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Beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel fills sisters with joy

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, fourth from right, concelebrates the beatification Mass of Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, in Paderborn, Germany, on Sunday, Nov. 10.

PADERBORN, Germany — The Beatification of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, whose motherhouse is in Mishawaka, has brought much joy to the sisters, many who travelled to Paderborn, Germany, for the beatification Mass and celebrations through the week.

The prefect of the Congregation for the Processes of Beatification and Canonization, Cardinal Angelo Amato, celebrated the beatification. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was a concelebrant of the Nov. 10 Mass at the cathedral in Paderborn.

The cathedral was filled with about 100 of the Sisters of St. Francis from Germany, the two U.S. provinces, the Philippine province and the mission in Brazil. There were also hundreds of lay people, clergy — including priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — and other religious.

“I had a real sense of the universal Church, as several languages could be heard around me while waiting for Mass to begin,” said Sister M. Anita Holzmer, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, who resides at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, a university sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis.

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Bishop blesses new Catholic Charities' offices

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is settling into its new first and seventh floor offices in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, located at 915 S. Clinton St. All programs and services including pregnancy and adoption, immigration, refugee resettlement, senior AIDES, Hispanic health, Hoosier Corps, resource and referral and ECHO are now offered at the Noll Center.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met with city dignitaries, including Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities and visitors in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center on Nov. 6 to pray for Catholic Charities' employees and volunteers and the people served by the social services agency, as well as bless their new offices. Catholic Charities Board President Pat Houlihan



KAY COZAD

Employees and volunteers of Catholic Charities and visitors gather under the Catholic Charities' logo near the new first floor offices of the social services agency in the Archbishop Noll Center on Nov. 6 for a special open house and blessing ceremony with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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Deceased clergy remembered at Mass

BY MARK WEBER AND TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Deceased clergy — including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Father Thomas E. Doriot, Father William Peil and Holy Cross Father Ronald Tripi — were remembered in a celebration of the Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The priests and deacons assisting at the Mass joined Bishop Rhoades in the cathedral's crypt where several bishops, including Bishop D'Arcy, are interred. The faithful were invited to pay their respects in the crypt after the Mass.

The funeral Mass of Holy Cross Father Ronald Tripi was being celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame at the same time as the Mass for Deceased Clergy.

"For many years, Bishop D'Arcy celebrated this memorial Mass," noted Bishop Rhoades in his homily. "Today I especially remember Bishop D'Arcy whose body is interred in our cathedral crypt below this altar. May the Lord give him and all our departed bishops, priests and deacons eternal joy and peace."

Bishop Rhoades spoke that St. Paul wrote to the Romans: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another."

St. Paul explained that, "love is the fulfillment of the law."

"In everything we do, our motive should be the love of God," Bishop Rhoades said. "This love makes it easier to love our neighbor. It is this love of God and neighbor that motivated our deceased bishops, priests and deacons to serve the Church with such fidelity and self-sacrifice."

"Pastoral charity is the heart of ordained ministry in the Church," Bishop Rhoades said. "Just as a husband and father is called to give his life in love for his wife and children, likewise celibate bishops and priests are called to give their lives in love for the people entrusted to their pastoral care. They remind all of our common vocation to love one another as Christ has loved us."

The bishop said the Mass recalled that God has prepared for those who love Him good things that no eye can see. This is His promise: eternal life in His presence.

"In this month of November, when we especially remember in prayer our deceased loved ones, we pray with this hope, the hope of resurrection," Bishop Rhoades said.

The Gospel reminded the faithful of the radical demands of discipleship. Jesus, on His way to His crucifixion in Jerusalem, teaches the people what is required to follow Him. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

In the two parables about constructing a tower and about a king marching into battle, Jesus is teaching us not to start what we are not prepared to finish. Jesus is teaching us to face up to what it means to follow Him and to eliminate whatever prevents us from wholeheartedly being His disciples.

"When I think of Bishop D'Arcy and our deceased clergy, I think of their wholehearted service of the Gospel," Bishop Rhoades said.

Many gathered for the Mass, echoed Bishop Rhoades' remarks about Bishop D'Arcy.

Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, said, "Bishop D'Arcy certainly is missed, and I think of him often and all of the work he did here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We are very pleased to have this tribute Mass in which we pray for our deceased clergy of the diocese. Certainly bishop was a big part of that ... and he loved priests. He was very devoted to priests and was a bishop of his priests. We are very grateful for his ministry."

Father Camillo Tirabassi, who is retired, said, "Bishop D'Arcy was someone I admired and



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, priests and deacons pray for the deceased clergy in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne following Mass on Nov. 6.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

who did a lot for me, which I appreciated. I was not here when he died, so I wanted to come to this Mass, so I could remember him in a special way."

Msgr. Bernard Galic, the diocesan director of the Vocation Office and pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, said, "Bishop D'Arcy always made vocations as one of his primary goals as bishop — to get good men into the seminary. And as I would get men into the process and when they were ready for the bishop, he cleared his calendar ... he always saw them immediately ... he never put them off. He was very supportive of the efforts in the Vocation Office, including

leaving me there for more than 20 years."

"He was a great lover of the Priesthood," Msgr. Galic added. "He was a great lover of seminary education. He was himself in seminary education for many years. ..."

Father Glenn Kohrman, who is the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, told *Today's Catholic*, "Bishop D'Arcy, I think, always had his heart in the right place and always did what he thought God wanted him to do. I never questioned his sincerity and his love for the people. He always did what he thought was best for the kingdom."

Father Paul Bueter, retired, said, "I'm sure he is in heaven now. He had a rough time when he first came here and we had a rough time with him, but we all got to know him well ... at least I got to know him well ... and God bless him, he did a good job as best he could."

Maureen Schott, secretary to Bishop D'Arcy for 12-and-a-half years, said, "He was a dear and blessed man and I am sure he is still with us in spirit."

Dede Dahm, close friend and former business manager of *Today's Catholic* newspaper, said, "Bishop was a special blessing who came into my life and which I will live with until my dying day. He was not only my boss, but shepherd of my Catholic faith. He was a beautiful friend, and I almost looked upon him as a father figure, although there wasn't that much difference in our age."

"He brought out the best in me and through his example," she added, "I was able to do things I thought I couldn't do."

"We were both avid baseball fans," she recalled. "Since I was from Chicago, I was for the White Sox and he was from Boston so he loved the Red Sox ... and this year during the World Series, I hoped and prayed for his sake that the Red Sox would win ... they did and I think he had a hand in it."

Father Andrew Curry, the pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Piercetown, and St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester, also spoke of Bishop D'Arcy's love for baseball: "Once Father Andrew Budzinski and I played catch with Bishop D'Arcy behind the cathedral ... this was the day before he threw out the first pitch for the (Fort Wayne) TinCaps."

Pope leads prayers, calls for aid for people hit by deadly typhoon

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis led prayers for people hit by a deadly typhoon in the Philippines and surrounding region, and asked that concrete aid be sent soon.

During the Angelus with pilgrims in St. Peter's Square Nov. 10, the pope expressed his concern and prayers the estimated tens of thousands of people dead and others affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated parts of the central Philippines Nov. 8.

"I wish to express my closeness to the people of the Philippines and that region that has been hit by a terrible typhoon. Unfortunately the victims are many and the damage is enormous," he said.

He asked the tens of thousands of people gathered in the square to join him in a moment of silent prayer "for these brothers and sisters and let's try also to make our concrete help reach them."

In response to the tragedy, Pope Francis made an initial donation of \$150,000 for the relief efforts through the Pontifical Council Cor Unum.

The money, sent through the local churches hardest hit by the storm, was earmarked to support "assistance for the displaced and those impacted by the flooding," the Vatican said in a written statement.

The pope also sent a telegram to Philippine President Benigno Aquino saying he was "deeply pained by the destruction and loss of human lives."

In the message, he also encouraged civil authorities and rescue workers in their efforts and prayed



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A man smiles as he carries a sack of relief goods while others rush for their share during a relief distribution after Super Typhoon Haiyan hit Iloilo province, Philippines. The typhoon, one of the strongest storms in history, is believed to have killed tens of thousands, but aid workers were still trying to reach remote areas.

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that God would offer "the nation strength and consolation."

Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican-based confederation of humanitarian agencies of the Catholic Church, reported Nov. 11 that more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid and 600,000 people have been forced from their homes.

