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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton celebrates silver jubilee Mass

BY KAY COZAD



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, blesses St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medals, which were distributed by Sylvia Denice dressed as the saint, third from left, to the ladies at the gala following a special silver jubilee Mass celebrated by the bishop on Nov. 3 at St. Elizabeth Parish. Deacon Jim Kitchens stands second from left with holy water and current pastor Father Jim Shafer stands reverently at right.

FORT WAYNE — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish celebrates its silver jubilee this year as a vibrant and ever-growing service-focused parish. Situated on Fort Wayne's southwest side, with over 7,000 members that represent 2,275 families, the parish offers myriad programs, ministries and opportunities, including Christ Renews His Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, and religious education, just to name a few.

The parish saw its humble beginnings in 1984 when parish priests travelled to a St. Joseph mission in Aboite to begin celebrating Mass in Haverhill Elementary School's auditorium. In 1988, then-Bishop John M. D'Arcy appointed then-Father Robert C. Schulte as the founding pastor of the new parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, with its faith community of 375 families, and through fund-raising efforts and donated land, the first Mass was celebrated in the newly-constructed church building in 1990. Since then the parish has grown to include a rectory, athletic fields and a school building for kindergarten through fourth grades.

An expansion is currently underway to increase the education facility to house a full school of pre-kindergarten through eighth grades.

The dynamic parish community celebrated its 25-year anniversary of ministry and growth throughout the year with special events from a

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On All Saints' Day, Bishop visits 'saints' at St. John the Evangelist School

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made his first pastoral visit to St. John the Evangelist School on All Saints' Day, and, as he celebrated Mass beforehand, he told the students and congregation, "I was really surprised — I thought I was going to be the only bishop here. But I see there are two others!"

Bishop Rhoades was referring to the fourth-grade students who were dressed as the saints they chose for their class project. One student was dressed as St. Nicholas and the other as St. Patrick.

"Two of the bishops here are saints and one is trying to be," the bishop said.

He told the students that they were celebrating all the saints in heaven and the next day the Church celebrates all the souls in purgatory. He said when we speak of the Church; it includes all on earth, the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory.

He spoke of the first reading where St. John had a vision of all the multitudes in heaven, of all languages and nations.

Bishop Rhoades told the students that in the Gospel on the Beatitudes, "Jesus teaches us how to get to heaven. He gives us a roadmap — if we follow Him, obey the commandments and follow the beatitudes, which imitate the way Jesus lived. Jesus was so full of love for everyone; especially the sick, suffering and poor and He always did the will of His Father."

Bishop Rhoades quizzed the children on the sacraments that God gave to aid His people. He spoke of the sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation. He shared with the congregation that he chose St. John the Apostle as his Confirmation name and patron saint.

"So I feel a special connection to your parish and school. It's the only one in the diocese named

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades quips that he didn't expect two additional bishops at Mass as he greeted St. John the Evangelist School, Goshen, fourth graders dressed as saints on Nov. 1.

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All Saints, All Souls feasts are time to renew hope, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At the end of the feast of All Saints, just before the sun set, Pope Francis celebrated an outdoor Mass at Rome's Verano cemetery and urged Christians to hang on to hope as they reflect on the promise that earthly life ends with eternal life in heaven.

In his homily at the evening Mass Nov. 1, Pope Francis set aside his prepared text, looked out at the thousands of people gathered between long lines of tombs and told them, "We reflect and think about our own future and about all those who have gone before us and are now with the Lord."

"The Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, the fullness of love — all that awaits us," the pope said. "And all those who preceded us and died in the Lord are there," in heaven with God.

Even the best of the saints were not saved by their good works, the pope said, but by the blood of Christ.

"God is the one who saves, He is the one who carries us like father — at the end of our lives — to that heaven where our forebears are," he said.

The feast day reading from the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation described a multitude of people from every race and nation standing before God. They were dressed in white, the pope said, because they were "washed in the blood of the Lamb. We can enter into heaven only thanks to the blood of the Lamb, the blood of Christ."

"If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ," he said. "That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, He will never disappoint us."

"We are children of God," he said, and live in hope of one day seeing God as He is.



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Pope Francis uses incense to venerate a statue of Mary as he celebrates Mass at the Verano cemetery in Rome Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

"On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope," he said.

The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, he said, and "to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is — that is hope. That is the hope that doesn't disappoint."

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are "days of hope," he said. The virtue of "hope is like a bit of leaven that enlarges your soul. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope you go forward and keep your eyes on what awaits us. Today is a day of hope; our brothers and sis-

ters are in the presence of God, and we, too, will be there in the Lord's arms if we follow the path of Jesus."

"Before sunset today, each one of us can think of the sunset of our lives," the pope said. "Do we look forward to it with hope and with the joy of being welcomed by the Lord?"

Throughout Italy, like in many predominantly Catholic countries, people take advantage of the All Saints public holiday to tidy up and take flowers to the graves of their loved ones on the eve of the Nov. 2 celebration of All Souls' Day. After the Mass, Pope Francis was to visit some of those graves, praying for the deceased and blessing their tombs.

Saints aren't superheroes, they just never strayed from God

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Saints aren't superheroes, they are regular people who just never left God's side after encountering Him and His love, Pope Francis said on the feast of All Saints.

"Being a saint is not a privilege of the few, like someone getting a large inheritance. All of us have inherited through Baptism the ability to become saints," he said Nov. 1.

Before reciting the Angelus with people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope talked about God's call to holiness.

"The saints are friends of God," he said. But they "are not superheroes, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, each one of us."

What makes them stand out, he said, is once they encountered Jesus, they always followed Him.

"The path that leads to holiness has a name and has a face, it's the face of Jesus Christ; He teaches us to become saints."

Jesus shows the way in the Gospels, especially with the beatitudes, Pope Francis said.

Saints were people who followed God "with their whole heart — unconditionally and without hypocrisy; they spent their lives serving others; they put up with suffering and adversity without hatred; they responded to evil with goodness and spread joy and peace," he said.

The kingdom of heaven is for those who put their trust in and derive their sense of security

from God's love, not material things, he said.

The kingdom is for those "who have a simple, humble heart; who don't assume to be righteous and don't judge others; who know how to suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice; they aren't violent, but are merciful; and they seek to be builders of reconciliation and peace," the pope said.

Saints always tried to reconcile people and help bring peace to the world, the pope said, and that is what makes holiness beautiful; "it's a beautiful path."

Saints "suffered lots of adversity, but without hating," he said.

"The saints never hated" others because love comes from God and hatred "comes from the devil, and the saints stayed far away from the devil."

"The saints are men and women who have joy in their hearts and bring it to others. Never hate, serve others — the neediest, pray and be joyful, this is the path of holiness."

The pope said the saints' message to women and men today is to "trust in the Lord because He never disappoints."

"He's a good friend who is always at our side," he said.

With the example of the way they lived their lives, the saints encourage all Christians "to not be afraid to go against the tide or to be misunderstood and derided when we speak about (Jesus) and the Gospel."

After praying the Angelus, the pope asked for

a moment of silence and prayer for the more than 90 people from Niger, most of them women and children, who died from hunger, thirst and fatigue while trying to cross the Sahara desert, heading to Algeria.

He said he also was praying for "victims of violence, especially Christians who lost their lives because of persecution."

The pope greeted the many men and women who ran in the annual 10-kilometer Race of the Saints.

"St. Paul would say that a Christian's whole life is a race for winning the prize of holiness; you are giving us a good example. Thank you for this race," he said.



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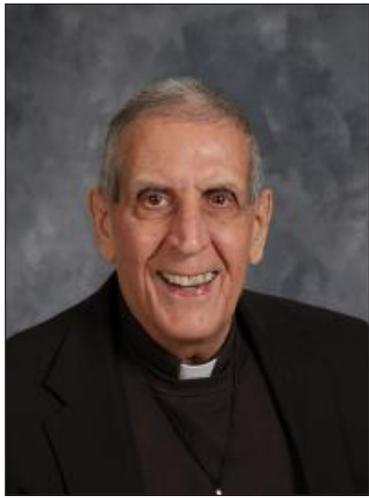
Runners in the All Saints race approach the finish line at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

Holy Cross Father Ronald Tripi dies

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Ronald Russell Tripi, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 31, at Holy Cross House.

Father Tripi was born May 14, 1935, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Joseph and Jenny (Castiglia) Tripi. He graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, in 1953 before attending the University of Notre Dame. After his freshmen year, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross' Sacred Heart Novitiate in Jordan, Minn., on Aug. 15, 1954, and made his first vows a year later on Aug. 16, 1955. Father Tripi then returned to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and then studied theology for four years at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., where he received a master's degree in sacred doctrine. He professed final vows on Aug. 16, 1959 and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 6, 1962.

From the time of his ordination until 1985, Father Tripi served in Holy Cross Foreign Missions in the East Pakistan/Bengal region, which is now Bangladesh. Father Tripi studied language and culture for a year at the Oriental Institute in Barisal City and also served as



FATHER RON TRIPI, CSC

pastor and associate pastor of various parishes in the region, including Corpus Christi Parish in Jalchatra.

From 1963 to 1966, he served as an assistant and teacher at Little Flower Seminary in Bandhura. In 1986, Father Tripi returned to the United States and served as associate pastor at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend for 15 years.

In 2001, Father Tripi moved to Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend. He has served as asso-

ciate pastor there for the past 12 years until he moved to Holy Cross House on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013.

While at Christ the King, Father Tripi assisted with Masses at nursing homes in the area, visited with the homebound parishioners and served as chaplain to the elementary grades at Christ the King School.

Father Tripi celebrated his 50th jubilee in 2012.

