend area: Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at St. Monica Church, 222 West Mishawaka Ave., Mishawaka, Ind. 46545.

These events can serve as an annual retreat for diocesan extraordinary ministers and lectors, although anybody is welcome to attend. However, pre-registration is necessary. The registration form is available online at the diocesan website: www.diocesefw.org/diocesan-offices/worship-office/trainings-retreats/

Sister Kessens to celebrate golden anniversary at St. Peter Church

FORT WAYNE — Sister Miriam Thomas Kessens, will celebrate 50 years of professed life as a School Sister of Notre Dame and will renew her vows at St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne on Saturday, June 1, at the 4 p.m. Mass. She is the daughter of the late Robert W. and Ann E. Kessens; sister of Gerard R. and Thomas P. Kessens; and sister of the late Rosanne Kessens, Mary Agnes Zoeller and Phillip J. Kessens. Sister Miriam Thomas received her elementary education at St. Peter School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1960. She earned a bachelor’s degree with a major in biology from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, and a master’s degree with a major in education from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. Sister Miriam Thomas ministered as an educator for 20 years at elementary and secondary schools in Michigan and Wisconsin. Upon leaving teaching, she served as a staff member at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Wisconsin and as a volunteer in multiple ministries. In retirement, she continues to serve by volunteering, and through prayer and presence.

Redeemer Radio’s Sharathon called a ‘wonderful success’

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 and 89.9 FM raised $227,234 during its semi-annual Sharathon event May 1-3. During the three-day, 36-hour event, the station received 1,459 pledges from individuals and businesses via phone, mail, email and even walk-ins to the station.

The Sharathon raises money for operating expenses of the listener-supported station that serves the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the Diocese of Toledo. The event was anchored from the Fort Wayne studios by the founder of “Catholic Answers Live,” Jerry Usher.

The “Mary, Model of Faith” Spring Sharathon experienced a record number of volunteers and visitors. Over 400 volunteers assisted the station during the three-day period with prayers, on-air guests, food preparation, phone bank and much more. On-air guests included 29 priests, two bishops (Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and Bishop Leonard P. Blair from the Toledo diocese), four deacons, 10 brothers and five sisters.

Executive Director Dave Stevens stated: “Sharathon is a wonderful testament of the Catholic Community. We are joined together with listeners, priests, deacons, religious and donors from all over northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio as we bring this event to air. Every year we are blessed and humbled by our listeners’ response and commitment to Sharathon, radio and the community.”

While raising money, Sharathon gives area parishes and apostolates a chance to shine and share their stories of why Redeemer Radio and the Catholic faith are important to them and their community. The 36 hours of live coverage featured various parishes and apostolates located in the Redeemer Radio listening area. Some new hours added to the Sharathon this spring was the newly-formed Catholic Physicians Guild, and a chaplain hour with two of the area’s chaplains.

Some of those highlighted included: Women’s Care Center, Allen County Right to Life, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish with Father Jim Shafer, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish with Msgr. Robert Schulte, Franciscan Brothers Minor, St. Anthony of Padua Parish with Conventual Father Fred Paschke, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, St. Michael and St. Mary parishes with Father Dave Cirata, St. Jude Parish with Father Tom Shoemaker and St. Charles Borromeo Parish with Msgr. John Suelzer.

The next Sharathon for Redeemer Radio is set for the fall on Oct. 23-25.

New college trustees and officers elected at Ancilla College

DONALDSON — The Ancilla College Board of Trustees met May 20 and elected new officers.

Board Chairman John Chandler and Vice Chairman Larry Faulstich are both stepping down after serving a decade in different leadership roles. Sister Annemarie Kampwerth is also stepping down from her role on the board to serve a six-year term as vicarress on the general leadership in Germany for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC), the order that founded and sponsors the college.

Francis Ellert of Culver was elected as chairman of the board. Suzanne Light of Warsaw was elected as secretary and Charles Weaver of Knox was elected as vice-chairman of the board. Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters Nora Hahn and Marlene Ann Lama, were elected to serve three-year terms on the board, while Sister Margaret Ann Henss was re-elected to a second three-year term.

College President Ron May announced his retirement, which becomes effective in June 2014. May, who became president in 2006, was asked to extend his contract for an additional year last May.

“It has been my very great honor to have served as president of Ancilla College since 2006. Much has been accomplished during these past few years. Much remains to be done as we continue to take steps to improve the programs and services offered to students of Ancilla College and to the community at large,” May said following the meeting.

“I am deeply grateful to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the Board of Trustees and to the faculty and staff of the college for entrusting me with this leadership role,” President May said.

Ancilla faculty member Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sister Dr. Judith Diltz will step down as a full-time associate professor in humanities to serve her new role as provincial of the American Province of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Retiring this year are Dr. John Fogl after 16 years with the college, Jane Yochum after 11 years, and Dan Ligocki after several years as an adjunct and full-time instructor.

The trustees also approved a budget, calendar and changes to college policies for 2014, and heard reports outlining improvements in enrollment, fundraising and college activities.

Ancilla College, located just outside of Plymouth, was founded in 1937 by the PHJC and is Indiana’s only private, associate’s degree, liberal arts junior college.

Theologian Father Daley receives Quasem Medal from Catholic University

NOTRE DAME — Jesuit Father Brian E. Daley, Catherine F. Huisking Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, received the Johannes Quasem Medal of Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership in Religious Studies from Catholic University’s School of Theology and Religious Studies on May 2.

Father Daley is the 26th theologian to receive the Quasem Medal since the award was established in 1985. The Quasem Medal recognizes professors of religious studies and German native who taught and studied at Catholic University from 1938 to 1979.

In announcing Father Daley’s honor, Father Mark Morozowich, dean of theology and religious studies at Catholic University, said that this erudite scholarship witnesses to the importance of patristic study and its influence in theology today, and his many contributions shine as a bright example.

“I was deeply honored and delighted to receive this award from the Catholic University School of Theology,” Father Daley said.

“Johannes Quasem was one of the pioneers in the study of the Church Fathers in North America. His encyclopedic handbook of patrology helped me, in my freshman year as an undergraduate at Fordham, to become familiar with the voices from the early Christian centuries who, still focus our minds on the mystery of Christ. I’m also thrilled to be listed among previous recipients of the award, including some of the great names associated with our program here at Notre Dame, like Louis M. Brink, Robert Mer, and my colleague Father Virgil Elizondo.”

This really is a recognition for Notre Dame’s whole theology department and for the kind of work we do!”
Father Hesburgh celebrates 70 years of ordination to the Priesthood

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh celebrates his 70th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood on June 24, 1943. Father Hesburgh attended Notre Dame from 1934 to 1937 and studied theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1939.

After Ordination to the Priesthood in 1943, though he wanted to become a Navy chaplain, Father Hesburgh went on to continue his formation education earning a doctorate in sacred theology from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1945.

In 1945 he returned to Notre Dame and was able to assist the returning veterans as the religion instructor and chaplain of World War II veterans and married veterans living in Vetville at Notre Dame. He then became rector of Farley Hall and chairman of the religion department in 1948 and was named executive vice president in 1949. He became the university’s 15th president in 1952 at the age of 35, a position he held for 35 years — the longest serving president of Notre Dame.