Father Edwin Gariguez, executive secretary of Caritas Philippines, said, "Despite the precautions, this was beyond all expectations. We couldn't image a storm of this size hitting the Philippines."

Representatives from Caritas Philippines and the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Service reached

Leyte by boat Nov. 10 to assess the most urgent needs, Caritas reported.

Father Gariguez said: "The casualties are increasing day by day. There are dead bodies everywhere. People are traumatized. The most urgent needs are for food and water."

Caritas Philippines said it was also concerned about the situation on the islands that had not yet been able to reach.

Caritas and CRS said the most urgent priorities were emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household items like blankets, kitchen and cookware, potable water and toilets.

"We really need all the help we can get," Father Gariguez said. "This is a catastrophe."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Waterloo
- Monday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. — Meetings of Corporations of Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Diocesan Cemeteries, and Saint Anne's Retirement Home, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne; 2 p.m. — Corporation Meeting of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Women's Care Center, Notre Dame Avenue Center, South Bend
- Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 12 Noon — Meeting of Board of Directors of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m. — "A Place at Our Table" Event for Vincent Village, New Haven
- Friday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Corpus Christi Church, South Bend

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

- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

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"Hearing all those people sing, along with the beautiful choir, brass quintet and powerful organ was like a foretaste of heaven, where we will all be praising God with the angels and saints ... and Blessed Mother Maria Theresia," Sister Anita added.

The moment was especially poignant for the sisters from the Philippines, noted Sister Anita. Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated parts of the central Philippines on Nov. 8, damaged some of the buildings of the sisters' motherhouse and large school.

"Our newly beatified mother will intercede for them and all concerned with her prayers," Sister Anita said. "Despite the tragedy in the Philippines, we can never render enough thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on our congregation in having our mother's holiness recognized by the universal Church.

To Him be the glory!"

Sister Mary Evelyn Govert, said of the beatification, "It was a powerful experience of one woman's life. It shows the epitome of what I am called to in Jesus, Francis and Clare. It was a profound spiritual experience. She was a simple woman who lived out her call."

"There was also a sense of the universal Church and of how her influence is seen in the sisters there, not only from Germany and the U.S., but also from Brazil and the Philippines," Sister Evelyn told *Today's Catholic* in an email, "and representatives from Rome and elsewhere."

Sister Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis, called the beatification, "a once in a lifetime experience."

The sisters arrived at the cathedral in Paderborn almost two hours in advance and took their places with the sisters from throughout the world.

"It truly gave us a sense of the international nature of our congregation and the great work that was started by Blessed Maria



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Sister Angela Mellady, provincial of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, is shown near the aisle viewing the worship aid at the beatification Mass of Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. She was among the 48 sisters from the province who attended the beatification.

Theresia, now carried on throughout the world," Sister Elise said. "We also became aware in recent days that our charism of Perpetual Adoration is actually taking place somewhere in the world every hour of the day and night."

"The beatification ceremony

was a wonderful testimony to the life of our foundress," Sister Elise said. "What was most touching for me was the unveiling of the beautiful portrait of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel and the transfer of her relic by the cardinal to Sister Magdalena, our general superior here in Olpe."

Eventually there will be a relic of Blessed Maria Theresia in Mishawaka as well.

"As you could see, I'm sure, the Mass was magnificent in every way and it was an honor for me to be present for this very special event in the life of our congregation," Sister Elise said in her email from Germany. "It is a very special blessing that the beatification of our foundress took place this year during the 150th anniversary of the founding of our congregation here in Olpe in 1863."

On Monday, the body of Blessed Maria Theresia was transferred from the motherhouse in Olpe to the new Adoration chapel at St. Martin's Church in downtown Olpe. The Adoration Chapel at St. Martin will have perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

"St. Martin's Church is just a few steps from where Blessed Maria Theresia grew up," Sister Elise said. "It seems right that her bodily remains will return to where her life and spirituality began."



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Washington cathedral, site of Kennedy funeral in '63, is 'holy ground'

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — On Nov. 25, 1963, a television audience of millions of people around the world prayerfully bid farewell to President John F. Kennedy, as his flag-draped coffin was placed before the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, during the funeral Mass for the slain president.

Today, almost 50 years later, people come to the cathedral from across the country and around the world, with many wanting to stand at that very spot, where an inlaid marble plaque is inscribed with the words, 'Here rested the remains of President Kennedy at the Requiem Mass, Nov. 25, 1963, before their removal to Arlington, where they lie in expectation of a heavenly resurrection.'

On a recent weekday, Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, the cathedral's rector, stood beside that plaque. "Many people who come here, come because of that," he said, noting that many talk about "the sense of hope that his presidency brought the nation."

"They see the plaque, and it brings back memories," the priest told the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.

In an article in the Nov. 29, 1963, issue of the archdiocesan paper, reporter Valerie MacNees, who attended the president's funeral, recounted the emotions of that day in spare language: "The heart of the entire world shared the grief of the American people in the loss of their president.

"An emperor, a king, a queen, princes, princesses, presidents and premiers of foreign governments joined the American people Monday in paying their last respects to President John Fitzgerald Kennedy," she wrote.

"The great and the lowly of the world met on a common level in mourning the 46-year-old president who was slain by an assassin's bullet last Friday in Dallas." Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

Thousands of people crowded the streets leading to the cathedral, including Richard Schmidt, now the archivist and historian for St. Matthew's, who was then working as an administrative assistant for the Food and Drug Administration.

He watched as the president's flag-draped casket was moved on a caisson drawn by six gray horses, with the Kennedy family members and U.S. and world leaders walking behind in a solemn procession along Connecticut Avenue to the cathedral.

"The crowds were unbelievable. People just poured out to witness this," said Schmidt, who remembers the silence of the crowd, interrupted only by the sound of the drums and brass instruments solemnly played by military band members as the procession moved toward St. Matthew's.



CNS PHOTO/CECIL STOUGHTON, COURTESY JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Pallbearers carry the casket of U.S. President John F. Kennedy for his burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia Nov. 25, 1963. That day a funeral Mass was celebrated for the slain president at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

Boston Cardinal Richard Cushing, a friend of the Kennedy family, was the main celebrant at the Requiem Mass. He had officiated at the wedding of John and Jacqueline Kennedy. Also in the sanctuary were then-Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle and Washington Auxiliary Bishop Philip Hannan, who had been attending the Second Vatican Council in Rome and rushed back to Washington after learning of the president's death.

In a 1966 oral history interview for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Cardinal Cushing said he was in his residence when he had heard the tragic news about the president's death. "I was bewildered and shocked."

The cardinal said, "The words of Christ on the cross of Calvary came repeatedly to my mind: 'Oh heavenly Father, why has thou abandoned me?' Everyone then was asking 'Why, why, why?'... My thought was that here is the most difficult 'why,' and I have no answer for it."

In his 2010 memoir published by Our Sunday Visitor, "The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots," then-retired New Orleans Archbishop Hannan noted that he had heard the terrible news at his hotel lobby in Rome, after he had helped conduct a daily press briefing during Vatican II. He said he then went to his room, closed the door, and "I wept silently and alone."

As a Washington auxiliary, then-Bishop Hannan was a close friend of the Kennedys, and was asked by the first lady to deliver the eulogy.

The eulogy also included favorite Scriptural passages that President Kennedy liked to quote, which the family provided to Bishop Hannan.

The responsibility for planning the funeral Mass had been given to Sargent Shriver, the husband of President Kennedy's sister Eunice and founding director of the Peace Corps established by the president.

In his 2012 biography of his father, "A Good Man," Mark Shriver wrote that his father then

took on the responsibility of organizing the funeral Mass and related arrangements with the same resoluteness, purpose and faith that marked his life of service to his country and his Church.

Later reflecting on the funeral Mass in his oral history interview, Cardinal Cushing said, "It was a very, very simple funeral, following as close as possible the services in memory of the martyred Lincoln. No fanfare, everyone bowed in sorrow, tears flowed in abundance.

"On the way out, I was preceding the casket, and I went over to Jacqueline and shook hands with her. I kissed little Caroline and shook hands with her. John John was getting a little restless, so he was down in the rear of the church. Outside at the end of Mass, John John saluted the flag, the most touching thing I ever saw."