Father Tripi's parents and his brothers, Carl and Howard, are deceased. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Wendy King (widow of Howard) and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation, rosary and wake service were Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. Kaniewski Funeral Home handled the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions for Father Tripi in support of the foreign mission work of the Congregation of Holy Cross can be made to: Holy Cross Mission Center, P.O. Box 543, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0543 or online at Donate.holycrossmissions.org.

Bishops asked to assess marriage, family life to prepare for synod

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops around the world are being asked to take a realistic look at the situation of families under their care and at how effective pastoral and educational programs have been at promoting Church teaching on sexuality, marriage and family life.

The preparatory document for the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, which will be held in October 2014, ends with 38 questions about how Church teaching is promoted, how well it is accepted and ways in which modern people and societies challenge the Catholic view of marriage and family.

Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the synod, asked bishops to distribute the document and questionnaire "as widely as possible" to deaneries and parishes, summarize the responses and send them to the Vatican by the end of January.

Distributing an outline of the chosen topic and related questions, seeking responses from bishops, religious orders and interested Catholic groups is a normal part of the preparation for a synod. Archbishop Baldisseri, encouraging even wider consultation, did not specify how bishops should seek input.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales put the questionnaire online in late October, leading to news stories about "polling" Catholics for their opinions and suggestions.

The extraordinary synod on

"pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization" was convoked by Pope Francis for Oct. 5-19 and will bring together presidents of bishops' conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic churches and the heads of Vatican offices to describe the current situation and "to collect the bishops' experiences and proposals in proclaiming and living the Gospel of the family in a credible manner," the document said.

A second gathering, a world Synod of Bishops on the family, will be held in 2015 "to seek working guidelines in the pastoral care of the person and the family," it said.

"Vast expectations exist concerning the decisions which are to be made pastorally regarding the family," the document said.

Church teaching always has been clear that marriage is a lifelong bond between one man and one woman open to having and educating children, it said, and the synod's goal will be "to communicate this message with greater incisiveness."

The preparatory document specifically mentioned modern contributions to Church teaching, including the Second Vatican Council's defense of the dignity of marriage and family, Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae" on fidelity and procreation in marriage, and Blessed John Paul II's teaching on God's plan for married love.

"The Church's pastoral ministry," it said, "finds inspiration in the truth of marriage viewed as part of the plan of God, who created man and woman and, in the fullness of time, revealed in Jesus the com-

pleteness of spousal love elevated to the level of sacrament."

The questionnaire asks bishops to describe how people understand Church teaching, how their local Churches and Catholic movements try to promote it and what difficulties people face in accepting it.

Synod organizers ask the bishops to estimate the percentage of local Catholics living together without being married, the percentage of those divorced and remarried, and the proportion of children and adolescents in their dioceses who are living in families in those situations.

Bishops are asked for their suggestions about the advisability of simplifying Church annulment procedures and for suggestions on how that might be done.

The questionnaire surveys the bishops about the legal status of same-sex unions in their local area and Church efforts to defend traditional marriage, but also asks them what kind of "pastoral attention can be given to people who have chosen to live" in same-sex unions and, in places where they can adopt children, what can be done to transmit the faith to them.

Several questions focus on "Humanae Vitae" and Church teaching against the use of artificial contraception. The bishops are asked if people understand the teaching and know how to evaluate the morality of different methods of family planning. They also are asked if the question comes up in Confessions and if they have suggestions for fostering "a more open attitude toward having children."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Friday, Nov. 8 through Friday, Nov. 15 — Pilgrimage to Paderborn, Germany, for Beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, Foundress of Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Bristol

Plenary Indulgence to be offered at the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith

SOUTH BEND — A special papal blessing will be given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Sunday, Nov. 24, the solemnity of Christ the King, at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, at the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass to close the Year of Faith in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

This papal blessing, which a diocesan bishop is permitted to bestow in the name of the Holy Father on three solemn occasions each year, carries with it a plenary indulgence for all those who meet the usual conditions (listed below).

An indulgence is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1471) as "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

Through indulgences, the infinite merits of Christ, as well as the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, are applied to our purification in this life or in the life to come (in purgatory).

A plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sins, and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased.

The conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence are:

- 1.) Being truly repentant and receiving sacramental absolution in the Sacrament of Penance
- 2.) Reception of Holy Communion
- 3.) Praying for the Holy Father's intentions
- 4.) Total detachment from any inclination to sin, even venial sins.

The first three actions may be fulfilled within 20 days before or after the offering of the indulgence. However, it is most appropriate if they are all done on the same day the indulgence is offered.

On-site audit finds diocese compliant with Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

Recently the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend completed its United States Catholic Conference of Bishop's annual compliance audit for youth protection and victim assistance. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades received the following communication: "Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the diocese has been found compliant with all audited articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the 2012/2013 audit period. The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your diocese are based upon inquiry, observation and review of specifically requested documentation furnished to Stonebridge Business Partners during the course of this audit."

This audit finding, the 10th of 10 compliant ratings, continues the diocese's perfect record for all charter audits, which began in 2003. The recent audit was the first "on-site" visit here in three years. For the past two years the audit was conducted electronically via the Internet. During the recent on-site check the auditors visited a few parishes and schools within the diocese to actually see how the safe environment process was being completed on the local level.

We continue to be vigilant about the safe environment and protection of our children and youth. We are grateful to our Diocesan Review Board for their guidance, to Cathie Cicchiello, who leads our Safe Environment Program, as well as for the cooperation of the Catholic Schools Office, along with the important assistance of Mary Glowaski in her role as Victim Assistance Coordinator.

— Office of the Vicar General/Chancellor

CONFIRMATION MASSES IN SPRING 2014

The following Confirmation schedule is for spring of 2014. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and guest bishop, Most Reverend William Higi, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Lafayette, will confer the sacrament.

Holy Cross Church, South Bend — Jan. 25: 11 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
Holy Cross Parish, South Bend
St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame — March 30: 11:45 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
University of Notre Dame
Saint Mary's College
Holy Cross College

St. Michael Church, Plymouth — March 30: 4 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Michael Parish, Plymouth

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — April 21: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne
Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne
Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne — April 22: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur — April 23: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur
St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — April 24: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Mary Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Monroeville
Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Mary of the Lake Church, Culver — April 26: 9 a.m., Bishop Higi
St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver
Culver Academy students

St. Adalbert Church, South Bend — April 27: 5 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend
St. Casimir Parish, South Bend

St. Paul of the Cross Church, Columbia City — April 28: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City
St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco
Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege

Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington — April 29: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington
St. Mary Parish, Huntington
St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke
St. Catherine Parish, Nix Settlement

Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne — May 2: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Pius X Church, Granger (two Confirmation Masses) — May 3: 5:30 p.m. and May 4: 12:15 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Pius X Parish, Granger

St. Bernard Church, Wabash — May 6: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Bernard Parish, Wabash
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne — May 6: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart — May 8: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 15: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Holy Family Parish, South Bend
Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend
St. Patrick Parish, South Bend
St. Hedwig Parish, South Bend

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 17: 10 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka
St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka
St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka
St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka

St. Joseph Church, Garrett — May 17: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Joseph Parish, Garrett

St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne — May 18: 5 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — May 22: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven
St. Louis Besancon Parish, New Haven
St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel
Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn

Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw — May 23: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw — May 24: 6 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola — May 27: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola
St. Joseph Parish, Lagrange

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — May 30: 7 p.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Augustine Parish, South Bend
St. Dominic Parish, Bremen
St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend
St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle
St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart — May 31: 10 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart

St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Avilla — May 31: 7 p.m., Bishop Higi
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla
Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville
St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, Rome City

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend — June 1: 11 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
Adult Confirmations

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — June 8: 11:30 a.m., Bishop Rhoades
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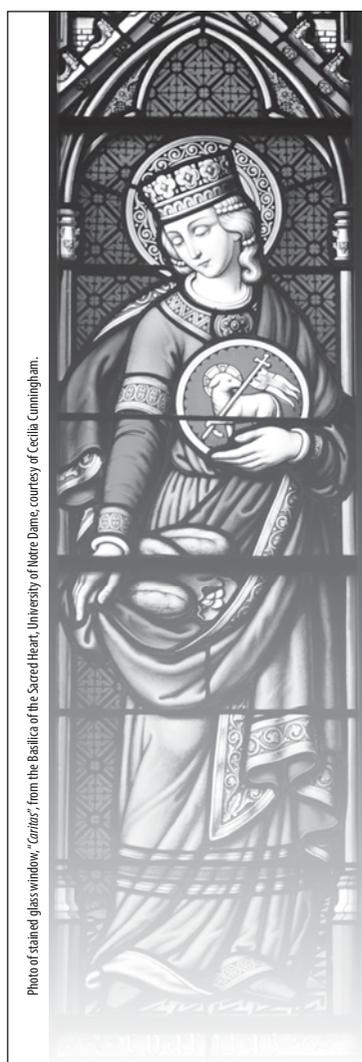
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Training Time: 9 am - 3 pm

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Pope moves causes, including of U.S.-born nun, toward beatification

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Moving four candidates closer to beatification, Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom of a bishop in communist-controlled Romania and the heroic virtues of three religious women: one born in the United States, one Irish and one Italian.

The recognition of the martyrdom of Bishop Anton Durcovici of Iasi, Romania, in 1951 clears the way for his beatification, a step toward sainthood.

Recognizing the heroic virtues of the three religious women Oct. 31, Pope Francis declared them venerable. A miracle attributed to their intercession still is needed before they can be beatified.