His commitment to stand by others led Father Hesburgh to serve on the Civil Rights Commission — one of 16 presidential appointments — and he is seen as a principal proponent of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Father Hesburgh worked with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in advancing the cause of integration in the United States. For his role in the civil rights movement, Father Hesburgh was awarded the Medal of Freedom in 1964 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999. He also was given the inaugural Gerald R. Ford Award for leadership in intercollegiate athletics by the NCAA in 2004.

In his assignment as president of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh brought that same dedication to equity by increasing financial aid for students and opening the university to female students in 1972.

In 2006, Father Hesburgh was given the Sacramen Award, and in 2010, he was one of 100 recipients of a Centennial Medal from Catholic Charities USA.

Father Hesburgh has received several papal appointments and founded the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame with philanthropist Joan Kroc.

On April 17, 2013 at the age of 95, Father Hesburgh’s long-time dream of becoming Navy chaplain finally became a reality. Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd, chief of Navy chaplains, declared Father Hesburgh an honorary Navy chaplain at a ceremony at Notre Dame.

He has the distinction of having received 150 honorary degrees, a Guinness World Record.

Father Hesburgh resides at Holy Cross House in Notre Dame, and continues to work daily in his office in the 13th floor of the Library on the campus of Notre Dame. He also finds time to fish, his favorite pastime.

A Jubilee Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame for Father Hesburgh and 22 other Holy Cross religious celebrating jubilees on May 24.

Holy Cross Father Leonard Banas celebrates 60 years in Priesthood

NOTRE DAME — Born to Julia and Stanley Banas as the fifth of seven children, Leonard Banas was raised in Chicago. His formative years were spent in St. James Parish, Hanson Park, where he first felt called to the Priesthood. The deep faith of his parents, siblings, parish priests and the Felician Sisters greatly influenced him.

After grade school, he enrolled at Holy Trinity High School where he first encountered the Congregation of Holy Cross, who influenced his entering Holy Cross Seminary after graduation in 1944. As Notre Dame adhered to an accelerated wartime schedule, he began classes almost immediately. Since the Old College program did not yet exist, Father Banas resided at the minor seminary and did his best to simultaneously follow a university and minor seminary schedule.

The novitiate at Rolling Prairie proved unlike anything he had ever experienced — silence, recollection, study and work on a farm. The ensuing years at Moreau Seminary coincided with the dawning of a new era in the Church. Notre Dame and the seminary came alive with discussion and study groups exploring the new movements in the Church, namely, the Liturgical, Catholic Action and Christian Family movements.

After graduating and pronouncing final vows, Father Banas was invited to continue his studies in Rome, where Holy Cross Father Edward Heston, a religious superior, advocated rigorous study habits as well as serious spiritual development. Father Banas resided in a villa on Via Aldrovandi, near the Villa Borghese, a 30-minute walk from Gregorian University where he was enrolled.

On Dec. 20, 1952, in the church of San Marcello, Father Banas was ordained into the Priesthood, with his mother as witness.

The following spring, he completed his theological studies and was awarded licentiate in sacred theology. In preparation for teaching classics, he remained in Rome another year, studying classical antiquities at the University of Rome, while serving as resident chaplain for the Holy Cross Brothers at Notre Dame High School.

Upon returning to the United States, Father Banas taught classical languages and literature in the seminary and at the University of Notre Dame and held various administrative positions at the university and within the religious community. Apart from his three-year stint at Princeton, he resided at Notre Dame most of his priestly life.

Parish ministry has always been and will be important to Father Banas. Although he assisted at numerous churches in the Michiana area, he has concentrated most recently on four parishes in Elkhart County, especially on St. Thomas the Apostle Church, where he has served for more than 25 years. Father Bill Sullivan, a good friend, once referred to Father Banas as “the pastor of Elkhart County.”

Father Banas says of his priestly life, “These have been gratifying years and the Lord has blessed me abundantly. For this I am grateful and cannot thank the Lord enough. Looking back at all whose lives have touched my own — my family, fellow religious, friends and acquaintances — I pray a special blessing upon them for their many acts of kindness and conclude with the words of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin ‘One by one, Lord, I see and I love all those whom you have given me to sustain and charm my life.’”
Father Ruetz to celebrate golden jubilee of ordination in October

BY VINCE LABARBERA

SOUTH BEND — Father Edward J. Ruetz will celebrate the golden jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood this coming October at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., with a few classmates.

“There were 28 in the class,” he recalled, “Some 14 have left active ministry, five or six are deceased and eight of us stayed active in the Priesthood.”

To say that Father Ruetz is active is an understatement. At the age of 87, he’s still learning, celebrating Mass at least four times a week, attending meetings, serving on boards and working on his second book, to name but a few interests.

Five years after his birth in Rhome, Wis., on Oct. 14, 1925, the family moved to South Bend. He attended St. Joseph School and Central Catholic High School, and earned a bachelor of business degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1947. After working at two businesses in South Bend for five years and serving two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he earned a master’s degree in social work from Loyola University, Chicago.

Father Ruetz attended St. Mary College, Louisville, Ky., and Catholic University studying theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 23, 1962, at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, by Bishop Leo A. Pursley.

“The ordinations were moved up by the bishop to December because he thought the second session of Vatican II would occur in the spring,” Father Ruetz added.

His first priestly assignment was at St. Monica Church, Mishawaka, for two years followed by five years at St. Mary Church, Fort Wayne, and eight years at St. Mary Church, Fort Wayne, all as associate pastor. He then spent five years as a lay teacher at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, as a sociology instructor and chaplain, and served 15 years as a pastoral care chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka.

In 1988, Father Ruetz was one of seven founding members of an ecological community titled, Earthworks, Inc., in Donaldson, Indiana. He has worked as a member of the Capuchin Friars of the Sacred Heart and served as a team member with the Beginning Creation Experience Committee in South Bend. He is a member of Michiana Call-to-Action, Moontree Lodge, and active in the community with Handmaids of the Most Holy Trinity, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph, his priest support group and his CCHS Class of 1943 reunion group. Also, he’s involved in social justice issues, such as universal healthcare, concern for the world’s poor and hungry and preservation of the planet through wise stewardship.

Reflecting on more than 50 years of his priesthood, he said, “What stands out are the people. I’ve learned so much from the people I’ve served. I’ve always looked at my priesthood as my ‘being a servant to the servants of God,’ to borrow from what Pope John XXIII said of his papacy.”

In addition, he cites both the living and deceased members of his family who energized him in his priestly ministry, including his parents, four sisters and six brothers.

Capuchin Father Ronald Rieder celebrates 50 years of Priesthood

HUNTINGTON — Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington celebrated the 50th anniversary of priesthood of Capuchin Father Ronald Rieder in a big way on April 21, 50 years to the day of his first Mass. Family and friends from across the country, and Huntington dignitaries including the mayor, came to honor the priesthood of a man who has immersed himself into his parish and community.

Father Rieder, a native of St. Cloud, Minn., has known he wanted to be a priest since he was in second grade. He attended the Benedictine St. John’s College in Minnesota. His bishop feared he would want to enter the Benedictine order and sent young Ron Rieder to Mount Calvary Seminary in Wisconsin, which was run by the Capuchins.