Outside of St. Matthew's Cathedral, that little boy's salute to his father's flag-draped casket, immortalized in a photograph by Stan Stearns of United Press International, remains perhaps the most poignant image from that day.

In his memoir, Archbishop Hannan recalled what happened next: "Released from restraint, the crowds erupted in an earthquake of pent-up emotion: groans, yelps, uncontrollable sobbing."

On a recent weekday at St. Matthew's, its rector reflected on its place in history as the Catholic cathedral in the nation's capital.

There crowds gathered in joy at the end of World War II in 1945, to attend Mass with Blessed John Paul II in 1979, in sorrow after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States — and 50 years ago for the funeral Mass for the nation's first Catholic president.

"This indeed is holy ground," the priest said.

Mark Zimmermann is editor of the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Veterans honored at St. John, Goshen

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Veterans from all branches of the military services were honored Friday, Nov. 8, at St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen. The veterans were first recognized and applauded during the 8 a.m. Mass with the student body in attendance and were then invited to the school for a special program in their honor.

Roger Balyak of the Goshen Honor Guard told the students, veterans and others present, "This is one of two or three things we absolutely love to do. I can't think of any other place I'd like to be except around veterans and church people. You people are special."

He explained to the students that when a veteran passes and the flag is presented to the family, it has 13 folds.

"The 13 folds are biblically based — the same religious principles on which this country was formed," he said.

According to Balyak the first fold represents life, the second eternal life; the third honors the veteran who gave his or her life in the country's defense. The fourth fold represents humanity's weaker nature and reminds us to trust in God, the fifth fold is a tribute to the country; the sixth fold is where our heart lies, because no matter where in the world we may be it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance. The seventh fold is a tribute to the armed forces, the eighth is a tribute to the ones who entered the valley of the shadow of death and also to mothers, the ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood and the 10th is a tribute to fathers who also gave their sons and daughters. The 11th fold represents loyalty to the seal of Kings David and Solomon in the eyes of Hebrews and the 12th fold represents and embraces the Trinity — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in the eyes of Christians. The last fold, when the flag is completed, the stars are in the upper corner representing the motto, "In God we Trust."

Fifth-grade students in Paula Gaylor's class were asked to write an essay about Veteran's Day. Four were chosen by staff and Principal Mattie Willerton to read their essays.

In her essay, Isabelle Thomas



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Approximately 20-25 veterans representing all branches of military service attended a program in their honor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, on Nov. 8. Among them were, from left, 92-year-old Vince Traxler, Marine Corps; Ken Heckathorn, recently retired from the U.S. Army; Jeff Thomas, Navy; Mike Rody, Navy; and Ray Nowack, Army.



Fifth-grade students at St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, wrote essays about Veteran's Day and the staff and Principal Mrs. Mattie Willerton chose four students to read their essays during the Veteran's Day program held at the school on Nov. 8. At the podium is Isabelle Thomas and, from left, Noemi Vela, Cameron Schneider and Brenton Pham.

advised, "Let's all stop for a minute and say a prayer for all of the men and women in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, and that they return home with their families safely."

Noemi Vela read that every single person in the U.S. should be proud they have veterans and she hopes one day to have peace in the world.

Cameron Schneider talked about his friend, Adam Mackowiak, who is currently serving. "He chose to do this. I always think about him and wonder what he's doing. But I know he is keeping us from harm.

One day I'll be proud to wear the uniform."

Brenton Pham's essay reminded folks to appreciate what the veterans do. "The least we can do is thank them. They protect all of us. No harm will come to us because of the veterans."

The Goshen honor guard and many veterans gave the students a standing ovation.

Ruth Newell's third-grade class read a poem to the veterans. Fourth- and fifth-grade students served coffee, juice and cookies to the veterans and visitors.

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Same-sex marriage undermines 'cornerstone' of society, says conference

CHICAGO (CNS) — By legalizing same-sex marriage, Illinois lawmakers have changed the definition of marriage and undermined "an institution that is the cornerstone of a healthy society," the Catholic Conference of Illinois said Nov. 5, the day the Illinois House passed a state Senate bill allowing same-sex marriage. Their action "goes against the common consensus of the human race — which understands that nature tells us that marriage is the union of one man and one woman," it said in a statement. The Senate approved the legislation Feb. 14. Gov. Pat Quinn, a Catholic, has promised to sign the measure into law, which will make Illinois the 15th state to legalize same-sex marriage. The Catholic conference, which represents the state's bishops on public policy matters, said it was "deeply disappointed that members of the General Assembly chose to redefine what is outside of its authority: a natural institution like marriage. We remain concerned about the very real threats to religious liberty that are at stake with the passage of this bill." The statement said that "women and men are not interchangeable" and the "optimal condition in which to raise children is a home that includes both a mother and father."

U.S. bishops: ENDA, OK'd by Senate, goes beyond barring discrimination

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairmen of three U.S. bishops' committees had opposed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act that passed the Senate, 64-32, Nov. 7. Just a week earlier, in a letter to U.S. senators, the bishops said the bill to protect gay and lesbian workers goes beyond the scope of prohibiting unjust discrimination and "poses several problems." The legislation was not scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives. The bishops stressed that "all people are created in the image and likeness of God" and have "human dignity that must be acknowledged and respected by other persons and by law." They also noted that "the Catholic Church has consistently stood with workers in this country and continues to oppose unjust discrimination in the workplace. No one should be an object of scorn, hatred or violence for any reason, including his or her sexual inclinations." They said that although the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to "promote the dignity of both work and marriage and to oppose unjust discrimination on any grounds," they "cannot support a bill, like ENDA, that does not justly advance the dignity of all workers and authentic non-discrimination."

Keeping status quo for undocumented called 'stain on soul of nation'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Passing comprehensive immigration reform is "a matter of great moral urgency that cannot wait any longer for action," New York Cardinal Timothy

NEWS BRIEFS

CARDINAL DOLAN OPENS ANNUAL BISHOPS' MEETING WITH MASS FOR LAST TIME AS PRESIDENT



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New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, celebrates Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption in Baltimore Nov. 11 at the start of the bishops' annual fall meeting.

M. Dolan told House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, in a Nov. 7 letter. Keeping undocumented immigrants "as a permanent underclass of workers who are unable to assert their rights or enjoy the fruits of their labor is a stain on the soul of the nation," said the cardinal, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "As pastors, we witness each day the human consequences of a broken immigration system," he said. "Families are separated through deportation, migrant workers are exploited in the workplace, and migrants die in the desert. In their attempts to respond to these human tragedies, our priests, religious, and social service providers in many cases are unable to help these persons without changes to the law," the cardinal added. He urged the U.S. House to address immigration reform "as soon as possible" and called reports that immigration reform is "now delayed" in the chamber "most troubling." In early October, immigration advocates gathered in Washington for a rally and march. Faith leaders from 18 traditions prayed for comprehensive reform, which they called "a God issue." About 200 participants, including at least eight members of Congress, were arrested in an act of civil disobedience to draw Boehner's attention to the issue and pressure him to put a comprehensive reform bill to a vote in the House. The Senate passed such a bill in June, but Boehner has resisted calls to bring it to a vote. An effort by a bipartisan

group of House members to draft a bill for that body fell apart and a comprehensive bill similar to the Senate version has been introduced by a group of House Democrats but no votes have been scheduled.

Serve common good, put poor people first in farm bill, lawmakers urged

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic leaders urged members of a Senate and House conference committee that began working on a compromise farm bill Nov. 6 to negotiate a measure "that reflects a commitment to the common good" and puts "poor and hungry people first. In the face of budget constraints, the 2013 farm bill is an opportunity to address broken and outdated agriculture policies," the group said. "We call on you to shape a farm bill that redirects help away from those who need it least to those who need it most." A "just and fair" measure "will put poor and hungry people first, serve small and medium-sized family farms, promote sustainable stewardship of the land, and help vulnerable farmers and rural communities at home and abroad," they added. The signers were: Bishops Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chair of the bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace;

Father Larry Snyder, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA; Carolyn Woo, president of Catholic Relief Services; James F. Ennis, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; and Sheila K. Gilbert, president of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Vatican envoy reminds U.S. bishops: No ruling on Medjugorje apparitions

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican ambassador to the United States has reminded U.S. Catholics that the Vatican has not recognized alleged Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, as authentic. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio, wrote to Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and told him the reminder came as one of the visionaries was scheduled to tour U.S. parishes. He said the reminder was being sent at the request of Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has said it was not yet possible "to state that there were apparitions or supernatural revelations" by visionaries in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. The letter said the visionary, Ivan Dragicevic, would make presentations about Medjugorje, where six village children said they first saw Mary in June 1981. Archbishop Vigano's letter

said, "It is anticipated, moreover, that Mr. Dragicevic will be receiving 'apparitions'" during his parish visits. Most of the Medjugorje "seers" have said the apparitions have continued every day for years. Three say they still have visions each day, while the other three see Mary only once a year now. All six are now married and have children.