Mother Celestine Bottego, founder of the Xaverian Missionary Sisters of Mary, was born Dec. 20, 1895, in Glendale, Ohio. She lived in Butte, Mont., until she was almost 15, and then moved with her mother to Italy.

She was teaching English at a school run by the Xaverian Fathers when one of them, Father Giacomo Spagnolo, asked her to consider forming a women's branch of the order. After her initial hesitation and a period of prayer, she formed the congregation in 1944. She died in Italy in 1980 at the age of 84.

Pope Francis also declared venerable Sister Honora "Nano" Nagle, the Irish founder of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Born in Ballygriffin in 1718, she was educated in France and entered religious life there. But she left at



CNS PHOTO/XAVERIAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF MARY, PARMA

U.S.-born Mother Celestine Bottego, founder of the Xaverian Missionary Sisters of Mary, moved a step closer to sainthood Oct. 31 when she was declared venerable by Pope Francis. Born in Glendale, Ohio, in 1895, she moved to Italy as a teenager and founded the order in Parma in 1945. She is pictured in an undated photo provided by her order.

the age of 32, returning to Ireland to care for and educate the children of the poor. She founded the Presentation Sisters in 1775 and died in 1784.

The fourth decree signed by the pope recognized the heroic virtues of Sister Olga Gugelmo, one of the first members of an Italy-based religious order, the Daughters of the Church. Born in Vicenza in 1910, she died in Mestre in 1943.

SJPMC welcomes NaproTECHNOLOGY specialist Dr. David Parker

MISHAWAKA — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJPMC) is pleased to welcome David Parker, M.D., to Saint Joseph OB/GYN Specialists and Midwifery and the Saint Joseph Physician Network.

Dr. Parker specializes in NaProTECHNOLOGY (Natural Procreative Technology, or NPT), a unique medical and surgical application of gynecology that is used to treat infertility, recurrent miscarriage, abnormal bleeding, premenstrual syndrome, recurrent ovarian cysts or pelvic pain.

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gical NPT is "near adhesion-free" surgery. NPT surgeries may also be accomplished with minimally invasive robot-assisted da Vinci surgery — leading to quicker recoveries and better outcomes.

Dr. Parker received his medical education from the University of Texas at Houston and did his residency at the University at Buffalo and the Sister of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y. He completed his fellowship in medical and surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY at the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Neb.

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Handel's Messiah

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the University of Saint Francis will sponsor a special performance of Handel's MESSIAH on December 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. This concert in the season of Advent is a wonderful way, through sacred music, to reflect on the coming of the Lord.

Heartland, the region's only professional vocal ensemble, the Heartland Festival Chorus & Orchestra and internationally renowned soloists Denise Ritter, Rebekah Ambrosini, Don Bernardini, and Ryan DeRyke present Handel's Messiah, directed by Maestro Robert Nance.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the USF Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry Street, Fort Wayne (formerly the Scottish Rite Auditorium). Tickets are available by phone at 260-436-8080 and on Heartland's website www.heartlandchorale.org. The work last approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Reserved seating is \$30. General Admission tickets are \$20 and tickets for students 13 and over are \$5. Children 12 and under are free with a paying adult. (Please call the Heartland office for child tickets)

New Hartford archbishop pledges to love, serve Christ 'by serving you'

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (CNS) — Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, named to head the Hartford Archdiocese, acknowledged he has much to learn about his new home, then the Detroit native quipped, "I don't know if I'll ever be able to say 'Hartford' with just the right New England accent. But I pledge all my love and effort to serve Christ by serving you, as together we seek to walk, and help others to walk, what Christ Himself calls 'the narrow road that leads to life,'" he said Oct. 29 in remarks to more than 100 clergy, religious and media representatives assembled at the archdiocesan center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The news conference followed the announcement earlier that morning that Pope Francis had appointed then-Bishop Blair of Toledo, Ohio, 64, to succeed Hartford Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, 76, who is retiring. Archbishop Blair said he was in Rome Oct. 17 when he received word from Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, the pope had appointed him to the new post. "The next day at a papal audience, I was able to thank Pope Francis in person for the confidence he has placed in me, and I asked for his blessing on the Church in both Hartford and Toledo," he said.

Vatican not worried about possibility U.S. monitored its calls

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has no evidence its calls were monitored by the U.S. National Security Agency and, even if they were, "we have no concerns about it," the Vatican spokesman said. Asked about the possibility that the NSA's electronic eavesdropping program had monitored Vatican calls, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told reporters Oct. 30: "We have no evidence of this." The spokesman made his comments after the Italian newsweekly *Panorama* announced that its issue going on sale Oct. 31 would include a report that phone calls to and from the Vatican were among the 46 million calls in Italy allegedly monitored between Dec. 10, 2012, and Jan. 8, 2013. The magazine said it also is possible the eavesdropping continued for months and included calls made on the eve of the conclave that elected Pope Francis in March. The NSA said in a statement the eavesdropping claims were false. The agency "does not target the Vatican," said a statement from the NSA Public Affairs Office dated Oct. 30 and sent to Catholic News Service in Washington Oct. 31. "Assertions that NSA has targeted the Vatican, published in Italy's *Panorama* magazine, are not true." The magazine's story was prepared in the midst of growing European coverage and anger over the NSA's alleged call-monitoring program.

NEWS BRIEFS

POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES MEMORIAL MASS IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA AT VATICAN



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis celebrates Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 4. The memorial Mass recalled the cardinals and bishops who died during the past year.

Four petitions on court docket ask intervention on health law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court now has petitions asking it to review lower court rulings in three different lawsuits that challenge the federal government's requirement for employer-sponsored health insurance to include contraceptive coverage. Three petitions filed in the last six weeks involve private, for-profit companies owned by Christians who object to their employee insurance funds being used for treatments they consider immoral. A fourth case related to the Affordable Care Act is Liberty University's appeal of the "employer mandate" to purchase government-defined health insurance for employees as applied to the Christian university. The soonest the court might decide to take or deny certiorari in any of the cases would be at its conferences of late November or early December. The court typically holds conferences to review petitions three or four days each month. The Justice Department Oct. 21 filed three documents weighing in on whether the court should take the cases. The department's legal opponents now have time to respond to those filings before the cases are put on the justices' conference list. Meanwhile, organizations and individuals with an interest in the outcome of the cases also may file petitions arguing

for or against the Supreme Court becoming involved. As of Oct. 31, a handful of such friend-of-the-court briefs had been filed for some of the petitions. They were filed on behalf of coalitions of employers, physicians, states and faith-based organizations.

Cardinal to Congress: Disclose abortion coverage in health care law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley urged members of Congress to support the Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, a measure that would require health plans to disclose if they subsidize abortion coverage. Cardinal O'Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the legislation would address one part of the abortion-related problem in the Affordable Care Act. In his Nov. 1 letter, the cardinal pointed out that under the federal health care law — unless state law requires otherwise — each insurer may choose whether to include coverage of elective abortions in health plans it offers on a state health exchange. He noted that if the insurer does cover such abortions, the overall health plan may still receive federal tax subsidies, which he said violates the policies governing all other federal health programs. "In no other program may federal funds subsidize any

part of a health plan that covers such abortions; and nowhere else does the federal government forbid insurers to allow an 'opt-out' from such coverage on conscience grounds," he wrote. The cardinal added that the health care law also has "unique secrecy provisions" protecting the insurer from having to answer if the plan covers abortions — except when it lists all services at the time the consumer is already enrolling in the plan. The insurer also does not have to reveal how much of the person's premium goes into a separate abortion fund.

Catholics must make space for the soul online, Vatican official says

BRAINTREE, Mass. (CNS) — The Internet will host the parish community of the future, according to Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. "Social media is redefining how we understand local community," he said. "The digital parish will be where people cluster around shared interests and shared ideas." Msgr. Tighe made the comments in a keynote address at the sixth annual Catholic New Media Conference held at the Archdiocese of Boston's Pastoral Center in Braintree. He stressed the importance of Catholics bringing their faith to the digital arena, a place where people are spending a greater portion of their lives. According

to data compiled by eMarketer in August, the average American adult spends more than five hours online every day, and a 2011 survey of Brits found that one in four spend more time on the Internet than they do asleep. Msgr. Tighe said that people are going online to connect with others. "I am extremely hopeful because look what people are doing in social media — relationships and friendships, searching for information, sharing ideas, following. They are all fundamental human realities," he said in his Oct. 19 address.

Vatican, American Bible Society offer 'lectio divina' manual

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican publishing house, the American Bible Society and the vicar general of the Diocese of Mar del Plata, Argentina, have teamed up to develop a step-by-step manual in the Catholic art of praying and meditating with the Bible. "Part of the aim of the project is to get Catholics to read the Bible and the other is to get them to rediscover 'lectio divina,'" the traditional Catholic method of reading, meditating on and praying with the Bible, said Mario Paredes, who runs Catholic programs for the American Bible Society. The manual, in Spanish and English, will be available for purchase through the American Bible Society's website, www.bibles.com. Presenting the manual, "Pray With the Bible, Meditate With the Word," at the Vatican Oct. 30, Father Gabriel Mestre, the author and Mar del Plata vicar general, said Pope Francis' morning Mass homilies "are the result of 'lectio divina.'" He said the homilies offer a glimpse into the pope's process of reading the text, meditating on it, praying with it and reflecting on what it is calling him and other Christians to do.