“I felt this tremendous longing to join the Capuchins,” Father Rieder told Today’s Catholic. He said the transfer of his studies to Mount Calvary and the decision to join the Capuchins was a moment “of Divine intersection.”

His first duties after ordination were administrative. As personnel director, he assigned himself to a parish in St. Paul, Minn., but was later called to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit to be the superior of the Capuchins. In 1977, he became pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Hazel Park, Mich.

But alcohol and prescription drugs took a toll on Father Rieder. He was sent to the Guest House for treatment.

He calls those days a time of “Divine intersection” as well, “a second life experience. It put me back together spiritually and emotionally.” And through his experience, Father Rieder has been able to support and counsel many people in the community dealing with alcohol and drug dependencies for 32 years.

In 1984, the call came for Father Rieder to be the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington. Although reluctant to take the Huntington assignment at first, he found Huntington and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to suit him quite well. He has been the pastor of the parish, one of the oldest in the diocese, for 29 years. Although he is a religious order priest, he feels very accepted by the diocesan priests and bishops. Father Rieder calls himself a “hybrid” priest. He has the best of both worlds — a connection with his Capuchin community and to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Father Rieder has also served on many civic boards, worked as a chaplain with the fire and police departments and was the Chief of Flint Springs award winner one year during Huntington’s Heritage Days. He feels the people of Huntington, Catholic and non-Catholic, have a deep respect for the Office of the Priesthood and the Office of Bishop.

Father Rieder is especially pleased and grateful to John Tippmann for the renovation of St. Felix Catholic Center, which was once a Capuchin monastery in Huntington and the home of Venerable Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin priest whose saint-hood cause has been opened by the Church. Father Rieder, as a novice, played the organ at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit during his last year of life, would sing, “The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist use St. Felix as a facility for training postulants. Father Rieder and Father John Pfister celebrate Masses for the sisters, who also attend Masses at the two parishes in Huntington. The St. Felix Catholic Center is also used for retreats and dinners.

Catholic writer and speaker Matthew Kelly has also impacted Father Rieder’s life. They formed a close relationship 13 years ago. Father Rieder has assisted Kelly with retreats across the country and globe, travelled to Europe with retreat groups and celebrated Kelly’s wedding Mass. He calls Kelly one of the greatest Catholic writers who influences and captures the genius of Catholicism.

Father Rieder said, “Matthew is like a son.” At 78, Father Rieder has no plans for retirement and hopes to continue his ministry service as long as his health holds out.
ordained and sent out by Jesus, through the bishop, to be a teacher of the faith, a herald of hope, and a minister of charity in our diocese.

“Zak will help countless people in their search for truth and meaning and joy in the journey of life as he points them to Jesus, the way, the truth and the life,” Bishop Rhoades added. “Like Jesus, Zak will proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom and he will lead others to encounter the living God, His healing and His merciful love.”

“How beautiful it is today to witness Zack’s promises that express the dedication of his life completely to the work of the Lord, the mission of redemption, the ministry of service as a worker for His harvest,” Bishop Rhoades commented.

“Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, Zak will receive new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit,” the bishop said. “As a deacon, he will help me and our priests as a minister of the Word, of the altar and of charity. Like the deacon Philip in the Acts of the Apostles, he will instruct people in the Word of God and will baptize.”

Bishop Rhoades spoke about Pope Francis’ words on Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the Good News of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ,” the pope said.

Bishop Rhoades added that the pope said, “it is the Paraclete Spirit, the Comforter, who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world, bringing the Gospel. The Holy Spirit makes us look to the horizon and drives us to the very outskirts of existence in order to proclaim life in Jesus Christ.”

“Zak, you will be ordained, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, to do what the Holy Father is asking of the whole Church: and especially as a deacon and later a priest of the Church: to be committed to the New Evangelization,” Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades encouraged Barry to make prayer a priority and invited him to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to guide him every day of his ministry.

The Rite of Ordination itself is rich with meaning and symbolism. After the chanting of the Gospel, came the Election of the Candidate, whereby the candidate is formally chosen for ordination and becomes referred to as the elect. The candidate was presented to the bishop by Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, and diocesan vocation director. Monsignor Galic testified to his worthiness, after which Bishop Rhoades formally accepted Barry to be ordained as deacon.

After the homily, the elect declared his intention to assume the responsibility of the Office of Deacon, and promised obedience and respect to Bishop Rhoades and his successors. During the Litany of Supplication, the candidate laid prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception while the intercession of the Saints and Angels was invoked.

After the litany, Bishop Rhoades laid his hands on the head of the elect in accordance with the apostolic tradition. Then, with the elect kneeling and with hands outstretched, Bishop Rhoades solemnly recited the Prayer of Ordination.

The newly ordained was then invested with the stole and dalmatic — the proper liturgical attire of the deaconate. He was also handed the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing the task of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.

Bishop Rhoades then bestowed the traditional liturgical gesture known as the fraternal kiss of peace, and thereby welcomed the newly deacon into their ministry. The other deacons present also welcomed the newly ordained.

At the closing of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades gave thanks to all who had a hand in making the day so meaningful. Bishop Rhoades then turned to Deacon Barry and teased him amid the laughter from the congregation about what he would call him — Deacon Zachary or Deacon Zak — before thanking him for his compassion for all people and his dedication to prayer.

Following the Mass, the Barry family and their friends gathered to congratulate their son on the steps of the cathedral. Vince and Becky, the newly ordained Deacon Barry’s parents, agreed that this day was filled with excitement and special meaning. “It’s becoming more real,” remarked Vince, adding that it was a blessing to be present in the cathedral for this extraordinary day. “I want to be present and allow God’s will to take shape,” he said.

Mom Becky said, “I’m excited. This is a real blessing. It’s hard to believe it’s here.”

“I’m really excited, really proud and happy he’s found his vocation,” added sister Victoria.

Deacon Barry’s sister Miriam said, “I’m excited to be here and happy for Zak.”

Vince’s mother, Kathy Barry, who is Deacon Barry’s grandmother, said the Mass was “awesome!” and added, “It’s thrilling to be the grandmother and see my grandson!”

When asked how he felt about his ordination into the diaconate, Deacon Barry simply said, “Blessed.”

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Kay Cozad contributed to this story.
Deacon Zachary Barry is vested with the diaconal stole and dalmatic by Deacon Christopher Lapp, who will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 1.

Deacon Zachary Barry is handed the Book of the Gospels by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Deacon Zachary Barry promises obedience and respect to the bishop and his successors during the Promise of the Elect.

Members of the Barry family present the Offertory gifts to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The Barry family prays during the Litany of Supplication.
Fifty Years

Father Sarrazine finds joy in golden jubilee

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Father Kenneth Sarrazine, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, celebrates 50 years of priesthood this year. And though he considers himself an ordinary man he has found extraordinary joy in his priestly ministry.

“It’s a great way of life,” he says, “It’s an opportunity to serve God in the Mass and the sacraments and be available to be in the service of God’s sons and daughters.”