Structures must change to end food insecurity, nuncio says

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — No one-size-fits-all solution exists to end food insecurity around the globe, but world leaders must act beyond voicing their commitment to seeking food security for all, the Vatican nuncio told a U.N. gathering. "Hunger is not caused by the lack of sufficient food to feed every person on the planet" but by social structures and failure to prioritize basic human rights, Archbishop Francis A. Chullikatt said in an Oct. 29 address to a session on agriculture development, food security and nutrition during a session of the U.N. General Assembly. He quoted Pope Francis extensively in his remarks. For example, he cited the pope's observation that "current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This ... is truly scandalous. A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human being." The nuncio said that "while improvements in food production remains an important goal, food security will be achieved by all only when we change social structures and when we learn to show greater solidarity toward the poor and the hungry. Hunger is not just a technical problem awaiting technological solutions. Hunger is a human problem that demands solutions based on our common humanity."

Pope names Bishop Matano of Vermont to head Diocese of Rochester, N.Y.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis has named Bishop Salvatore R. Matano of Burlington, Vt., to head the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y. He succeeds Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who retired in September 2012. The appointment was announced Nov. 6 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Matano, 65, has headed the Burlington Diocese since November 2005. Named coadjutor of the diocese in March of that year, he automatically succeeded Bishop Kenneth A. Angell when he retired. His installation Mass will be Jan. 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Calling his soon-to-be new home "this beautiful Diocese of Rochester," the bishop was introduced at a news conference at the diocesan pastoral center.

Auburn parish to host parish mission

AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn will close the Year of Faith with a parish mission slated Nov. 18-21. The theme of the mission is "Proclaiming Our Faith: Be Not Afraid."

The services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Reflection topics and speakers include the following:

- Monday, "The Grace of Faith," with Father Denis Carneiro
- Tuesday, "Faith in the Sacraments," with Father David Carkenord
- Wednesday, "Faith in the Love and Forgiveness of Jesus," with Msgr. Bernard Galic
- Thursday, "The Eucharist: Strengthening the Gift of Faith," with Father Lourdino Fernandes.

The Wednesday prayer service will offer Reconciliation with guest-priests assisting.

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, the closing day of the mission.

Immaculate Conception Church is located at 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, 46706. Father Derrick Sneyd is the pastor. For additional information, call the parish at (260) 925-3930.

Ancilla College holding open house for prospective students

DONALDSON — Ancilla College is holding a campus visit day, Access Ancilla Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, starting with a free pizza lunch at noon. After lunch visitors will get a tour of campus, talk

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SAINTS AND SOULS SCAVENGER HUNT HELD



HEATHER COYNE

Christ the King's director of youth ministry, Abigail Ulbrich, hosted a Saints and Souls scavenger hunt on Sunday, Nov. 3, at the South Bend parish. Teens broke into groups and followed a series of clues around the parish grounds. After successful completion of each task, they were told where to find the next clue. The hunt led them through the choir loft, cry room, youth room, cafeteria, outdoor Stations of the Cross, garden and the church itself for answers in the stained glass windows. The race concluded in the Holy Cross Chapel with a special prayer for each group and a bonfire with s'mores and hot dogs in the courtyard. The event was part of the youth group's "Fall Into Faith."

ST. JOSEPH-ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL FOURTH GRADERS PUT ON WAX MUSEUM OF SAINTS

FORT WAYNE — The fourth-grade students of teachers Sarah Darling and Anna Cunningham at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School put on a "Wax Museum of Saints," on All Saints' Day at their school. Guided by Darling, each student researched a chosen saint and later dressed as that saint.

On Nov. 1, the costumed fourth graders lined the hallways of the school where visitors and other students could push a red "button" on the floor in front of the them to hear information about their chosen saint. Some of the saints represented included St. Maria Goretti, St. George, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Blessed John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

"The students did an awesome job telling the visitors to the museum about their saints," said Principal Lois Widner. "We were so impressed with their knowledge of the unique facts about their saints. It was a learning experience for the students and all the visitors as well!"

The fourth graders also processed into the morning All Saint's Day Mass in their saints' costumes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.



CORINE ERLANDSON

The hallway is lined with the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School fourth-grade "saints" in the Wax Museum of Saints.

with the faculty and get information about degree and financial aid options. Students and staff will be on hand to answer questions and give both students and parents a better idea of how Ancilla College can launch a college degree or help prepare for a new career.

Interested students can reserve a spot today online at www.ancilla.edu/access-ancilla/.

USF welcoming visitors to Christmas in the Castle

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will once more open wide the doors of historic Brookside, the former Bass family mansion, for Christmas in the Castle. Tours can be taken from 12-5 p.m. on Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15. Senior Day in the Castle is Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 12-4 p.m., and provides a discount for senior citizens.

Brookside, built as a summer home by Fort Wayne industrialist John Bass, lies at the center of the USF campus at 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne.

Every year, local florists and decorators decorate the mansion for Christmas, bringing splendid decorations to enhance the beauty of the authentically restored and award-winning 1902 mansion.

This year, a number of new decorators will be featured along with the many favorites.

Visitors can tour every room on all three floors of the limestone home that features a winding staircase made by the Packard Piano Company, and more than a dozen marble fireplaces from all corners of the world.

Free parking is available, and the building is fully accessible for people with disabilities.

Tickets can be purchased in the North Campus lobby, 2702 Spring St., on the day of the tours. Admission is \$5 per person, with a family charge of \$20 for up to six family members. The senior citizen rate is \$3 and only on Dec. 11. For information, call (260) 399-8140 or visit sf.edu/christmas.

USF awarding talented high school students scholarships

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors during Talent Day Friday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the university's Mimi and Ian Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication off Leesburg Road, the Fort Wayne Ballet at 300 E. Main St. and the university's music technology facilities in the North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

Talent Day gives new USF students with an interest in art, dance, communication or music the opportunity to submit a portfolio for review and/or audition for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are available in art history, music technology, dance, studio art, communication arts and graphic design, art education, computer art, communication, pre-art therapy, jazz ensemble, pep band, drum line and the University Singers.

High school juniors are invited to receive reviews and advice in preparation for their senior year. Awarded scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, if the required grade point average is met, and can be added to any academic scholarships or need-based grants a student might also receive.

Appointments are required. To reserve a time or receive further information, contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001. The School of Creative Arts is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). Founded in 1944, NASAD establishes national standards for art and design undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials.

Correction

Bishop Luers High School student Sam Stein was incorrectly listed as being a member of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, in the *Today's Catholic* article announcing Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program featured in the Nov. 3, 2013 issue of *Today's Catholic*. The Steins are members of St. Louis Besancon Parish, New Haven.

Wendel family reaps harvest of farm and faith

BY DANIELLE VOIROL

SOUTH WHITLEY—The harvest is almost complete at the Wendel farm the second week of November. The fields are nearly empty, the corn is in the dryer, and the semi is ready to deliver another load of corn.

Dean Wendel, along with his brother Dave, his son Adam and a full-time hired hand, runs a 230-sow, "farrow-to-finish" hog operation in Whitley County. Dean says they sell about 2,500 pigs per year, which they raise from birth (farrowing) until they're ready for market; the process takes about six months. The family also farms 3,200 acres, growing corn, soybeans and a little wheat, all of which need to be harvested.

Julie and Dean Wendel have five children ranging in age from 25 to 32. Their son John has been in Chicago for the past nine years or so, and Aaron, who studied art, lives in Washington. Jill is in her third year of grad school, earning a degree in audiology from Purdue. Jennifer, a third-grade teacher, lives near Indianapolis with her husband Scott and their 1-year-old daughter, Zoe. Adam, their second-oldest, worked with a sports program for kids in Chicago until three or four years ago, when he moved back to the farm. He now lives in a house just down the road from the one he grew up in. "Every year, I'm starting to appreciate it more," he says.