At Mass near John Paul's tomb, pope focuses on experiencing God's love

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Surprising pilgrims at Blessed John Paul II's tomb, Pope Francis made an early morning visit to St. Peter's Basilica and celebrated Mass with the mostly Polish pilgrims. More than 100 priests and pilgrims were gathered Oct. 31 at the basilica's Chapel of St. Sebastian for a morning Mass near Blessed John Paul's tomb. Pope Francis arrived unannounced to preside at the liturgy and prayed for the late pope's intercession to help today's Christians be strong, not weak in their faith. Being Christian means putting God at the center of one's life and drawing strength from His boundless love in order to persevere in hard times, Pope Francis said in his homily. "Without Christ's love, without living this love, recognizing it and being nourished by it, you can't be Christian," he said, according to a full transcript of the homily released by Vatican Radio.

Women's Care Center's downtown location relocates

FORT WAYNE — The Women's Care Center at 823 Webster St. in Fort Wayne has relocated to a new downtown location at 419 E. Wayne St.

The phone number remains the same at (260) 424-9377. The Webster Street site, part of a downtown redevelopment project, closed on Oct. 31. They opened at the Wayne Street site on Monday, Nov. 4.

"While leaving our beautiful, first Fort Wayne center is bitter-sweet, we are looking forward to welcoming our moms and babies to our new, equally charming center on Wayne Street," said Anne Koehl, director. "As always we are especially grateful for the generosity of our Catholic community in making this move possible."

'Supper with Sophie Scholl,' movie night set for December

NOTRE DAME — PROCLAIM! will feature the film "Sophie Scholl — The Final Days," in German with English subtitles, on Dec. 2, 3 and 6 at Geddes hall on the University of Notre Dame campus as part of a series of events sponsored by the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame honoring men and women who have given their lives for Christ.

"Supper with Sophie Scholl," that includes a Brotzeit, a supper typical in Swabia and Bavaria, begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by a talk on the situation of the churches in Nazi Germany by Professor Robert Krieg, department of theology at the University of Notre Dame, a brief introduction into the lives of Sophie and Hans Scholl by Patricia Bellm and the film's showing.

Admission is \$8 and includes light supper, talk, door prize and movie. Tickets purchased before Nov. 24 will be eligible for \$5 cash back at the door. For tickets contact Patricia Bellm at the Institute for Church Life, (574) 631-1379, pbellm@nd.edu or visit icl.nd.edu/Sophie_Scholl.

Bishop Dwenger national merit students commended

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School has announced that Derek Gloudemans, a senior, has been named a 2014 National Merit Semi-Finalist. Gloudemans scored in the top 1 percent of 1.6 million students nationwide who took the PSAT test in October of 2012. Gloudemans will now apply for Finalist status and National Merit Scholarship consideration.

BDHS would also like to congratulate four seniors who were named Commended Students by the National Merit Program. Victoria Fourman, Nicholas Hagar,

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ST. ADALBERT STUDENTS STUDY THE SAINTS



RITA KOPCZYNSKI

Religious education student "saints" pose with Holy Cross Father Gerry Barmasse, associate pastor of St. Adalbert Church in South Bend, celebrating All Saints Day. The students are in their second year of preparation for reception of their First Communion.

Joshua Lapp and Raymond Sanfey scored in the top 5 percent of students nationwide on the PSAT test taken in October of 2012.

Sister Mary Cecilia Schlebecker, Fort Wayne native, celebrates 60th jubilee

EVANSVILLE — A native of Fort Wayne, Daughter of Charity Sister Mary Cecilia Schlebecker will celebrate her 60th jubilee in November. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Erwin C. Schlebecker, of Fort Wayne, Sister Mary Cecilia is one of four children.



SISTER MARY CECILIA SCHLEBECKER

A 1951 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, sister earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and French from Regis College in Denver, Colo., in 1969; and she earned her certificate in gerontology from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1985. Sister entered the Community of the Daughters of Charity of St.

Vincent de Paul in St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 6, 1953.

From 1956 to 2007, Sister Mary Cecilia ministered as business manager, executive secretary, provincial secretary, elderly outreach worker, assistant administrator, director of admissions, administrator and foundation office assistant in many cities in the U.S., including St. Louis, Mo.; Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Chicago, Ill.; and Evansville.

From 1973 to 1981, Sister Mary Cecilia served as an English-speaking secretary at the Daughters of Charity Motherhouse in Paris, France. In 2007, Sister Mary Cecilia joined the Ministry of Prayer at the Seton Residence of the Daughters of Charity in Evansville. She continues in that ministry today.

Nagel awarded Outstanding Art Educator of the Year

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne resident and art teacher Teresa Nagel will receive the Outstanding Art Educator of the Year award at the Art Education Association of Indiana annual convention Oct. 18-20 in Indianapolis. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and are teachers who show outstanding

artistic achievement and service in education.

Nagel teaches at Kekionga Middle School in Fort Wayne and is a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

An Indiana resident since 1999, Nagel has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to the arts. She has not only been an amazing art teacher, but has served on the advisory board of the Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Award, Executive Board member of FAME, and is a member of the Lilly Fellows.

Entries sought for Family Rosary's contest

EASTON, Mass. — The call for entries has been announced for the 2014 "Try Prayer! It Works!" Contest. In this national competition sponsored by Family Rosary, children are encouraged to express their faith through art, poetry and prose.

The "Try Prayer! It Works!" Contest is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

This year's theme — "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." — is based on the fourth joyful mystery.

"We all struggle with faith at times," said Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

The "Try Prayer! It Works!" Contest asks entrants to use creativity to depict their faith. Children in grades K-12 enrolled in a Catholic school, religious education program, parish, home school or other organization are eligible to participate. Visit www.FamilyRosary.org/TryPrayer. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2014. Call Holy Cross Family Ministries at (800) 299-PRAY (7729).

PRIEST SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS ATTEND RETREAT



PHOTO PROVIDED BY FATHER ED RUETZ

The Priest Support Group (the remnant of seven priest members) recently spent three days on retreat at the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery in Ferdinand. Father Paul Bueter had a reunion with Benedictine Sister Mary Victor, who collaborated with him for over a decade, serving Hispanic people in Milford. Pictured, from left, are John Crowley, facilitator; Father Paul Bueter; Benedictine Sister Mary Victor Kercher; Father Bob D'Souza; Benedictine Sister Kathryn Huber; and Father Ed Ruetz.

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for St. John the Apostle — the Evangelist,” the bishop said, adding that he chose him because he appreciated St. John’s Gospel and most importantly because he thought John was Jesus’ best friend since he was called “beloved.”

“He was the only one at the foot of the cross and it was to (John) that Jesus said to take care of His mother, Mary,” Bishop Rhoades said.

The saints and martyrs are examples of holiness, and Bishop Rhoades told the children how important it is to help one another grow in holiness by example and to help others know Jesus.

“That’s why Catholic schools are so important. They are schools of holiness. Your teachers and principal teach you about Jesus and that’s why the parish and your parents work so hard to have St. John’s School. It’s an important mission,” Bishop Rhoades said.

At the end of the Mass, St. John Pastor Father Tony Steinacker asked the bishop to participate in a new tradition beginning at St. John’s — at the end of each Friday’s Mass a crucifix will be presented to a class, beginning with the fifth grade, which will be kept in class for the week to pray for vocations. Father Steinacker also presented a gift to the bishop — a spiritual bouquet from the students.

“This is the greatest gift — that you will be praying for me. Thank you boys and girls!” Bishop Rhoades said upon receiving the gift.

Then the fourth-grade students in Eva DeBoni’s class each presented his or her saint’s project, while in costume they shared facts they learned. Other saints represented were St. George, St. Bernard, St. Lorenzo and several others.

Bishop Rhoades visited each classroom from preschool to fifth grade.

He told *Today’s Catholic*, “This is the fun part of being bishop — being with all the kids.”

In each class Bishop Rhoades asked the students what they were studying in religion and what new prayers they had learned. He offered the students a chance to ask him questions, saying, “It’s not every day bishop comes to your class.”

The students were curious about how he became bishop, how long he’d been bishop and one student asked if being bishop was hard.

“It’s a lot of responsibility,” Bishop Rhoades said. “I don’t have a lot of free time. I don’t get to play much kickball.”

Bishop took a turn at kickball with the fourth and fifth graders while they were in gym class.

Numerous students asked about the bishop’s zucchetto, the skullcap worn under the mitre and one kindergarten was allowed to put it on.

In each class Bishop Rhoades said a prayer with the students, gave a blessing and asked them to tell their parents he said hello.

When the class visits were con-

cluded, Bishop Rhoades commented, “Everywhere I go I’m impressed by the friendliness of the children, the knowledge of their faith. Their questions are interesting. They are interested in the vocation of bishop. They are always so happy to see the bishop and their excitement is great. I think they understand the bishop is their spiritual leader.”

“It’s a testament to the teachers and the school — I’m always edified by each school visit,” he said.

The school was established in 1868. Currently, enrollment is 120 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade with two preschool classes — a junior class of four and five year olds and a Pee Wee class of three year olds. Preschoolers have the option of attending half days or full days.

Special classes offered at St. John School include art, music, physical education, computer, library and Spanish. Eagle’s Nest is the after school program that runs from 2:40-6 p.m. and provides care where students can receive homework and academic assistance and enjoy free play.

The school offers a wide variety of activities including weekly prayer service, fall festival, Young Authors Conference, Veteran’s Day program, Science Fair, Grandparent’s Day, Christmas program, field trips, All Schools Mass at Notre Dame, mentoring, Las Posadas, participating in Mass twice a week and buddy groups.

Principal Mattie Willerton explained that buddy groups involve all students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. A fifth-grader is the leader of the group, which includes a student from each grade level. Each month the group meets and participates in special projects and activities together. At the first meeting they choose a patron saint for their group.

“Fifth graders gain leadership skills and the young ones who may be new to the school get a chance to meet older kids and feel welcomed. It’s almost like a family and they’re like siblings,” Willerton said.