Father Sarrazine, the oldest of 10 children of Norman and Florence, heard a vocation whisper in sixth grade but it was not until the eighth grade that he was interested in the Priesthood. With his immediate support he found himself on a bus with a number of other perspective seminarians heading to Our Lady of the Lake Seminary in Syracuse, which he entered that fall for his freshman year of high school. During high school and Mount St. Mary’s in Norwood, Ohio, Father Sarrazine completed 12 years of seminary studies and was ordained on Dec. 22, 1962 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Due to the convening of the Second Vatican Council, which Bishop Pursley was to attend, Father Sarrazine’s class was ordained in 1962 after which they returned to the seminary to complete their final semester in 1963. Throughout his studies he says, “I never had any doubts about it,” giving credit to the encouragement of a good friend in seminary and the Crozier priests there.

Of his assignments as associate pastor and pastor, including St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, St. Henry, St. Jude, South Bend, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, the cathedral, St. Martin de Porres, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, Father Sarrazine says he can’t distinguish a favorite, “I like all the places,” he admits, adding that he found fulfillment in participating in RCIA programs, and visiting shut-ins and those that were hospitalized wherever he was assigned.

Upon the celebration of his 75th birthday in 2012, Father Sarrazine retired from pastoral administrative duties and moved from Roanoke to Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne, where he feels he is a good fit. And like all of his priestly assignments, Father Sarrazine moved there with “the expectation of liking it — and I do!” he says.

He continues his ministry to God’s people even in retirement by assisting Father Jack Overmyer, chaplain at Saint Anne Home, and encouraging the residents there. “My role, I think, is to help people through the adjustment (of moving there).” He listens to them and encourages and helps them realize they are home already. “He feels it is a privilege to be at Saint Anne Home.

Though Father Sarrazine comes from a “simple farm background,” he sees the wonder in his vocation. “I find it a gift from God who takes an ordinary man like me to come into the world (to serve).” He has found meaning in the last 50 years in “contact with other people and meeting their needs” and in the Mass and sacraments.

FORT WAYNE — Father Daniel Durkin, an affable priest with an engaging sense of humor, grew up in a Catholic family in Decatur with a long history of devotion to the Church. His mother Velma was a teacher at St. Joseph School there and his father Gerald had spent some time in the seminary in earlier years. His brother Pat became a priest as did an uncle and several cousins. In his family the idea of entering the Priesthood was “not that strange a deal,” he says, and he eagerly began his own journey after eighth grade when he entered St. Mary of the Lake Prep School at Syracuse. He continued seminary studies at St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati and Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio.

Father Durkin was ordained at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne by Bishop Leo A. Pursley on May 26, 1973.

The young priest assisted at parishes in South Bend in his early years, then received his first pastoral assignment at St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, and Nix Settlement, where he stayed for 12 years. “I enjoyed that very much,” he notes with enthusiasm. “They weren’t lacking for any sacramental activity.”

He also reminisces fondly about his 12 years at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla, where his administrative skills were needed to keep the elementary school he loved up and running as long as possible.

Then in 2006, Father Durkin was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish and St. Henry Parish on Fort Wayne’s south side, where parishioners’ needs presented a different set of challenges. “Every parish required something new of me,” he says. “I grew on the job.”

Later, Sacred Heart was established as the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Latin Mass Community and Father Durkin was assigned exclusively to St. Henry Parish.

Today he oversees that active parish and spends a great deal of time ministering to senior citizens. “I do what I can in that area,” he says, including offering Mass for Catholics at Lutheran Life Villages, visiting the Lamplight facility downtown and checking on those in area hospitals and nursing homes. He is also responsible for maintaining the former Benoit Academy on St. Henry’s grounds for use by the Head Start program.

Father Durkin feels a keen sense of responsibility, not only for Catholics, but for everyone who lives on the south side. “We know what needs to be done,” he points out, because the Lord told us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. And he is determined to do God’s work wherever he finds himself.

St. Henry Parish will celebrate Father Durkin’s 40th jubilee on Sunday, June 2, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and afterwards at a dinner in the parish hall. Friends, family and former parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy the festivities as well.
Holy Cross Father Pearson observing 40th anniversary of ordination

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Holy Cross Father John H. Pearson will celebrate his 40th jubilee as a priest in September when Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presides at the Jubilarian Mass in Fort Wayne.

“Actually, our community only marks 25th and 50th jubilees,” he said, “but it’s an honor to be able to celebrate my 40th with the diocesan priests. I’ve spent most of my priestly life working in this diocese.”

Born Jan. 7, 1945, the son of the late Jack and Violet Pearson, he attended elementary school at St. Cajetan Parish, located on Chicago’s south side. His high-school education was at Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame, from which he graduated in 1963.

Father Pearson made his novitiate in the Congregation of Holy Cross at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Jordan, Minn., from Aug. 15, 1963, to Aug. 16, 1964, when he made his first profession in the Congregation of Holy Cross. From September of 1964 to June of 1968 he completed undergraduate work as a seminarian at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, graduating magna cum laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at graduation.

He also studied theology at Moreau Seminary and the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a master of theology degree in May 1971.

That fall he was sent to St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, and while serving there he was ordained a transitional deacon in April 1973. He was ordained to the Priesthood on Sept. 15, 1973, by Holy Cross Archbishop Lawrence Graner, former archbishop of Dhaka in what now is Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan.

“I have fond memories of (this) holy man who spent most of his life as a missionary,” he added.

“I celebrated my first Mass on Sept. 16, 1973, at St. Joseph and stayed there as associate pastor until July, 1975, when I was transferred to Little Flower Parish, South Bend, as associate pastor,” Father Pearson said.

“In the summer of 1982, the congregation agreed to permit me to study law at the University of California, Berkeley, with the idea of my ultimately teaching at Notre Dame,” he said. “After I received my law degree, I served one year as a law clerk in Birmingham, Ala., in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. I clerked for the late Judge Robert S. Vance, who was a very strong influence on my life,” he said.

At the end of that one-year period, for the next nearly four years Father Pearson served as a lawyer at the firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher in Los Angeles for further training before returning to Notre Dame in 1990 where he taught in the university’s law school for 15 years.

During that time, Father Pearson also served as the chaplain to the 600 graduate student residents at Fisher, O’Hara-Grace apartments at Notre Dame.

Following a sabbatical during which he studied for the Priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross, When I was ordained, I couldn’t imagine what it would be like to be a priest 25 years — they seemed kind of old — much less 40 years! God has truly blessed me,” he concluded.

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Father Bob D’Souza, currently parochial vicar at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, and celebrating 40 years of Priesthood recalls his plans for a career in engineering when he was ready for college.

That changed on a day when his pastor, Father Lawrence Fernandes, invited him to go for a walk. The priest was on his way to administer Last Rites to a dying parishioner, and when Bob D’Souza witnessed the compassion of the priest and the peace of the one who was slipping into the next life, he too, benefitted from the sacrament to the point where he had an interest in the Priesthood.

In time, he mentioned this to his pastor, who suggested a retreat, which became the first actual step toward the seminary. By 1976, Father D’Souza was the director of India’s Boys Town in Calcutta, an institution for 600 homeless orphan boys. At that time, he was apathetic toward his Priesthood, a mood recognized by Mother Teresa when she visited him. She told him that she could see that he was troubled, and asked how she could help.