During the harvest, the Wendels start before sunrise

and may work until 9 or 10 p.m. Adam says he and his dad tend to lose weight at this time of year, because they're always eating on the run.

"In the beginning it's kind of overwhelming," says Adam. But "after the first few days, you start to like it."

Some of the work is monotonous, but it allows time for reflection. "One of my favorite things to do is chisel plowing," says Adam. In chisel plowing, he explains, seven shanks dig eight to 10 inches into the ground as the tractor goes back and forth across the field. With the aid of GPS, the tractor practically drives itself. "You can do a lot of thinking out there," says Adam. "You can talk to God ... I've found myself saying more Our Fathers, Hail Marys." And when the sun is coming down, "it kind of all makes it worth it when you have a sunset like that. You think about how lucky you are to be a farmer."

The corn and beans have yielded well this year, but Adam and Julie recall that 2012 was difficult due to a drought. The corn "took off and just quit growing," says Adam. "Last year there were some fields that were making 20 bushels per acre or 30." A good yield, he says, is more than 200 bushels of corn per acre. In tough times, crop insurance helps, but he also asks that people "send up some prayers that it's a good year."

In describing their roles on the farm, Adam says that he's a farmhand, a jack-of-all-trades who does "whatever's needed the



Adam, Dean and Julie Wendel, parishioners at St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester, farm 3,200 acres and run a 230-sow, "farrow-to-finish" hog operation in Whitley County.

most." His father Dean "pretty much runs the hog operation," and his uncle Dave keeps the combine running and handles the mechanics and maintenance. "They're the head guys."

"My grandpa — he's 85 years old. He's kind of still the boss around here," Adam adds. Having three generations work together can cause tension at times, Adam says, but they try to keep the peace. "Usually at the end of the day, you let down your guard and

Adam is sponsoring a candidate for the first time. "I am learning so much," says Adam. "Everyone that is a cradle Catholic should go through an RCIA program."

Adam also teaches religious education and lectors at Mass. And with encouragement from his pastor, Father Andrew Curry, he's helped bring a men's group, Small Parishes Actively Receiving Christ (SPARC), to the parish. He says leading and building the group is harder than he'd thought it would be, but he's learning something at every meeting.

"A lot of things that inspired me to get involved — it's seeing other people get involved," says Adam. "It just made me want to step my game up ... now hopefully I can do that for other people."

Even around the harvest, the Wendels make sure they have fun together. On Monday nights, the men go to the eight-lane bowling alley where all five Wendel kids had "surprise" 16th birthday parties. And every year, the family enjoys a pre-harvest or post-harvest



you're okay."

The Wendels are seeing a good harvest in their faith lives as well. Despite their busy schedules, Dean, Julie and Adam are active members of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in North Manchester. This fall, they each attended a Cursillo Weekend, listening to talks on piety, study and action. Dean and Julie help lead the RCIA program, and

breakfast in town.

Adam is looking forward to the holidays (and the shorter workdays after the harvest), but he says seeing his siblings and the rest of his family is even more fun when it's spontaneous, like when they tailgate at Purdue. "That's my favorite time," says Adam. "When everyone can come back."

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CELEBRATION OF MASS IN ST. VINCENT CEMETERY



JOE ROMIE

Father Daniel Scheidt celebrated the Mass on Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, in the old cemetery of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. Father Andrew Budzinski, Father Polycarp Fernando and Deacon James Fitzpatrick also participated. The old St. Vincent Church stood at the corner of Wallen and Auburn roads near the cemetery. Mass had not been celebrated on this part of the property for 45 years. The celebrants used several grave markers of previous priests who served at St. Vincent de Paul Parish to form the shape of an altar. Holy Communion was distributed in the grassy area where the original church once stood. Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor, in his homily told the congregation about possible plans for this part of the parish property that he is envisioning for the parish's five-year plan. His ideas include constructing a chapel for 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration, relocating the maintenance shed, hosting a living Nativity during Advent, and living Stations of the Cross during Lent. Following Mass, Father Scheidt walked through the entire graveyard sprinkling the graves with holy water.

Father Schneider elects to retire

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FREMONT — Conventual Franciscan Father Phillip Schneider officially will retire as administrator of St. Paul Catholic Chapel at Clear Lake on Sunday, Nov. 24, the Solemnity of Christ the King. A brunch in his honor will follow the 9 a.m. Mass.

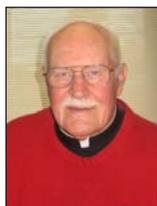
Ordained nearly 53 years ago, the soft-spoken priest is four months shy of observing his 80th birthday. He announced his pending retirement to parishioners on Oct. 27.

Fathers Fred Pasche and Bernie Zajdel will celebrate the single Mass on Sundays at 9 a.m. during the winter months and the three summer Masses on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 and 9 a.m. as well as Reconciliation before the Saturday Mass (summer) or the Sunday Mass (winter).

In retirement, Father Schneider will reside at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, where he studied for the priesthood when it was a seminary. Today, the shrine is a place of great peace where pilgrims can pray and pay homage to the Blessed Mother.

"I'm very happy to have been here," said Frater Schneider in reference to the 22 years he has spent serving the parishioners at Clear Lake near Fremont. "I'm so sorry to leave, but I just know it's time physically," he said earlier this month from his office at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola.

Father Schneider has resided at the Angola parish since October 1991 and also served as associate pastor for about 15 years while making the drive of 16 miles on weekends to St. Paul Chapel, which serves about 113 families. Through the years he has seen attendance at the single winter Mass grow from 60-70 parishioners to about 150 currently. Total attendance at the three summer Masses approximates



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500 parishioners, he stated.

Born and raised in Lansing, Mich., he is the third of 12 children of Anthony and Helen Schneider, which included five boys and seven girls. Two brothers have died,

Father Schneider related, making him the oldest sibling still living.

He attended Holy Cross Church and School, a Conventual Franciscan parish. "I really liked the Mass," he said, "and I used to have (a pretend) Mass for my brothers and sisters at home once or twice a week. I guess that's where my vocation got started," related Father Schneider, the only one of his brothers and sisters to enter the religious life.

Admittedly, he had three uncles who were Dominicans who tried to influence his choice of religious order. However, his pastor arranged for him to attend high school at Mount St. Francis, another Conventual Franciscan facility, in southern Indiana. And since he grew to like his classmates he stayed all four years and continued his studies for the Priesthood at Our Lady of Consolation Seminary for two years and at Assumption Seminary, Chaska, Minn., for six years. He was ordained in St. Paul, Minn., by Archbishop William O'Brady on Feb. 19, 1961.

His priestly assignments have varied widely, from serving as a printer for a short time at the Provincial after his ordination to teaching, beginning with religion at Catholic Central High School in Toledo for one year before obtaining a degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame. Father Schneider returned to Mount St. Francis and spent 13 years teaching math at all

four high-school grade levels. And since the educational facility was across the Ohio River from Louisville, Ky., he also taught math for two years at the University of Louisville.

Other priestly duties, in addition to celebrating Mass daily, of course, included serving as a procurator at Mount St. Francis procuring food for some 50 students and a staff of 12. He also spent a year at the Conventual Franciscans major seminary in Washington, D.C., overseeing theology student residents in the House of Studies and served two years as an associate pastor at St. Stephen Parish in Milwaukee, Wis.

After resuming teaching at Mount St. Francis for a short time, he was assigned in 1976 as an associate pastor for three years at St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute. Before being assigned to his most recent position at St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake, Father Schneider spent 10 years as associate pastor and eventually pastor at San Rocco Parish, Chicago Heights.

Father Schneider's special interest is woodworking, creating small pieces such as a wooden tabernacle for use during the Holy Thursday liturgy. In fact, he has contributed a wooden work of art for all the churches where he has been assigned. He still has his woodworking tools and hopes to continue the hobby in retirement. He also enjoys reading.

He'll also have the opportunity to celebrate Mass daily at the shrine as well as at area parishes as needed in the nearby Diocese of Toledo.

"I would still love to teach math, but high school kids need lots of encouragement and I don't have that kind of energy anymore," he mused.

He said "retirement" is not a used word throughout the Province because "we keep working until our health begins to break down. I have to listen to Mother Nature," he concluded.