Willerton sees the welcoming atmosphere as one of St. John’s biggest strengths. “The children all know one another. They hold doors open. It’s a very warm atmosphere and a Catholic environment. The children pray together, go to Mass together. Under the crucifix it’s even more powerful.”

Father Tony Steinacker sees staff stability as an attribute. “Our teachers are so dedicated to what they do. Some students currently attending have the same teachers as their parents. Many of our teachers live locally and belong to our parish. It reinforces that family aspect that so many seek,” he said.

Smaller class sizes with the largest being 25 allows for more one-on-one attention. Father Steinacker praised the leadership of new principal Mattie Willerton who was trained and educated through the ACE program at Notre Dame.

“She and I share a mutual love for education and we see great potential at St. John’s where we hope to in some small way form the future of our Church and community,” he said.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

At the end of Mass on Friday, Nov. 1, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is presented a spiritual bouquet from the students of St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen.

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Students: 120 in grades kindergarten through fifth; two preschool classes offered

Mascot: Eagles



The second-grade students of Sister Colleen Bauer, a School Sister of Notre Dame, fold their hands in prayer as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is about to begin a prayer.



The St. John the Evangelist School children’s bell choir provides music from the choir loft at the All Saints Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

T SCHOOL SHINES DURING VISIT FROM BISHOP



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to the fourth-grade “saints” of St. John the Evangelist School, Goshen, at a pastoral visit on Nov. 1.



During his pastoral visit, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits Anita Laughlin’s kindergarten class at St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen.



Standing in front of the St. John the Evangelist statue in the school area, from left, Father Tony Steinacker, pastor; Mattie Willerton, principal; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades; and Father Fernando Jimenez, parochial vicar.

Rapper priest energizes Luers students

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — Father Norman Fischer, a black Catholic priest from the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., recently preached to the entire student body of 600 at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne on Oct. 8. He returned to the diocese after his participation in the Faithfest for teens a couple years ago was so well received. Father Fischer is currently a priest chaplain for Lexington Catholic High School and pastor of the historically black parish, St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, in Lexington.

The son of an African-American father and Filipino mother, Father Fischer enjoys preaching, rapping and reaching out to youth and their families, creatively spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though raised in a devout Catholic family, he had no experience with priests of color as a child. But by his freshman year in college when he became involved in the National Black Catholic Congress, he was able to interact with other black Catholics and black priests.

Following college graduation,



Father Norman Fischer poses with Bishop Luers High School student Joe Lewis.

he entered St. Mary of the Lake seminary in Chicago where he earned his master of divinity in 2000. He became the first black priest to serve in the Diocese of Lexington.

Father Fischer's interest in rap music began when he was a

child listening to positive hip-hop music. Today, he listens to contemporary music and converts the lyrics to Christian words. A popular Motown hit such as "My Girl" by the Temptations will become "My God." With his high energy and penchant for fun, when he

forms a new rap song to perform for his audience, teen musicians from the audience are often asked by Father Fischer to accompany him.

"Rapping is relevant to young people because they are continuously bombarded with music. It is important to know what they are listening to and to cultivate faith that is inspirational," explains Father Fischer. "Christian rap is equal to the Word of God taken to another level with a beat. Music is the crossroads where the Church and teens can meet."

During his talk at Bishop Luers, Father Fischer was joined by poet and fellow rapper Dwayne Smithers. The two met just three and a half years ago through a mutual friend. Smithers helps Father Fischer keep his creativity fresh and relevant to teenagers today.

The morning at Bishop Luers began with an all-school conference with group dynamics, ice breakers, and a freestyle rap to "Christ be the Light of Our Lives." Smithers shared with groups through his poetry and rap how he fell into darkness away from Christ and how he eventually turned back to Christ.

An all-school Mass concluded the morning activities and Holy Hour was held from 5-6 p.m. at the school.

Sue Mathias, campus minister at Bishop Luers, said the day was simply "fantastic!"

Senior Logan Gillie felt that the activities really opened her eyes to her faith and said that beyond Luers, she will "always listen to God and look to Him for direction."

Classmate Megan Lee felt inspired by the day and believes that she will pray more and "listen to God so He can help me figure out what I want to do with my life." Lee also took away from the presentations to treat people as we want to be treated.

Additionally, junior Tiyona Griggs remembered, "No one's perfect. Everyone's different, and you should not treat people differently because of your own insecurities."

Father Fischer hopes that his time spent at Bishop Luers High School graced others with renewed insights in this Year of Faith and that hearts will beat in one rhythm with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We've come this far by faith

BY DEACON MEL TARDY

"Of decisive importance in this year is retracing the history of our faith." — "Porta Fidei"

In 1887, Daniel Rudd — a prominent black Catholic from Bardstown, Ky., — delivered a major speech about "colored Catholics" at Catholic Library Hall of Fort Wayne. Rudd's story of faith is unique in the annals of American Church history. His parents had been slaves, but also Catholic. Rudd, a cradle Catholic, came of age in the first generation freed by the Emancipation Proclamation; but, he never forgot the concerns of his fellow kinfolk suffering in slavery's aftermath: poverty, education, joblessness and health care.

Rudd's enduring faith, however, assured him that the Catholic Church — "the only place on this continent where rich and poor, white and black, must drop prejudice at the threshold and go hand in hand to the altar" — was the "one great hope" for colored folk. Such faith drove him to devote his life and God-given gifts to spreading that very message, far and wide — including to Fort Wayne.

To engage black Catholics regarding common concerns, Rudd founded a national newspaper, the *American Catholic Tribune*, and the National Black Catholic Congress; the latter being the first significant lay Catholic movement in America. Both institutions founded by

Rudd still engage Catholics today (see www.nbcongress.org). Lay leadership perhaps emerged in large part because various factors, including racism, had stymied efforts to ordain blacks in America. Convened in 1889, that first congress included Mass with Father Augustine Tolton presiding: America's first recognizably black priest. But, Rome had ordained him; America had refused.

Did Rudd's presence inspire local black Catholics — perhaps the ancestors of several black Catholic families once active at St. Mary's Parish of Fort Wayne? That story remains to be told. What we do know is that, 35 years after Rudd's Indiana visit, eight black Catholic families in South Bend were fighting to remain faithful. In the 1920s, these southern transplants, who sought South Bend for northern opportunities, were "struggling to gain open acceptance in white parishes." With seemingly "insufficient numbers to create a church of their own, their spiritual needs were being ignored."

Far too often, even today, such phrases punctuate the epitaph of black Catholic evangelization. But then, Holy Cross Father George O'Connor — a white priest, taken in as a teen by black neighbors after his own family was tragically killed — became aware of their plight. Finding it unacceptable to ignore the spiritual needs of even eight black families, he advocated tirelessly for the founding of St. Augustine Parish (1928): "a mission church

... in regards to Negroes in all of South Bend." Stymied by the Great Depression, but sustained by great faith, this white priest spent the remainder of his life toiling to build a viable parish out of a seemingly insignificant number of families.

Over the years, evangelization at St. Augustine Parish became a labor of love for others too: religious and clergy, black and white laity; Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame, haves and have nots. In 1941, the parish grew beyond its interim facility — a converted tavern — and into the new and current facility, built dollar by dollar through dozens of dances, card parties and creative fundraisers.

Today, its vibrant black liturgy and reputation as a diverse, close-knit community — where ALL are welcome — attract parishioners and visitors from near and far. In some ways, Rudd's faithful vision of a Catholic Church "where rich and poor, white and black, must drop prejudice at the threshold and go hand in hand to the altar" had found a model in St. Augustine Parish.

St. Paul says, "faith is being sure of what you hope for, certain of what you have not yet seen."

Timing wise, if this were merely a "year celebrating faith," the story of St. Augustine Parish would be noted as intriguing. Yet, in an era when far too many Catholics struggle with a "profound crisis of faith" ("Porta Fidei"), perhaps the story of an enduring faith — of black Catholics — must be noted as

essential.

The American faith journey of blacks, including Catholics, is synonymous with bitter struggle; and some hesitate to uncover and share it. As Barbara Streisand once sang: "What's too painful to remember, we simply choose to forget." Yet, isn't an enduring faith also an exemplary faith; a journey emblematic of the suffering all people endure on this earth?

As Christians, our story also speaks of hope — to the loving presence of Christ in the midst of our suffering. In him, we know that God literally has our back — beaten, bloodied and left to die like those of our ancestors. If we identify with His suffering and death, we also embrace His Resurrection and promise of liberation. And our story must embrace the Eucharistic presence of Christ in others — such as Father O'Connor and so many advocates — who broke bread with us in order to break the bondage of racism and division. And in that sense, ours is also a joyful faith — a celebration that something better is coming. The same message heralded by Daniel Rudd so many years ago.

"Porta Fidei" calls the Year of Faith "a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world." It will conclude in November, which also happens to be National Black Catholic History Month, initiated in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus to celebrate the particular faith and gifts of black

Catholics. Perhaps their convergence in November can be a clarion call to celebrate the faith stories of black Catholic across our diocese: parishes, schools and institutions.

One resource for assistance is the Diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board (BCAB), whose mission in part is "to help guide the diocese ... to effectively address pastoral, social and cultural concerns relating to Catholics of African descent." BCAB is currently drafting a plan for the pastoral care of blacks in the diocese. On Nov. 5, BCAB and St. Pius X Parish (a parish also founded by Father O'Connor) showed the documentary "Enduring Faith." On Nov. 24, the St. Augustine Gospel Choir will join other choirs for the closing Mass for the Year of Faith.