Father Bob described his unhappiness with his vocation and that he considered dropping out.

Mother Teresa asked him if he spent time in personal prayer each day, and he admitted that he did not. She told him that his lack of personal prayer allowed him to escape from God, and advised that he spend an hour a day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament realizing that his Priesthood was a gift and that he should ask for a new understanding of what the Lord wanted him to do with his life.

Since that time, the daily hour of prayer has become part of his spiritual regimen, allowing the gift of his Priesthood to grow as he shares it with others.

And he shares it in a way that connects with the deathbed visit that directed him toward Priesthood. Since 1997 when he arrived in Fort Wayne and became associate pastor at St. Jude Parish, Father D’Souza has been Catholic chaplain at Parkview Hospital where he visits 40 to 50 Catholic patients daily dispensing “vitamin C” in the form of “comfort, Confession,” as needed.

He finds this work deeply restorative personally as well as to those he serves, especially to patients who have drifted away from the faith and are receptive to a return to the sacraments.

Father D’Souza recalls a different kind of hospital he visited years ago; this one was a leper colony in Shantinagar. He went there every Sunday to say Mass for the sisters, but was reluctant to have contact with the lepers until one day when Mother Teresa told him that, “These lepers need you. They want to talk to you.” After that, he was able to visit them without fear.

Mother Teresa’s example of how she treated the poor, the sick and the dying are imprinted in the heart of Father D’Souza, who reveals that whatever he does as a priest is influenced by her wonderful admonition, “Do something beautiful for God.”

On Sunday, July 7, after the 11 a.m. Mass, a reception will be held at St. Jude Parish to honor Father D’Souza’s jubilee.
Father Wrozek celebrates 25 years as sacramental priest

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Father Tim Wrozek, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne, is delighted to be celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest this year. “It seems like just yesterday,” he says, but quickly quips, “Most of the time.” Those who know this man of God know that’s how he operates — with humor, humility and joy.

This quick sense of humor quiets a bit though when he speaks of his priesthood. “When I think about the Priesthood I get very serious,” Father Wrozek says, adding that he considers himself a sacramental priest.

Father Wrozek’s vocation call did not come quickly, but rather over time. He says, smiling, “It’s not something I went after. It came after me.”

He adds that looking back, “So many said things to me along the way. … Everything I did led me that way.”

Father Wrozek was surprised with a visit by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 1 when he was honored for his 25 years of service as a priest following an all-school Mass. The student body and staff gifted their beloved pastor with a travel certificate. A special celebration Mass and reception will also be held at the parish in June.

When all is said and done, this silver jubilarian says simply, “I love being a priest. I’m happy being a priest.”

Holy Cross Father Wilson D. Miscamble celebrates silver jubilee

NOTRE DAME — It is sometimes suggested that one of the true lessons of history is that things never turn out quite the way one expects. This certainly holds true in Father Wilson Miscamble’s life. If one had told him when he was growing up in his country town in Australia that he would join a religious order in the United States and serve for 25 years as a priest-teacher at an American university, he would not have believed it.

Yet the course that he has pursued in the Congregation of Holy Cross is one for which he is deeply grateful and he says, “I have sensed the Lord’s guidance and presence at each step along the way.”

Wilson Miscamble was born in Roma in western Queensland, where his extended family provided a good environment in which to grow up. His parents, Doug and “Bobbie” Miscamble, and sister and brother, Jenny and Phillip, encouraged and supported him in all that he has undertaken along his journey as a priest and religious.

From an early age, Father Miscamble loved history and pursued the study of it at the University of Queensland, where he developed an interest in American foreign relations in the 20th century.

This choice eventually led to graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame. After completing his doctorate, he returned to Australia at the end of 1979, where he took a position in the Office of National Assessments of the Prime Minister’s Department in Canberra. Though the work was exciting and challenging, he sensed a deeper call to a vocation.

At Notre Dame, Father Miscamble gained a deepened appreciation for teaching as a vocation and Holy Cross Father Thomas Blantz modeled a way of being a priest — that of the priest/scholar/teacher — that brought him back to enter the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In August of 1982, he entered Moreau Seminary and subsequently moved through to ordination as a priest in 1988 and was assigned to teach at the University.

Of his priestly ministry Father Miscamble says, “I exercised my teaching ministry in conjunction with an active pastoral ministry, especially in the residence halls. I also worked hard to establish some record as a historian and have managed to publish some work in the general field of U.S. diplomatic history.” He also took on some administrative responsibilities and served in the history department for some years in the 1990s.

After completing his service as department chair, Father Miscamble moved to Moreau Seminary where he eventually served as rector. In that position, he says, “I tried to assist the seminarians to discern well their call and to provide them with good training so that they might become zealous agents of the New Evangelization. I wanted them well equipped to proclaim the Gospel to an increasingly secular world and ready to join the veritable struggle for the world’s soul by preaching Christ, yesterday, today and forever.”

After his service at Moreau, Father Miscamble returned to Notre Dame to teach, a ministry to which he is still deeply committed and engaged. Father Miscamble is grateful for his priestly ministry and says, “I extend my thanks to friends and colleagues who have given me their prayers and support along the way. I hope and pray that I will be able to serve the Lord and His people faithfully and with true conviction in the years ahead.”

Father Cyril Fernandes celebrating 25 years of Priesthood

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Although 25 years of Priesthood seems like a “watch in the night,” Father Cyril Fernandes recalls clearly that the lights leading him to religious life were cast by his pastor at St. Michael Church in Vellore, India, and a beloved uncle, Father Camillus R. Prabhu, and Mother Teresa, whom Father Cyril knew personally.

Father recalls that her life imitation of Christ had precise experiences matching those of our Savior, right down to being spat upon and caring for lepers because she could see the face of Christ in those who suffered. Father Fernandes was himself a seminarian at St. Albert Seminary in Ranchi and was ordained as a priest May 4, 1988, fully expecting to minister to the faithful in India for his lifetime and began that mission working in school administration, when unexpectedly, the need for priests in the United States caught him up and left him far away in a remote spot called Arcola, Indiana.

Father served as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Arcola for nearly nine years before becoming pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne in 2010 and served there until May 1 of this year.

Father Fernandes now begins a sabbatical in India where he will spend time with his family and celebrate the 50th anniversary Mass of his parents in Mangalore, South India.

After a visit to St. Xavier’s English School in Chenna, a school founded by Father Fernandes and various celebrations of the anniversary of his ordination, he will observe a two-week retreat at a Carmelite monastery in Mangalore.

At the completion of his sabbatical, Father Fernandes will return to a new assignment in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.


God’s immense love nourishes us

The Sunday Gospel

**Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Lk 9:11b-17**

This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, as it was known in the days of the Latin liturgy. On all its feasts, the Church has a threefold purpose. The first purpose, of course, is to call us to worship Almighty God in the sacrifice of the Mass. The second is to be joyful in the specific reality observed by the feast. The third purpose is to teach us.

This feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast of the Holy Eucharist, the greatest of treasures for the Church, is when the Church especially invites us to reflect on the Eucharist.