FOURTH-GRADE 'SAINTS' DRESS FOR FEAST DAY



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Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, poses with the fourth-grade students dressed as their favorite saints after the celebration of Mass on Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

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Grant finances training of prospective principals

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The Prospective Principal's Program has been a beneficial source of identifying individuals who possess the leadership potential to become Catholic school principals in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Funding for the program has been provided by a grant through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) since 2004.

"The significant financial support from OSV over the past 10 years for the Prospective Principal's Program has placed strong Catholic leadership into our diocesan elementary and high schools, ultimately benefiting the Catholic education of thousands of Catholic school students," said Marsha Jordan, associate superintendent of Catholic Schools who coordinates the administration of the program. "Sixteen current principals and assistant principals have been the beneficiary of the funding received from Our Sunday Visitor in order to complete their administrative coursework and licensure."

"Many of these individuals would have found it difficult to accomplish this task without the benefit of the funding provided to this program," Jordan said. "Our schools are blessed each day by the

important work of these Catholic school leaders, and our diocese is blessed by the passion and commitment that Our Sunday Visitor shows in its support of many important programs within the diocese."

Current principals identify and recommend teachers within their buildings who are strong Catholic role models and who also demonstrate effective leadership skills. The individuals must complete an application process and be interviewed by the superintendent and associate superintendent before acceptance into the program.

Jerome Kearns, executive director of Our Sunday Visitor Institute, told *Today's Catholic*, "It's important that our Catholic schools be led by principals who practice the Catholic faith and are committed to maintaining our Catholic identity. This is in danger today because of secular forces in our society and a shrinking supply of teachers who were educated in the Catholic school system. Therefore, it's imperative that we develop and train Catholic educators for leadership roles so we can be certain our students are in a Catholic environment and are receiving the spiritual training needed to live and grow their faith."

Cristy Jordan, assistant principal at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne, who will be principal



PROVIDED BY MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School in Mishawaka, at left, and Mark Kirzeder, right, assistant principal of academics at Marian High School, have both participated in the Prospective Principal's Program to pursue their administrative training. Funding for the program has been provided by a grant written through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) since 2004.

of the new St. Joseph School next school year, is one of the beneficiaries of the program. "Support from other administrators in the diocese is critical and one of the greatest assets of the program," Jordan said. "In addition, Marsha Jordan, our associate superintendent, meets with us regularly to guide us with advice and action steps that are quite specif-

ic to the needs of Catholic schools."

"You can pursue a master's in administration anywhere and you will certainly undertake a program that will prepare you for your position as principal," Jordan said.

"However, as leaders of Catholic schools, we are called to be a part of something greater than managing a building and staff. Rather, we are called to cultivate and sustain spiritual environments in which students experience opportunities to better know, love and serve God. ... The program OSV assisted me with illuminated my role as a principal, not as manager of a school but as an architect of Catholic school culture."

Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School in Mishawaka, was not the typical prospective principal. He began his studies after he was appointed principal.

Of the program, Loesch said, "It helps teachers and other school personnel discern whether or not they are called to serve as school administrators. The Prospective Principal's Program helps people develop their skills, learn about current trends in education and, most importantly, grow in their understanding of the critical role of principal as the spiritual leader of their school."

Loesch participated in the Remick Leadership Program at Notre Dame and said it helped his formation into "a better Catholic school principal by broadening my understanding of school finances, school law, HR best practices, students with special needs and many other facets of school administrations."

He added, "The absolute focus of the Remick Leadership Program was developing us as Catholic school leaders through liturgies, retreats and studying Church documents on education."

"I am grateful for Our Sunday Visitor for making it possible for me to participate in the Prospective Principal's Program and the Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame," Loesch said.

Mark Kirzeder, the assistant principal of academics at Marian High School, said, "The most tangible benefit of the Prospective Principal's

Program is that it affords current leaders in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the opportunity to pursue a principal's license without having to bear the total cost of such an endeavor. Once the education is completed, then the newly-licensed principal agrees to serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for an extended period of time."

Kirzeder said the Prospective Principal's Program is not only beneficial to individual teachers who are pursuing further education, but it also ensures the future vitality and stability of the diocesan Catholic schools by providing and promoting future local Catholic school leaders.

In her first year as principal at St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, Principal Mattie Willerton said, "Since the program exposed me to the blessings and challenges of being a school principal before I became one, I felt more confident and prepared for the demands of the job."

Stanley Liponoga, the principal of St. Joseph School in Monroeville, told *Today's Catholic*, "The benefits from the program are life changing. Christ used the Prospective Principal's Program as a tool to change my ministry and my life. I loved being a teacher, and I knew that God had called me to teach."

"I planned to be a teacher forever, until God's plan for my life changed," he added. "The Prospective Principals grant from OSV covered my tuition at IPFW to earn my master's degree in educational leadership."

His degree and Indiana educational administrative license led Liponoga to become the assistant principal at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Fort Wayne, and he was then chosen to be principal at St. Joseph Catholic School in Monroeville.

"The grant from OSV was a tool used by God to form me into becoming a better Catholic and to use the gifts He continues to give me to better serve Him," Liponoga said.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER



PROVIDED BY JEANNE STEFANKO

COLUMBIA CITY — St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City held a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 19, the vigil of the feast of St. Paul of the Cross, to signify the start of construction on the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center, which will include a gymnasium. Funding for the construction cost of \$989,000 was raised over a decade. The original building plans began with former St. Paul pastor, Father Larry Kramer, in 2004. Pictured is current pastor, Father Gary Sigler, breaking ground while family and friends of the late Deacon Zickgraf look on.

Hope for the holidays

The coming of autumn brings with it a quickening of the rhythm of life with its promise of the special days ahead. November offers All Saints' and All Souls' days when many gather to remember their deceased loved ones through ceremony, grief workshops and Masses of Remembrance. Though sometimes painful, those gatherings can bring a semblance of consolation to those who grieve.

But as the days grow shorter, the whisper of the upcoming holidays with their implied festivities and glittery invitation to joy begins to beg for the attention of those with broken hearts. What do we, the anxious grief-struck, do to survive the holidays when our deceased loved one's chair sits empty?

Whether we are newly bereaved or have weathered a few holidays

without our loved one, there are some tidbits of truth that can help us put our grief in perspective, especially as a special holiday, birthday or anniversary approaches.

I remember well, that first Christmas my girls and I spent without their father. Trent had died in a car accident in September of that year and I was still reeling from the shock. As the season approached and I was again witness to the sights and sounds of the commercialization of Christmas, I asked myself how in the world I would ever make it through in one piece.

There were people in my life then that nudged me to remember that life must go on and I must get over "it" for the sake of my girls. There were those who did not understand how life had changed so dramatically with the death of my husband and were put off



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by my reluctance to join in the festivities. And, mercifully, there were those who gently taught me that, with support and a little hope, following my heart would get me through even the worst of times.

Each of us is the expert of his or her own grief journey. Though we bereaved walk the universal path of grief, we each step to our own timing. Listening graciously to the suggestions of others can help us

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Be true to the Gospel



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 21:5-19

The Book of Malachi supplies this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first reading.

Actually, Malachi is not the name of the author of this book. Rather, it refers to a title, "Messenger of God," that appears in chapter 1, verse 1. It is thought that the book was written about 450 years before Christ.

As in the cases of all the prophets, the purpose of Malachi is to summon the people to greater religious devotion. This book was written, it is believed, in the aftermath of religious reforms. It probably was an effort to reinforce these reforms.

Many prophets in a sense warned people. If people did not return to a more exacting observance of religion, they would reap the whirlwind. Such is this reading. One terrible day God will come with swift and final justice. The wicked and the lukewarm will not escape.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend offers us a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

In this reading St. Paul again declares how seriously he took his vocation to be an Apostle. He says that he imposed on no one. Further, he says that he has worked day and night, in order to be an example. He was focused

on his vocation and on it alone.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading for this weekend.

Generally speaking, in reading the four Gospels the Church teaches that we should be aware of three stages of interest. The first stage is the actual life of Jesus. The events in the Lord's life, told in the Gospels, are important. Circumstances surrounding these events are important.

The second stage is the experience of the Christian community existing when the Gospel was written, and for which the Gospel was written.

The third stage is the context that the text of the Gospel itself literarily creates.