BCAB will also bring Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago to South Bend on Feb. 1, 2014, to speak on the cause of sainthood for Father Augustine Tolton.

We've come this far by faith — an enduring faith, but also a joyful faith. Let us continue to learn from the collective faith stories of the past, so that ALL may have a future brimming with the hope that love inspires.

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Caveats from a Catholic doc

My colleagues and I have presented fairly serious topics over the last several months in this column. This month I would like to try something a little different and do what doctors do all day long — give advice. I will keep it simple and to the point. My advice is backed by published research studies and is not just my opinion. Despite that, I am sure there will be those who disagree.

Let's start with what will probably be the most controversial subject I will discuss: the multi-billion dollar vitamin industry. Its goal is to sell you vitamins and make money. Study after study has shown that mega or super doses of vitamins do not enhance your health. In recent years multiple mega-B vitamin (B6, B12, folic

acid) research studies have been very disappointing and proven to be of no benefit.

A large study on high dose vitamin E has actually shown a trend toward harm. No benefit has been proven for high dose vitamin C, echinacea, ginkgo biloba and so many other supplements. The recently published Physician Health Study II in which over 14,000 physicians participated, showed that after 11 years of taking a popular multivitamin (Centrum Silver) there was no benefit at reducing cardiovascular disease, which was the main goal of the study. At least there was a trend toward less cancer in the vitamin group.

My advice is to avoid the super-dose and expensive vitamin supplements and consider a daily

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dose of a multivitamin, especially if you don't eat a healthy diet full of fruits and vegetables. Then take all the money you just saved and give it to your favorite charity. Interestingly, eating a diet high in vitamins and minerals (fruits and vegetables generally) HAS been shown to be beneficial. But, if you take those same vitamins and minerals

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Hold firm to your bond with the Lord



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 20:27-38

This weekend, observed by the Church as the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, has as its first reading a section from the Second Book of Maccabees.

Maccabees, First or Second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books are late in the formation of the Scriptures as we now have them. They date from a period only two centuries before Christ, describing a very dark period in the history of God's people.

When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East died, his generals scrambled to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt. Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria.

A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly. This weekend's reading reports quite vividly the penalty Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god.

Maccabees I and II were written about martyrs who defied Antiochus.

These two books of Maccabees lionize these pious Jewish martyrs who refused to forsake the one God of Israel.

Heroism, therefore, is one

lesson. Another is about the after-life, and it mentions the after-life as a reward for holy living on earth. The after-life as a doctrine was not very refined in the more ancient Hebrew writings. Maccabees expanded the notion.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading. This work too was written when times were very hard for true believers. The epistle is challenging but encouraging. Regardless of whatever may lie ahead, it insists that disciples must hold firm to their bond with the Lord. Times may be bad, even terrifying, but God will be victorious!

St. Luke's Gospel, the source of the last reading, continues the theme of the after-life. Its message is clear. Those faithful to God in this life will live with God, triumphantly and eternally, in the next life.

This reading also says that the ways of God are beyond our experience and our understanding. We are humans, nothing less but nothing more. We are nothing less in that we can decide to live so as to receive as God's gift eternal life itself. We are nothing more in that we need God.

Reflection

Tomorrow, our country will celebrate Veterans' Day, a commemoration of the day in 1918 when Germany and its allies surrendered, and the First World War ended.

No war has been fought without great suffering and death. The First World War, however, was new to human experience in the untold number of human lives that it took. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives on battlefields, or in bombing raids. Millions of others starved, or were maimed, or died of disease.

Today, historians look back upon this tragic time and

wonder why it all happened. It happened because of human bad judgment, human greed and human disregard for human life. Humans can make life very bad for themselves and for others especially when they ignore or disobey God.

Evidence of this same reality is seen in the story of the Maccabees. The mighty Antiochus brought death and anguish. In the end, however, the just triumphed, not the king. We celebrate the Maccabees. For the Thessalonians, imperial Rome brought terror and agony. The just triumphed. We honor them today. Imperial Rome is gone.

These readings remind us again that peace, justice and security come only when humans respect God. They also warn us of the allurements that so often drive humans to hurt themselves and others inevitably will pass away.

Without God, we are doomed, condemned by our own human inadequacies. Again and again in history, we find proof of this fact.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20:27-38

Monday: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Honor Flight ... thanks for the memories

BY MARK WEBER

It was G.I. style all over again. Reveille (at home) at dawn with presentation of printed orders and I.D. to guards at a military post where jeeps, flags, huts, hangars and a camo clad aura made me wonder if I was actually back in time reporting for duty at another new post. I wasn't ... I was a guest of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana and on my way for a day in Washington, D.C., with other World War II veterans who would see the capital city's sights and memorials, swap stories, eat box lunches and get the V. I. P. treatment all day long.

The Honor Flight saga began as many others have — purely an idea based on fulfillment and entitlement due others. In this case, the idea man was Earl Morse, a physician's assistant and retired Air Force captain serving in a small clinic in Springfield, Ohio.

With the completion and dedication of the World War II Memorial in 2004, Earl wondered if any of his aging patients would actually visit the edifice erected in their honor. Since various personal barriers prevented such trips, Earl, a private pilot and member of an active aero club at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, appealed to other private pilots to fly some veterans to Washington.

Earl's request included two conditions: that the veterans pay nothing; and that the pilots serve as escorts for the day's activities. Eleven pilots volunteered and Honor Flight was off the ground.

By 2006, commercial flights were used exclusively due to the increased number of veterans on the waiting list and adverse weather conditions prohibiting small aircraft from participating on a regular schedule.

Presently, Honor Flight has expanded to 127 hubs in 41 states and has flown nearly 100,000 veterans to Washington, D.C.

Our flight on May 29 of this year, which was the 10th trip for Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana, included 72 veterans (two were women) and each veteran's personal escort. Lucky for me, my escort was my daughter Libby, who generously paid full fare to share the day with me and after the trip made up a special book of our Honor Flight photos. After the standard military check-in at the gate of the 122nd Fighter Wing Air National Guard at the Fort Wayne International Airport, we were photographed, presented with more identification and credentials, tee shirts, caps and a ditty bag that held more mementos of the trip.

We were then guests of the 122nd Fighter Wing Air National Guard for breakfast and a briefing of the day's events.

Following breakfast, we proceeded to the flight line and an unexpected and humbling display of affection and honor was expressed by a lineup of hundreds of military

personnel, Air National Guard staff, friends and family members with flags and signs, who waved and cheered as we boarded our plane.

Two and a half hours later, our plane's wing tip was a pointer to postcard shots of Washington, D.C., only this time, it was the real thing and we would soon be on the ground and posing for photos at these memorials and historic places now viewed from on high.

On landing at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, there was another unexpected tribute and V.I.P. dispensation as we avoided customary screening and got the red carpet treatment to an area in the terminal where a live Dixieland band serenaded with WWII tunes; "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," "In the Mood," and more Glenn Miller music.

Three air conditioned, color coded buses stood by as our transportation and police escort got us out of the airport traffic and we were at once in the midst of D.C. as our guide named buildings we rolled past — the Treasury, the Smithsonian, Watergate, etc.

Our first and longest stop was at the World War II Memorial, which was dedicated in 2004 to honor not war, but the 16 million Americans who served in the Armed Forces and the 400,000 who died in that conflict.

The overall design and art here is breathtaking. In one display, 12-foot bronze eagles are done so gracefully they deny their 80,000 pound weight and appear to be in free flight. The pillars, the pool, the bronze work dramatizes victorious power and in an uplifting way, the peace purchased by the events and personnel involved.

With a quiet feeling of private Hoosier pride in knowing that we were looking at Indiana limestone at nearly every memorial visited, our buses rolled on to the Korean Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and three times around the iconic U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, which recalls one of the most famous incidents of WWII, the raising of the U.S. flag at the top of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

Following our last box lunch at the U.S. Air Force Memorial we boarded our buses for a final roll call and moving on for our flight home ... but another surprise tribute awaited. As we once again avoided the security check-in at Reagan National and got the red carpet treatment, we were surrounded by men and women all dressed in clothing circa World War II who posed for photos, and danced with us as another live band knocked out more Miller music.

And that wasn't the last surprise; once in the air, one of the most delightful experiences of armed forces life was renewed — mail call! It was the same thrill of hearing your name and knowing that someone at home was thinking of

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A partnership between generations

A recent ad for a Swiss watch shows a well-groomed father getting out of a first-class Pullman car and putting his arm around his 8-year-old son, also nattily attired in khakis, Dockside and a sport coat. "You never actually own a Patek Philippe," the ad said. "You merely look after it for the next generation."

It was a little rich for my taste. But there were some things I liked about the ad. It showed a father in a positive light — something one rarely sees on Madison Avenue or in Hollywood. The fathers there are typically absent, unconcerned or inept.

The ad also invoked a laudable concern for the next generation. Edmund Burke, in his "Reflections on the French Revolution," wrote that society is "a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead and those who are to be born."

It was incongruous to see Burke's sentiment used to sell watches. But at least it showed we haven't forgotten about it entirely. So does the environmental movement, a political effort you might not associate with an instinctive conservative like Burke. In his 2013 inaugural address, President Barack Obama made a typical appeal for sustainable energy, saying, "Our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves, but to all posterity."

How is it that we can invoke this intergenerational covenant to sell watches and to prevent possibly ruinous climate change over the next few centuries but ignore it in the face of certain fiscal ruin over the next two or three decades?

Detroit's bankruptcy is a

social tragedy that resulted in part from unrealistic promises made to present workers at the expense of future city taxpayers. As the city's economy and population declined, it failed to trim back its government workforce, maintaining one of the nation's largest for cities its size.