The first reading for this weekend is from Genesis. Genesis powerfully and explicitly reveals to us that God is the Creator. In this reading, Genesis also tells us that after Creation, after the creation of humans, and indeed after humans sinned, God did not lose humanity to its own fate. Instead, God reached out in mercy, sending figures such as Abraham and Melchizedek, mentioned in this reading, to clear the way between God and humankind.

Melchizedek, the king of Salem, better known as Jerusalem, was a man of faith, as was Abraham. In gifts symbolizing their own limitations, but also representing the nourishment needed for life itself, they praised God’s mercy.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the second reading. It is a revelation of the Last Supper, using the same words found in the Synoptic Gospels. The presence of this story in all three synoptic gospels meant that the first Christians regarded the Last Supper. Celebrating the Eucharist in ancient Corinth tells us how important to Christians even in the first century was the Eucharist.

Finally, the words are unambiguous. They say, “Bread ... my body,” and “Cup ... my blood.”

The epistle is valuable in that it gives us insight into the first Christians’ lives and offers us a glimpse of how they practiced their faith. For them, the Eucharist meant what it means for us.

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies the last reading. A great crowd has gathered to hear Jesus. Mealtime comes. The Apostles have virtu-ally nothing to give the people, only five loaves and two fish.

In the highly symbolic use of numbers in days when scientific precision was rarely known, five and two meant something paltry and grossly insufficient.

Jesus used gestures also used at the Last Supper, gestures actu-ally a part of Jewish prayers before meals. He then sent the disciples to distribute the food. All had the fill. After all had eaten, 12 baskets were needed for the leftovers. Returning to the symbolism of numbers, 12 meant an overabundance.

**Reflection**

The Church on this feast calls us to focus our minds on the Holy Eucharist and our hearts on God.

The first reading reminds us that all through history God has reached out to people to nourish their starving, fatigued souls. The second reading, from Paul’s Second Epistle to the Corinthians, takes us back to the Last Supper, but also to the beliefs of the Christians who lived a generation or so after the Last Supper. For them, the reality of the Eucharist was clear. “This is my body.” “This is my blood.”

Finally, the Gospel tells us of God’s immense love. This is the great lesson of the Feeding of the Multitudes. When our soul hungers, God supplies, not in any rationed sense, but lavishly. He loves us.

God’s love in nourishing us when we have nothing any more is available, through the Eucharist in the Church, as it was long ago on the hillside when the Apostles assisted Jesus in feeding the multitudes.

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** 
- Gn 1:18-20 Ps 110:1-4
- 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17
- Monday:
  - Tb 1:3, 1-2a, 8 Ps 112:1-6
  - Mk 12:11-12
- Tuesday:
  - Tb 29:14-15 Ps 112:1-7, 9
  - Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:
  - Tb 31:11a, 16-17a
  - Ps 25:9b-11 Ps 121:8-13
- Thursday:
  - Tb 6:10-11, 21bcde, 19-7, 8-9a Ps 28:15 Mk 12:28-34
- Friday:
  - Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-6
  - Lk 5:15-20
- Saturday:
  - Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6-8 Lk 24:1-51

**The hymn of the hidden God**

**BY CAROLINE PETERSON**

I was 1264 and Pope Urban IV had a request to make of St. Thomas Aquinas. He asked the Dominicans to write a set of hymns for the feast of Corpus Christi, which the pope had just instituted. So St. Thomas crafted the great “Corpus Christi Office.”

The hymns of this Office — “Pange Lingua” “Tantum Ergo” and “O Salutaris” to name three — were meant to be sung aloud. But Thomas also wrote another hymn, meant to be prayed privately after Mass. It is called “Adoro te devote,” or “With devotion I adore.” It is sung to a tender plainsong melody, appropriate for a hymn to our God when He is in His most fragile state.

So let’s take a look at it:

**Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,**

**Mas...
U.S. Catholics: overly assimilated?

With his new book, "American Church: The Remarkable Rise, Meteoric Fall, and Uncertain Future of Catholicism in America" (Ignatius Press), mild-mannered Russell Shaw has become the bull in the china shop of U.S. Catholic history, knocking heroes off pedestals and overturning conventional stories— all in an effort of trying to understand why the Church in America is in precarious position today vis-à-vis the ambient public culture and the government.

Shaw’s answer: we’re in deep trouble because of a longstanding U.S. Catholic determination to be more-American-than-thou—to disprove ancient charges of Catholicism’s incompatibility with America by assimilating so dramatically that there’s no discernible difference between Catholics (and their attitudes toward public policy) and an increasingly secularized, mainstream public opinion. Shaw mounts an impressive case that Catholic Lite in these United States has splintered Catholics from the wider culture, and as that culture has become ever more individualistic and hedonistic, the historic U.S. Catholic passion for assimilation and acceptance has backfired. Moreover, Shaw’s call to build a culture-reforging Catholic counter-culture is not dissimilar to the argument I make about the Church and public life in “Evangelical Catholicism: Deeply Reform in the 21st-Century Church.”

But on a second reading of Shaw’s book, I began to wonder whether he’s gotten the question of the moment quite right.

To read the history of the Catholic Church in the United States as a centuries-long struggle for assimilation and acceptance certainly sheds light on one dynamic in the development of the Church in America. Yet too close a focus on the question, “Is it possible to be a good Catholic and a good American?” is to argue the question of Catholicism-and-America on the other guy’s turf. Once, the “other guy” challenging Catholics’ patriotic credentials was militant Protestantism; now, the other guy is militant secularism.

To play on the other guy’s turf, however, is to concede at the outset that the other guy sets the terms of debate: “We (militant Protestants/militant secularists) know what it means to be a good American; you (Catholics) have to prove yourselves to us.”

That’s not the game, however. It wasn’t really the game from 1776 through the 1960s—essential campaign — when militant Protestantism was the aggressor — and it isn’t the game today. The real game involves different, deeper questions: “Who best understands the nature of the American experiment in ordered liberty, and who can best give a persuasive defense of the First Liberty, which is religious freedom?”

The 19th century U.S. bishops and intellectuals whose enthusiasm for American democracy found Russ Shaw now views skeptically (and, yes, they did go over the top on occasion) did get one crucial point right: the American founders “built better than they knew,” i.e., the founders designed a democratic republic for which they couldn’t prove a durable moral and philosophical defense. But the long-despised (and now despised-again) Catholics could: Catholics could (and do) give a robust, compelling account of American democracy and its commitments to ordered liberty. The Mid-20th century Catholic scholars like historian Theodore Maynard and theologian John Courtney Murray picked this up and made it central to their reading of U.S. Catholic history. Murray presciently warned that, if Catholicism didn’t fill the cultural vacuum being created by a dying mainline Protestantism, the "noble, many-storied mansion of democracy (may) be dismantled, leveled to the dimensions of a flat majoritarianism, which is no man’s but a barn, perhaps even a tool shed in which the weapons of tyranny may be forged.”

That is the argument the U.S. bishops have mounted in their challenge to the Obama administration’s demolition of civil society through the HHS mandate on contraceptives and abortificients: What is the nature of American democracy and the fundamental freedoms government is created to protect? Who are the true patriots: the men and women who can give an account of freedom’s moral character, an account capable of sustaining genuine democracy against a rising dictatorship of relativism, “in which the tools of tyranny may be forged?”