Quite clear throughout Luke, and surely in this reading, is the fact that Christ, and then Christianity, faced serious hostilities in the first-century Roman imperial world. The message is crystal clear in this reading. Indeed Jesus warns the disciples that they will be hated simply because they are disciples. He predicts catastrophes that in time actually occurred.

Most shocking of all predictions was the Lord's announcement that one day the temple would fall. It was so shocking because the temple was regarded as God's dwelling on earth, indeed a symbol of God. To say that the temple would fall could be construed to mean that God, the almighty, the eternal, would fall. Of course, Jesus also said that God would rebuild the temple, and the new temple, the new dwelling of God, would be the Lord Jesus.

Reflection

The Gospel reading from St. Luke's Gospel is typical of other sections of the same Gospel. It

is somber and chilling. Terrible things will happen. When the Gospel was written, also quite likely at the time of Jesus, Christians were seeing their own friends and enemies turn against them. It was a frightening sight to be left alone in the face of enemies.

These readings together remind us that we cannot choose our circumstances in every situation. We are at the mercy of fate and often of other human beings. Circumstances in our lives can be very perplexing. Others' decisions can disturb us.

Our task as Christians, indeed our only option, is to be true to the Gospel. As Paul indicates, nothing else truly matters. Being with God for eternity is the only reason to live.

Pursuing this ideal of being with God requires deep and uncompromising commitment. We cannot hesitate. We cannot turn away. God will assist us. He finally will reward us, with the everlasting gift of life.

READINGS

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8b, 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16b, 19 Lk 20:27-40

Door-to-door seminarian finding new roads

Going door to door to tell strangers about Catholicism and his plan to become a priest had to be the most daunting assignment Neil Bakker had ever received.

The 34-year-old from Austin, Minn., had never done anything like it — never gone door to door to sell coupon books or magazine subscriptions, let alone the Catholic Church. Before he entered seminary, the self-described introvert had worked in IT.

Yet there he was, a broad-shouldered 6-foot, 6-inches with a youthful face and a neatly trimmed goatee, staring down a long block, sweating in the summer heat and feeling totally unprepared. It was Neil's first week participating in "Evangelization in Action," a new program of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, Minn., that enlists seminarians to study evangelization in the morning and practice it by evening. Neil and two other seminarians were asked to pound the pavement around a small parish in an old suburb, and they started on an adjacent street to the east.

The men took turns leading the conversation, a role that fell to Neil when they approached a red two-story house on the corner. A brunette Baby Boomer appeared, staying behind the screen door as she sized up the seminarians. She had been a member of the parish but was no longer Catholic, she said.

It almost sounded like a case-closed comment, but there was something in her voice that lacked finality. Neil stumbled through the script he'd been running in his mind until she interjected, signaling to the kitchen where she'd been making dinner.

"I'm forcing this," he thought. He decided to ditch the script, look her in the eyes and ask why she'd left the church.

The question hung in the air a moment — honest, earnest. Decades ago the parish priest had made a comment she found offensive. It compelled her to leave the Church.

"No one ever called," she told Neil. "I just disappeared, and they didn't care."

She kept talking, Neil kept listening, and then she opened the screen door and stepped outside. Standing



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TWENTY SOMETHING

on the front stoop with Neil on the walkway below her, the two were eye level.

"I found the best thing I could do," Neil told me, "was apologize and say, 'I'm sorry that the priest said what he said. I'll learn his lesson for him.'"

Those simple words unlocked her. To know her wounds were recognized and would go toward a future good was powerful. A wrong, at last, had been righted.

The conversation continued for half an hour. She'd been attending a Methodist church, but when they got to discussing the Catholic sacraments, Neil sensed a yearning in her, a wistfulness. "God loves you," he told her, "and He's always inviting you back into His Church."

The woman didn't reclaim Catholicism on the spot, but Neil imagines that she feels less hurt when she looks out her back window at the steeple and bell that once drew her in. He prays for her often. The rest he leaves to God.

One in three Americans raised Catholic leaves the Church. Neil wants to invite them back and help with the healing. He is challenged by Pope Francis' call to action issued in his recent interview with Jesuit publications. "Instead of being just a Church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a Church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent," Pope Francis said. "The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage."

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Agnes of Assisi

1197 -1253
November 16



Moved by the example of St. Francis of Assisi and her older sister, St. Clare of Assisi, Caterina Offreduccio left home at 15 to become a nun committed to living in radical poverty. She joined Clare at a Benedictine convent while their convent at San Damiano was under construction, and took the name Agnes. One account says her family's violent effort to retrieve her was thwarted by a miracle, but this was omitted from her canonization documents. Around 1220, Clare became the abbess of a new foundation of Poor Clares near Florence, and supervised their expansion to Mantua, Padua and Venice. She also supported Clare's struggle for the order to continue in complete poverty. The sisters are buried together in Assisi.

Doing Rome at home

In the middle centuries of the first millennium, the Bishop of Rome celebrated the Eucharist with his people during Lent in a striking way. Each day, the pope would lead a procession of Roman clergy and laity from one church (the collecta, or gathering point) to another, the statio or "station" of that day. There, over the relics of one of the Roman Church's martyrs, Mass was celebrated and a communal meal that broke the daylong Lenten fast followed. Over time, this annual tradition was formalized into the Roman station church pilgrimage, and as the tradition evolved, the pilgrimage sites shaped the Lenten liturgical texts. The pilgrimage was also universalized in a very concrete way: every Missal in the world once carried a stational indicator during Lent, such as "Ash Wednesday: Station at St. Sabina."

In one of the most intriguing developments in post-conciliar Catholicism, the ancient Roman station church pilgrimage has been revived in our time by Americans, and specifically by the North American College in Rome. Beginning in the mid-1970s, American seminarians, NAC faculty and student-priests began to walk Rome's stational pilgrimage trail again: informally at first; later, as a college-organized activity that began to attract fellow-pilgrims from Rome's English-speaking communities. Today, the daily Lenten stational Mass draws hundreds of pilgrims at 7 a.m. to one of the city's most venerable (and often unknown) churches, as NAC faculty and seminarians are joined by undergraduates from American universities with Rome campuses, dip-

lomats, graduate students from all over the world, religious sisters, and officials of the Roman Curia.

The Vicariate (or Diocese) of Rome also sponsors a daily station-church Mass in the early evening, but attendance is generally poor. When I once asked my friend Hannah Suchocka, then Poland's ambassador to the Vatican, why she attended the crack-of-dawn English-language stational Mass rather than the more convenient evening stational Mass, she gave me a short and pointed answer: "I found a living Church here (i.e., at the English-language Mass)." So an ancient Roman tradition has been resurrected, in Rome, by American Catholics who bring the vitality of the Church in the New World to the banks of the Tiber.

I first experienced the station church pilgrimage during the 1990s, when I was in Rome working on the biography of John Paul II and living at NAC. Three years ago, I decided that this remarkable experience should be made available to a much wider audience: to those who might not be able to "do the station churches" in Rome, but could do so at home. So I enlisted as partners in this effort to "bring Rome to home" a good friend, Elizabeth Lev, the best engaging and thoughtful Anglophone art-and-architecture guide in Rome, and my son Stephen, a professional photographer. Liz, Stephen and I made the entire station church pilgrimage during Lent 2011, and after two years of editing and polishing both text and pictures, "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" has just been published by Basic Books. "Roman Pilgrimage" is meant



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to be absorbed in small doses, as the book includes, for each day of Lent and the entire Octave of Easter, my commentary on the daily liturgical texts (from both holy Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours), Liz's insightful descriptions of the history, architecture and art of the station church of the day, and Stephen's exquisite pictures (even more compelling in the eBook edition of "Roman Pilgrimage," in which all the photos are in color and can be "zoomed" to larger sizes that display a remarkable fineness of detail). The book also includes two introductory essays: in the first, I reflect on the human habit of pilgrimage and the specific history and spiritual texture of the Roman station church pilgrimage; in the second, I explore Lent as a baptismal season in which all Christians are invited into a kind of "annual catechumenate," re-experiencing the central mysteries of the faith.

Thus "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" is an invitation to take from "Rome at home" renewed spiritual energy for the evangelical task that is every Christian's vocation.

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chose to travel over the holidays in hopes of creating a new and meaningful tradition in honor of their loved one.