The city kept promising larger and larger retirement benefits for employees. It even paid bonuses out of the retirement fund in years when it made good money in the market, even as it ratcheted up the tax burden on its ever-shrinking population. When the market turned south, the fund became incapable of paying out what it had promised.

As a result, more than half of the Motor City's \$18 billion in debt is unfunded retirement benefits for public employees, who now stand to lose everything in the city's bankruptcy. To put it in Burke's terms, the retiring generation took on a debt their children could not pay.

Federal entitlement spending is, sadly, going in the same direction. Never mind the new health care law. Even without that, entitlement spending accounts for nearly two-thirds of the federal budget (twice what it was in 1960).

Most of this is for Social Security and Medicare — programs whose beneficiaries are defined by age, not need. We call them insurance programs, but they're not. Today's workers pay for today's retirees and ask the next generation to support them.

But we're asking too much of the next generation, because people are living longer, costs are rising and birthrates are falling. We aren't leaving our children fancy watches. We're



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leaving them debts they cannot pay.

Both of our major political parties have been equally guilty of making promises our children are being asked to keep, but probably cannot. Both are equally afraid to acknowledge the problem.

Unrealistic and false promises do not fulfill our duties of social justice. Surely our noble desire to care for the old and the sick can take a better form. But these false promises persist as politicians keep putting the next election ahead of the next generation.

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at all now, don't start because of what I just said. If drinking has caused problems in your life or you know you're an alcoholic, then avoidance is a must.

Did you know lifelong smokers live an average of 10 years less than nonsmokers? That means many smokers will not see their 70s. It's never too late to stop smoking and improve your health and prognosis.

There is an epidemic of adult onset type II diabetes in this country. A significant percentage of these people can reverse their diabetes with a simple plan — weight loss. For example, somebody that is 5-feet, 10-inches and weighs 230 pounds can very likely get off all their diabetic meds if they lose weight through diet and exercise to get down to 180 pounds. For diabetics that are not at ideal body weight, the best solution is not more pills or even insulin. It is weight loss!

I suspect you have all taken notice when you have seen an

85-year-old man or woman walk by with the speed and vigor of a 30 year old. Do you know what the secret is? It's exercise. If you want to enjoy your golden years, keep moving and keep exercising!

I always try to end with Scripture. "Or do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." — 1 Cor 6:19-20.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 10, 2013

Luke 20:27-38

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: an imaginary story illustrating life and marriage. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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MARK WEBER

Mark Weber recalls a day in Washington, D.C. and the events experienced by veterans who make an Honor Flight.

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you. This final thoughtful touch was carefully prearranged by the staff of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana and my daughter, Libby, who secretly notified many relatives and friends weeks before our flight. I received loads of letters and cards and someone even sent me an American flag.

Recalling this star spangled, beautiful day in May and the sights of the trip ... the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, those beautiful

bronze eagles, and taps at Arlington, my most vivid and touching memory is of two veterans of the 82nd and 101st airborne, one of whom was heard to say as our flight left Fort Wayne, "This will be the first time I will be on a plane that landed." These one-time hell for leather G.I.'s who leaped out of airplanes wearing 60-pound packs while clutching rifles, now carefully used both grab rails as they slowly left the bus.

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at high doses and artificially put them in a pill the magic goes away.

What about alcohol? The bottom line is moderate consumption of alcohol in epidemiological studies has shown benefits, particularly reduced cardiovascular disease. Moderate consumption means three to seven adult beverages a week (sorry, it does not mean seven drinks in one night!). The most beneficial appears to be red wine, but white wine, various spirits, and even beer are also acceptable.

Don't forget there are plenty of calories in alcohol, so you have to cut back on calorie consumption someplace else. Finally, if you don't drink alcohol

Sports

ICCL, CYO football champs square off for diocesan playoff

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The best of the best met in youth football's pinnacle, the 2013 diocesan showdown, on a crisp, sunny Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2, at Fort Wayne's University of Saint Francis field. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams won both contests, but the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) teams from South Bend did not go down without a fight.

The first game slated two like-matched teams, but it was Fort Wayne's St. Charles Cardinals that outlasted a powerful Panther squad from St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius X by a score of 20-14 to claim the bragging rights for the south.

The Panthers scored first to start the back and forth. The St. Charles team answered with a drive of its own highlighted by a 46-yard Eddie Morris to Bradley Black pass and capped off by a 7-yard run by T.J. Tippmann. The Panthers responded with another score but St. Charles answered before the half with Morris scoring on an 18-yard bootleg run to tie the score at 14-14 heading into halftime.

Coach Sam Talarico described the second half as two heavyweight boxers throwing punches at each other. With four minutes remain-

ing in the game, Morris found Tippmann on a screen pass that was good for a 27-yard touchdown scamper. The Panthers then put together an impressive drive down to the 2-yard line with just over a minute left in the game, however, their drive stalled when Tippmann forced and recovered a fumble for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals found themselves with their backs against their own endzone and were not out of danger until Morris' cannon connected with Collin Reed on the game sealing 35-yard pass.

"You can not make mistakes against a good team like St. Charles," Panther Coach Shawn Bays admitted.

"It was a very tough loss, but a good battle," he summarized.

Once again, the Panthers' workhorse, Charlie McFadden, dominated the ground game with another 100-yards-plus rushing game and a score. Quarterback Ben Lamont hooked up with J.P. Lewis for the other touchdown.

A pleased Cardinal Coach Sam Talarico summed up his unit's outstanding year, "Anytime you end a CYO season with a win in November, it's a great season. I am very proud of all of our players — our eighth-grade class came a long way from last year and our defense bent but did not break in defending

against the Panther running back."

He was very impressed with his opponent, "McFadden is one heck of a running back who was a bear to bring down and he was no fun to defend. He routinely made seven or eight yards after getting hit at the line of scrimmage."

The coach continued his kudos, "Reed and Black made big play after big play for the Cardinals and Morris had his best game of the year. Issac Blume was a huge playmaker for the defense and finally, our offensive line had their best game of the year — Jake Vanek, Will Nelson, Jake Fabini, Joe Tippmann, Blake Davis and Adam Lightner gave Morris time all day long to find his receivers."

Talarico concluded, "I am really excited for next year since so many seventh graders played a key role in our victory today."

Next up, the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) Eagles squeaked by the Saints from Mishawaka Catholic after an explosive fourth quarter of action, 25-20. It was another gritty showdown, a classic contest of power vs. speed full of athleticism, talent and aggression. The Saints scored first and took a 8-7 lead at halftime. They kept control until

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ICCL FIFTH-SIXTH GRADE SOCCER CHAMPS NAMED



PHOTOS BY PAUL TINCHER

The Inter-City Catholic League St. Joseph, South Bend, fifth-and-sixth-grade Eagles beat St. Adalbert, 3-1, in the boys' soccer tournament championship game on Oct. 20 at Marian High School Abro Field in Mishawaka. The Eagles' coaches were Eric Horvath and Jay Caponigro.



In the ICCL fifth-and-sixth-grade girls' soccer tournament, Christ the King, Blue, defeated St. Joseph, South Bend, Gold, 4-1, to win the championship crown. Rachel Was and Lucy Hardig each scored once plus Caroline Edmonds netted two goals for Christ the King. Georgia Place smacked one for St. Joseph in the spirited championship final on Oct. 20 at Marian High School Abro Field in Mishawaka. Shown above is Haley Dunham, right, of St. Joseph, and Madison Veldman, left, of Christ the King, during the competition.



At right, the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Eagles beat the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 25-20, at the diocesan playoff game on Nov. 3.



In the diocesan playoff battle on Nov. 3, St. Charles Cardinals, shown in the team photo at left, beat the St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers, 20-14.



The Mishawaka Catholic Saints team photo is shown at left at the diocesan playoff game on Nov. 3. The Saints won the ICCL championship a week ago in double overtime.

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CYO Eagles lose championship to Holy Cross

Eagles play in diocesan tournament

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJFW) lost to Holy Cross Lutheran School, 42-8, in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship game on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Despite the tough day, Coach Jim Carroll was very proud of his young Eagles whose only losses the whole season came against the Crusaders, "It has been a pleasurable, fun group to coach. We plan to rebound and play our best in the diocesan championship."

In his 13 years at the helm, Carroll's teams have been in the championship game seven times.

He credits all the kids and all his assistants over that time period.

Holy Cross remained undefeated for the 2013 season but per CYO regulations, are not allowed to participate in the playoffs against the Inter-City Catholic League winner on Nov. 3.

The mighty Cardinals from St. Charles will be the second place team to represent Fort Wayne in the much anticipated showdown.

In junior varsity playoff action, the St. Charles Cardinals defended their CYO title with a 24-6 victory over an outstanding, gritty group of Raiders from St. John, New Haven, to win the 2013 fifth- and sixth-grade championship.

Coach Mike Eddy's squad finished with a perfect 10-0 record for the second year in a row and surrendered just 1.9

points per game over the season. The Cardinals were led by quarterback Drew Lytle and got touchdowns from Patrick O'Keefe, Patrick Finley and Hayden Ellinger.

The Cardinals' offensive line was led by Lucas Krohn, Michael Boerger, Jacob Lehrman, John Knepper and Nolan Hoffman.

The Cardinals' sixth-grade program will take an impressive 20-game winning streak into 2014. The fifth-grade squad also finished their regular season undefeated with a 7-0 record.

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REMEMBERING BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY



AUGUST 18, 1932 - FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Saint John's Seminary in Boston, MA has recently opened a new Lecture Hall & Library at the former Our Lady of the Presentation Church, the home parish and baptism site of the beloved Bishop of Fort Wayne - South Bend, Indiana, Bishop D'Arcy. After being closed for close to a decade, Saint John's Seminary has breathed new life into this holy house and is planning to honor the memory of Bishop D'Arcy by naming a conference room after him.