The argument today isn’t about assimilation. The argument today is about who “gets” America.

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Does the little old lady at the grocery store who candidly conveys her own troubles really want to know how the mom had a stillborn child when she asks, “How many do you have?” I don’t know the answers to these questions, but I’m starting to think being frank is the right thing to do.

Part of the reason the atrocities of abortion and euthanasia exist today is that many people simply don’t value young and elderly life. And life isn’t valued because it isn’t considered. And it isn’t considered when we go about understanding the humanity of our children no longer here, we are reminding a friend, a relative or perhaps even just a stranger, of the fact that people, all people, matter. And that’s why I believe in counting them all.

Theresa Thomas is the wife of David and mother of nine children. Watch for her newest book "Big Hearted Families" (Scepter) and read more on her blog: http://thethesathomas.wordpress.com/

The C e s s W o r d

Based on these Scripture Readings: Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-28; Lk 9:11-17 AND 1 Kg 17:17-24; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

ACROSS
1 Dreamer
5 Farm credit adm (abb.)
8 Price
11 Adam’s trouble plant
12 Chilled
13 Possessive pronoun
14 Bark
15 Vatican City in
16 Eat
17 Music used as practice
19 Shoe
22 Expedition
23 South southwest
25 Opposite of “fulfill the Law”

16 Unconsciousness
30 Dog
31 “Salem” means
33 United States
35 Bluish green
37 First book of Old Testament
39 Ump
41 Revelation does
42Prodigal Gospel
45 Jesus told young man:
47 We eat of ___ bread
48 Legal protection
49 It's widow moved
50 Cause of sickness
51 Wrath
52 Not Old Testament

DOWN
1 Pig home
2 Bard’s before
3 Forbidden snake
4 Annul
5 Crowns needed
6 Eat this until He ___
7 Monk’s brew
8 Two ___ and five loaves
9 Decorative needle case
10 Sports channel
13 Teak
19 ___ of fish Jesus had
20 Pouch
21 Connect
22 Forward
24 Bible tableaux
26 Old woman
28 Contemplate
29 Land mass
32 Cherry red
34 American Sign Language
36 Is
38 Happenings
40 Bundle of twigs
42 Oaf
43 “us a son is given
44 ___ the Commandments
46 Church ritual
47 Airport abbr
50 Cause of sickness
51 Wrath
52 Not Old Testament

Answer Key can be found on page 19

SCRI PT URE SEARCH

Gospel for June 2, 2013

Luke 9:11-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.
FORT WAYNE — On a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon, the 2013 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field season came to a close with its year-end city meet at Bishop Luers High School on May 18. After an extremely wet start to their season, the St. Vincent boys’ team claimed the championship scoring 121 team points. St. Jude was runner-up with 84, while St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJIFW/HC) each scored 75.

Although they only took first place in two events it was the seconds and thirds in the other 10 races that really added up for the St. Vincent Panthers. Jimmy Shean won the high jump and the 4x200 relay team of Chris Raines, Chris Davock, Samuel Lonsway, and Franky Yanko got a blue ribbon.

For St. Jude, Nick Kacprowicz was a double winner in the distance races, while Isaac Landstoffer won the hurdles. The shot put and discus were claimed by Reyer Howe of St. Charles and Joe Deiser of St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth (SJSE) won the 400-meter dash. Speedster, Chris Ferrell of SJIFW/HC was the boys’ standout sweeping first-place finishes in the 100, 200, and long jump. He also anchored the winning short relay along with teammates Lashon Bright, Justin Gaston and Paul Braun, who clocked a 51.50.

In the 100-meter dash, Ferrell blazed a new city meet record with a time of 11.92 erasing the old record of 11.96 set by alumnus DeAngelo Fincher in 2007. The winning Panthers’ strengths were diversity of talent, leadership and enthusiastic newcomers who were eager to learn. Also, several athletes with multiple talents decided early in the season to focus on specific areas.

“This diversity really helped the team in the city meet,” explained supporting coach Cecilia Manning.

For the girls, the team got by St. Jude got by St. Charles in a close contest 105-90. St. Vincent scored 61 team points and St. John, New Haven, was fourth with 45. The Lady Eagles won five events, spaced by outstanding efforts from Abby Brelage (800, 1,600) and Olivia Ray (shot put, discus). They also clocked a 2:04.03 in the 4x200 relay to finish ahead of the rest.

St. Charles eighth-grader Heather Nellum had a stellar day winning the sprints, while seventh-grade teammate, Alice Talarico was victorious in the 400-meter dash and long jump and finished second in the relay and 100-meter dash. Rachel Scott also got 10 points for the Cardinals in the hurdles, and Amy Weilbacher of St. Vincent was the top high jumper in a close battle. Two others also cleared 4 feet-6 inches — Norah Painter of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, and Nellum. Rounding out the champions were St. John, New Haven’s 4x100 relay foursome of Ellie Kayser, Mariah Painter, Tina Kindler and Libby Tippmann by just a split second.

First-year coach Tim Kindler was especially pleased with his young team (over 25 percent were freshmen) early in the season to focus on developing the team in the city meet,” said Kindler.

The St. Vincent boys’ and girls’ teams will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Hole and event sponsors, as well as donations for door prizes are needed. For more information or to register, please visit www.bishopdwenger.com or call the Development Office at (260) 496-4706.

## CYO City Meet

**Girls’ 100 Meter Dash**
- Talarico, Alice (St. Charles): 11.81
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 11.85
- Tippmann, Libby (St. John NH): 12.15
- Bultemeyer, Evie (SJSE): 12.20

**Girls’ 200 Meter Dash**
- Nellum, Heather (St. John NH): 24.92
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 24.99
- Ellard, Laura (St. Charles): 25.02
- Painter, Mariah (St. John FW): 25.07

**Girls’ 400 Meter Dash**
- Talarico, Alice (St. Charles): 58.59
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 58.60
- Ellard, Laura (St. Charles): 58.61
- Painter, Mariah (St. John FW): 58.62

**Girls’ 800 Meter Run**
- Painter, Mariah (St. John FW): 2:16.34
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 2:17.30
- Ellard, Laura (St. Charles): 2:17.32
- Painter, Mariah (St. John FW): 2:17.33

**Girls’ 1,600 Meter Run**
- Painter, Mariah (St. John FW): 5:27.63
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 5:28.09
- Tippmann, Libby (St. John NH): 5:41.34
- Wiseman, Izah (St. Jude): 5:52.99

**Girls’ 4x100 meter relay**
- St. Vincent: 1:52.30
- St. Jude: 2:06.91
- St. John FW: 2:10.03
- St. Allan: 2:13.28

**Girls’ 4x200 meter relay**
- St. Vincent: 1:52.30
- St. Jude: 2:06.91
- St. John FW: 2:10.03
- St. Vincent: 2:13.28

**Boys’ 1,600 meter run**
- Shean, Isaac (St. Vincent): 4:14.90
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 4:21.15
- Brelage, Abby (St. Vincent): 4:28.30
- Ross, Lashon (St. John NH): 4:30.84