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late in the fourth quarter when the Eagles' speedster Dashon Bussell rushed in a score to take their first lead of the game, 19-14. However, the Saints were not finished. They answered back with 1:27 left on the clock with their standout tailback, Julian Keultjes' 50-yard run, his third touchdown of the game and took what they hoped was the final lead, 20-19. But Bussell had one more score up his sleeve to dash their hopes with 21 seconds remaining in the game.

Both of these decorated programs have seen their share of big games. After 30 years of coaching and 10 trips to the playoffs, Mishawaka's beloved Tony Violi did not remember ever facing SJFW.

"It was fun to come to Fort Wayne and finally play against Jim Carroll and the Eagles. They always have good teams, but I don't think my heart can take any more close games (the Saints won the ICCL championship a week ago in double overtime)."

The Saints were undefeated coming into the match-up and despite the loss in the final seconds in Fort Wayne, Violi praised his squad, "I could not be more proud of this team; never in a million years did we think we would've made it to this game."

Carroll, who tallies a career record of 88-30 and four diocesan championships will step down after 12 years as head coach. He hopes to help out at the junior varsity level next season and wishes to thank all the coaches, great kids and his wife, Amanda, "I have been blessed, honored and touched to have had the joyful opportunity to coach the Eagles."

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.

USF presenting free fall concert

Fort Wayne — The University Singers and Jazz Ensemble of the University of Saint Francis will collaborate on a free fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium at 2701 Spring St. The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Sam Smiley, will perform its annual winter concert of jazz standards, contemporary pieces and holiday classics, joined by the University Singers, under the direction of Robert Nance. Call (260) 399-8064 for more information.

Divine Mercy Ministry offers post-abortion healing

Fort Wayne — Divine Mercy Ministry, a Catholic support ministry devoted to the healing of the post-abortive woman or man, meets twice a month. Location and times are confidential. For information, call (260) 445-8119 or email mary@divinemercyministry.com. All inquiries are confidential.

Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish will have a Holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 411 W. Vistula St. Bake sale, handcrafted items and lunch will be available.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Mishawaka — Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. Frist St., will host a spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 8, from 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti is available with or without meat and dinner includes salad, breadsticks, dessert and coffee. Other beverages available for purchase. The price is \$8 for adults, children 5-12 are \$5 and children under 5 are free. Carry-outs available.

Prison ministry to begin

Yoder — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Prison ministry angel tree Christmas program" for children in Allen County who have parents in prison. If you would like to sponsor a child with a gift call (260) 622-4042.

Notre Dame choirs conclude Year of Faith

Notre Dame — The Office of Campus Ministry will host a musical celebration on Friday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to honor the conclusion of the worldwide Year of Faith. The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Folk Choir and

Women's Liturgical Choir will each perform an individual piece of sacred music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart before coming together to sing the Mozart Coronation Mass with orchestra.

Craft bazaar and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1720 E Wallen Rd. will have a craft bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homemade crafts, baked goods and lunch available.

Bishop Luers plans fall fundraiser

Fort Wayne — Turkey Trot will be Sunday, Nov. 24, from 6-10:30 p.m. at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St. Tickets are \$20 per person before Nov. 16 and \$25 per person after and include food, beer,

wine, soft drinks and music by "Actual Size." Proceeds benefit the Bishop Luers High School Athletic Booster Club and the Performing Arts Department.

Craft fair helps Dwenger

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters craft fair will be Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is free. Nelson's Chicken will also be available at the event. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Bishop Dwenger.

St. Augustine plans winter bazaar

South Bend — St. Augustine Parish, 1501 Washington St., will have a winter bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, and Sunday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Resumes can be sent to the attention of Msgr. Robert Schulte at rschulte@diocesefwsb.org by November 15, 2013.

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PBS program featuring interviews with founding pastor Msgr. Robert Schulte and current pastor Father James Shafer to bulletin accounts of portions of the history of St. Elizabeth Parish by Tom Castaldi and special contests.

On Nov. 3, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined the faithful to celebrate a special anniversary Mass at the church. Six fully vested priests, all of whom had served at St. Elizabeth in the past or were instrumental in the founding of the parish, along with Msgr. Schulte and Father Shafer, concelebrated the high Mass that was attended by the Knights of Columbus, three of the four seminarians from the parish and featured a special blessing and prayer.

During his homily Bishop Rhoades told the overflowing congregation, "With joyful thanksgiving to God we celebrate this 25th anniversary Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish." He spoke of the history of the parish's growth and the pastoral leadership of its two pastors and all priests, deacons and lay leaders who has served there. A standing ovation ensued as parishioners showed their gratitude for their pastors.

Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, Bishop Rhoades related that Jesus called the tax collector Zacchaeus by name "because this was His mission: to seek and to save the lost."

He continued, "My friends, this Gospel teaches us that God sees in every person a soul to save. He seeks out the lost. Jesus came to save sinners, to save us. He offers



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the 25th anniversary Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish on Nov. 3 along with Deacon Jim Kitchens, former parochial vicar Father Drew Curry, former parochial vicar Father Dave Ruppert, founding pastor Msgr. Bob Schulte, current pastor Father Jim Shafer, current parochial vicar Father Ben Muhlenkamp and former St. Joseph Parish pastor Father Bill Sullivan. Father Larry Kramer, retired and in residence at St. Elizabeth, also concelebrated.

all the possibility of redemption, of converting. This is the power of God's love at work for the salvation of the world."

Bishop Rhoades implored, "The mission of the Church and of this parish is to continue this mission of Jesus, the mission of salvation. We are to reach out to others with the love and mercy of Jesus. This is the power of faith, the power of God's love that saves and renews the world."

A truly vibrant parish, the bishop said, "is a community that evangelizes by word and action — reaching out to the poor, the outcast, those trapped in sin, those who are suffering, those without hope, those who are unchurched or inactive in the practice of the faith."

Closing his homily, Bishop Rhoades, who has a personal devo-

tion to St. Elizabeth, prayed, "May St. Elizabeth Ann Seton intercede for us and for this parish, that it may be renewed by Christ's love. May we, like Zacchaeus, experience the joy of being visited by the Son of God, that we may bring His mercy to others. May God abundantly bless you and all the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish."

A formal adults-only gala followed Mass that began in the atrium with cocktail hour, after which guests of the celebration gathered in the Parish Activity Center for a magnificent buffet catered by Blue Spoon Catering. The gala featured the musical entertainment of the University of Saint Francis jazz quartet.

Clergy and parishioners alike had uplifting comments to share about the jubilee celebration. Founding



St. Elizabeth pastor Father Jim Shafer receives a standing ovation for his service to the parish at the gala that followed a special anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Nov. 3.

pastor Msgr. Schulte remarked, "Twenty-five years is certainly worth celebrating. I have a lot of good memories."

St. Elizabeth's parochial vicar Father Ben Muhlenkamp simply said, "It's a joyous event. I'm happy to be here."

Returning to the parish at which he began his priestly ministry, Father David Ruppert, current pastor of St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend, said, "It's great to see the people again, to see the changes. ... It's exciting to see the growth here."

Jeff Krudop, longtime parishioner, said of the event, "It's a fitting celebration. We've celebrated all year with everyone in every way — the parish festival, with the school and now this. It's wonderful."

Beth Walsh was happy to see the returning priests and seminarians and said, "Tonight it's a blessing for me to see the seminarians. I love those guys!"

Kristin Spoltman, parishioner since 2002, said of the event,

"We're celebrating the past and starting a future." Her friend Cassie Lee added, "I love to see the support of the bishop. It's nice to have him and the past priests here."

Neysa Myers, who is new to the parish, remarked, "It's nice to see the support for the future of the parish. We look forward to being a part of the parish for a long time."

Before dinner, Bishop Rhoades blessed medals of St. Elizabeth that were distributed to the ladies in attendance by Sylvia Denice dressed as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton herself, after which he blessed the meal. Following the meal Father Shafer, Msgr. Schulte and Bishop Rhoades all spoke of the history and the future of the expanding parish of Catholic faithful named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Father Shafer, in his closing remarks, cited the real gift of the parish "is its people and the Lord that blesses them" and thanked the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish saying, "You are what makes St. Elizabeth what it is."

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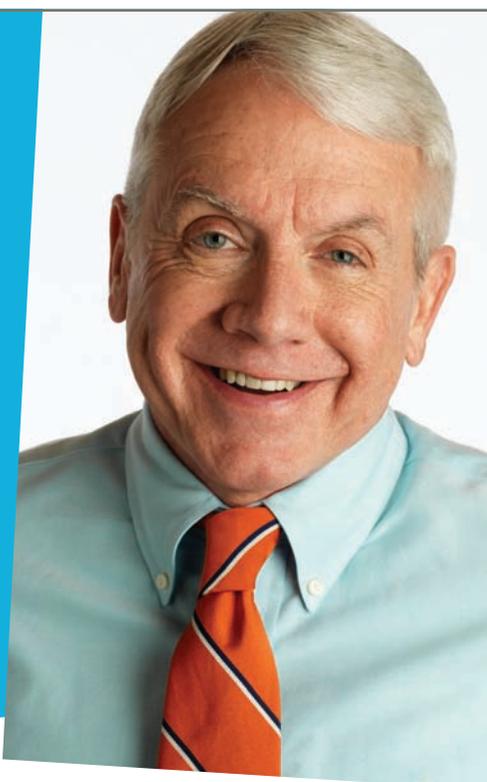
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