**Boys’ 400 meter dash**
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 51.80
- Raines, Christopher (St. Vincent): 51.90
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 52.00
- Curren, Ramon (St. Charles): 52.00

**Boys’ 200 meter dash**
- Raines, Christopher (St. Vincent): 23.00
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 23.01
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 23.02
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 23.03

**Boys’ high jump**
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 6-00
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**Boys’ long jump**
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 18-00
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 18-00
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**Boys’ shot put**
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 15-00
- Davock, Chris (SJIFW/HC): 15-00
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This position is for the 2013-2014 school year. Deadline for applications is June 14, 2013. For more information, contact: Mr. Chuck Grimm, Principal - phone (260) 747-2343, or email: cgrimm@sttheresefw.org

Social Studies Team Wins State Championship

Chris Mitchell, Ajith John and Emily Vetne are members of the Mishawaka Penn High School 2013 state championship Academic Super Bowl-Social Studies team. Mitchell is a member of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka. John is a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger and serves as team captain. Vetne is attends Christ the King Parish, South Bend. This spring, John led his team to a 49-0 record while winning the Warsaw and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger invitational and the Mishawaka regional prior to winning state on May 4. Coach Pete DeKever, a member of St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, thanks Penn social studies alumnus Father Jacob Meyer for the blessing he gave the team.

U.S. Seminarians Win Clericus Cup

Pontifical North American College seminarians celebrate after winning the Clericus Cup in Rome May 18. The U.S. seminary team beat the Legionaries of Christ’s Mater Ecclesiae College 1-0 to win the championship for the second straight year.
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.

Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 6153 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 7, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3. Chicken strips for $8 and shrimp for $8.50 will be available.

Call for foster parents
Fort Wayne — The Phoenix Institute, Inc. is looking for foster parents for its family-oriented Foster Care agency. Call Brittney at (260) 739-7904 or e-mail brittney.collins@phoenixfoster-care.com. Visit www.phoenixfoster-care.com for information.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Medical Professionals
Fort Wayne — True Freedom — Praying for Religious Liberty for all and Consciences Rights for Medical Professionals, a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Medical Professionals, will be Friday, June 21, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center of St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1702 E. Wallen Rd. Father James Bromwich, chaplain of Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will be celebrant and speaker. A reception will follow.

Christ Child Society garage sale to benefit children in need planned
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will have a garage sale to benefit children in need Thursday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church building on Jefferson Blvd. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. All of the proceeds will support the mission of serving the community. Call (260) 744-3077 or contact@christchildsofFW.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 4-7:30 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.

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South Bend — St. Peter’s Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will open Germanfest June 2, with a German Mass at 11 a.m., celebrated by Father Charles Herman. The Mannecher and Dannenmacher 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 will provide music during the dinner.

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South Bend — Daughters of Isabella Notre Dame Circle 572 will honor all 25- and 50-year members with a luncheon meeting on Monday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd.

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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.

‘Catholicism’ by Father Barron to be presented weekly
Fort Wayne — St. Patrick Parish will show the Father Robert Barron series “Catholicism” on Monday evenings beginning June 3, at 6 p.m. in the church following the 5 p.m. Mass. Sessions will last one hour with brief discussion to follow. For information call (260) 744-1450.

All-class reunion planned
South Bend — Holy Cross School will have an all-class reunion on Saturday, June 15. All past graduates are invited to attend. The celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a Mass at Holy Cross followed by dinner, drinks and entertainment. Registration is available online at hcssparish.org/reunion. Call the parish office at (574) 233-2179 for information.
Wrapped in good memories:
Signature quilt given by parishioners to Queen of Peace pastor

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — At the end of a busy day, it’s always nice to wrap up in good memories. And in the case of Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, he can now do just that.

On the evening of May 19, following Vespers and a parish ethnic potluck, three parishioners of Queen of Peace — Louise Snyder, Mary Merckx and Mary Moser — surprised Father Scheidt with a queen-size quilt that showcases a rail fence pattern with 42 pictures of Father Scheidt’s life and 96 eight-inch signature blocks.

The idea for the quilt originated with Carol Cone, director of religious education at Queen of Peace Parish. After speaking with Snyder, Merckx and Moser, the three began the process of putting together the quilt in July of 2012.

Snyder and Merckx were responsible for cutting the material and piece work for the rail fence signature blocks, with Moser assembling the pieces of freezer paper between the fabrics of each block. Merckx noted that the pattern was selected because it worked well for signatures, with Moser adding, “The fence rail reminds me of Father Dan being our shepherd and gathering us (his sheep) to be with him.”

The fence rail blocks traveled to many locations for signatures, which included Queen of Peace, St. Pius X, St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka, and to Father Scheidt’s family members. Most of the signatures were collected during Father Scheidt’s Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) surgery and recovery in Florida.

Queen of Peace parishioner Mike Portolese did all of the cropping and copying of photos on the fabric squares with Virginia Heitman doing the machine quilting of the project. The queen-size quilt can be hung as wall decoration, but Snyder hopes that Father Scheidt will at least once use it as a bedcover.

The timing of giving the quilt to Father Scheidt at Pentecost included having family members present, and Pentecost being the “birthday of the Church,” said Moser.

To insure that the quilt would be a surprise, the parish decided to have their second annual ethnic potluck on the same evening. Cone, who organized the event, described the scriptural background for holding the potluck.

“We know that at the original Pentecost event, the Apostles had been huddled in a room, praying, trying to figure out how they would find the courage and the wherewithal to do what Jesus had asked of them as He ascended to heaven: ‘Go and teach all nations, and tell the Good News,’” Cone explained.

She continued, “And the Good News spread throughout the world, encompassing all nations, down till this day. As the faith spread, it was celebrated by different people in different ways.”

Cone described Queen of Peace as an ethnically diverse parish including people of Hungarian, Polish, Irish, English, German, Brazilian, Italian, Swedish, Mexican, Tongan, Chinese, Lebanese and Belgian decent. “To each of those places, the faith has spread and has been celebrated. So what better time to celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity than with a supper!” she exclaimed.

Parishioner Linda Zeese brought “sfeeha,” a Lebanese meat pie to the potluck, which was a favorite passed down from her mother who was born in Beirut.

During the presentation of the quilt following the potluck, it was announced that Father Scheidt’s mother Judy was responsible for the photo selection. Father Scheidt jokingly responded that some of the pictures might be “Photoshopped” (referring to pictures of him with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny as a child), and he laughed when viewing a picture of his mother smoking, a topic he often refers to in his homilies.

Merckx spoke on behalf of the parish after the quilt was unveiled. She began with reading Hebrews 12:1-2, Father Scheidt’s favorite scriptural passage, which was put on a label on the back of the quilt.

“Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne.”

In a letter from the parishioners Merckx described how this passage applies to the parish and Father Scheidt. In her concluding remarks she noted, “May this quilt be a reminder of the love that surrounds you by this great cloud of witnesses in our beloved parish family.”

Father Scheidt’s response to the surprise quilt was marked with gratitude and love for this special gift. “I am slack jawed at how beautiful it is. In this quilt I see my life in pictures, and in the people who made it and the people in the church I see my life.”