Of course, those of us who have experienced a loss know that grief is messy. Its chaos comes unpredictably and with no order. We move in and out of our emotions as the need takes us. So during the holidays we can prepare ourselves with the awareness of the possibility of rising and falling feelings and how we will respond to them. I have found that an action plan can assist us in our self care. I learned to excuse myself from any activity when feeling overwhelmed. When I felt more settled I simply returned and carried on. I embrace the importance of making time to shed those persistent tears and gather myself in those situations.

In anticipation of the stress of the holidays or when the rollercoaster of emotions get the most of us, it's okay to seek support. Confide in a compassionate friend or family member, who will listen without judgment, or join a support group. Many churches offer closed-ended grief support groups through the

holidays and there are ongoing grief support groups through churches, hospitals, hospices and private counselors.

With that said, I have also discovered that it's okay to allow ourselves to have a little fun as well. Our loved ones would desire that for us as we remember them with special care.

I have learned that it doesn't really matter how long our loved one has been gone. There will always be days, especially the glittering holidays that cause our grief to rise to the surface in renewed ways. It's during those times that we must be extra gentle with ourselves and allow those feelings to be worked through with hope for healing. It will be only then that we can look back and see that we have indeed survived the holidays and maybe even found a little joy.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 17, 2013

Luke 21:5-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a warning of trying times ahead. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| ADORNED | STONES | DAYS |
| THROWN DOWN | SIGNS | MY NAME |
| I AM HE | TIME | WARS |
| TERRIFIED | EARTHQUAKES | FAMINES |
| PERSECUTE | PRISONS | BEFOREHAND |
| BROTHERS | FRIENDS | HATED |
| BY ALL | A HAIR | HEAD |

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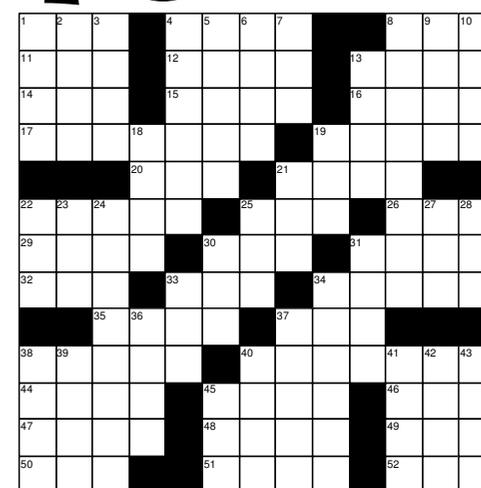
formulate how we chose to grieve, but I have learned that discovering what my own heart tells me usually leads me down the right path.

Discovering my own style of grieving, especially during the holidays, I found that following regular holiday traditions can be painful without our loved one. I believe we can modify or eliminate any activity for a time or even establish a new tradition to help us through. We are not required to attend any function with which we are uncomfortable. But we must be mindful not to isolate ourselves during this special time with family and friends. Our hearts will help us choose what's best for us.

That first Christmas, I chose to decorate as in years past but with less flair, and attend most of the family gatherings replete with gifts and baked goods. Though it held little joy for me, my girls reveled in the "normalcy" of it. And that renewed my hope for our lives in the future. But I know others who

The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Mal 3 19-20a; Lk 21:5-19 and Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

ACROSS

- 1 Baking plate
- 4 Adversaries
- 8 Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 11 Pride
- 12 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 13 Christ is, of the Body
- 14 Regret
- 15 Accent mark
- 16 Phenol
- 17 Last of 12 minor prophets
- 19 Combustibles
- 20 Gnawer
- 21 Painted "Cross of St. John of the Cross"

- 22 Inches, for example
- 25 Sorrowful, i.e. Mother
- 26 Contend
- 29 Forgiveness of
- 30 Recede
- 31 Solomon was David's
- 32 Santa helper
- 33 Compass point
- 34 Lowest point
- 35 Defeat
- 37 French "yes"
- 38 Risen from dead
- 40 Maddler
- 44 Johnnycake
- 45 Acting (abbr.)
- 46 Certified accountant
- 47 Warning of the end

- 48 Footgear
- 49 Peter has two
- 50 Vane direction
- 51 Stored
- 52 Affirmative

DOWN

- 1 Curl hair
- 2 Water (Spanish)
- 3 Christmas
- 4 Brawl
- 5 Should
- 6 Decorative needle case
- 7 That girl
- 8 Fooled
- 9 "Touch the ___ marks in my hand."
- 10 Totals
- 13 Draw
- 18 Branch of learning
- 19 Craze
- 21 Dot
- 22 Avail
- 23 Zip
- 24 Trespass
- 25 Compass point
- 27 Next Vatican Council
- 28 Sin
- 30 Eastern Standard Time
- 31 None on your head will be harmed.
- 33 Take to court
- 34 Gold lump
- 36 The day is coming, blazing like one
- 37 Upon (2 wds.)
- 38 End of a church aisle
- 39 Grandma of St. Timothy
- 40 Hurt
- 41 Yucky
- 42 Dueling sword
- 43 Sun of justice's healing.
- 45 ___ and you shall receive.

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

Saint Joseph's Turner to play in first annual girls' High School All-American Game Forty-four of the nation's elite girls' high school soccer players from fall playing states will take part in the first annual High School All-American Game on Dec. 7, in the Cary, N.C., area. The players selected are seniors who have finished their high school careers and represent their high school teams during the fall season. These players have achieved many regional and national awards and will attend some of the top universities across the country. Included among them is Madison Turner, a midfielder for Saint Joseph High School, South Bend. Turner has signed to play for the University of Maryland.

Cardegles receive accolades for cross-country season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Another cross-country season has come to an end for the Cardegles' young runners from St. Charles and St. Jude Catholic Schools. The Cardegle varsity girls finished with a final record of 71-33, the second best in Cardegle history, while the boys had the best record ever of 84-17. The junior varsity squads also completed an excellent year with a 17-7 record for the boys and a 17-11 finish for the girls. Both teams performed well in their final outings.

At the Carroll Middle school meet, the boys finished fourth of 14 and the girls seventh. In a three-way meet at Memorial Park Middle School with Jefferson Park, both Cardegle teams won. Finally, at the Cardegle Invitational, the boys and the girls were overall team champs led by Matt Kochanski and Alex Ebetino.

The year-end awards banquet



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The cross-country Cardegles of St. Charles and St. Jude pose for a team photo at the Lutheran meet.

featured guest speaker Alissa McKaig, a Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran graduate who has represented the United States in the

World Championship Marathon and Cross Country competition. This year's Cardegle cross-country award winners were:

Top 8 girls (due to tie)

1. Alex Ebetino
2. Hannah Ewing
3. Julia Eckrich
4. Julia Broerman
5. Maggie Schroeder
6. Aileen Delaney
7. Natalee Vogan
8. Katie Nix

4. Jason Kochanski
5. Emmett Delaney
6. Ronnie Record
7. Jonah Getty

Most Valuable Runner Award — Matt Kochanski and Alex Ebetino

Most Improved Runner Award — Ronnie Record and Katie Nix

Mental Attitude Award — Andy Myers and Hannah Ewing

Cardegle Award — Caroline Obergfell

Top 7 boys

1. Matt Kochanski
2. Collin Cahill
3. Isaiah Wiseman

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Theme: God's plan of salvation and our response to God's Word of love.
Objective: To deepen our awareness of God's great love for us.

Ritual Action: Veneration of the Bible

MONDAY: NOVEMBER 25

Theme: Who is Jesus for Us?
Objective: To renew our faith in Jesus as the Redeemer of all.

Ritual Action: Profession of Faith

TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 26

Theme: Sin, Reconciliation and Healing
Objective: To experience the reconciliation and healing offered to us through the Redeemer.

Ritual Action: Service the Light
(Lent:distribution of Ashes) an opportunity for individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 27

Theme: At the Altar we seal our covenant with our God and we are nourished with the Bread of Life to live our mission as baptized disciples.

Objective: To renew our commitment to live the Eucharist by giving testimony of our faith in our daily lives.

Ritual Action: Celebration of the Eucharist.

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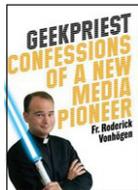


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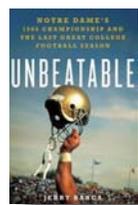
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The following are recently published books that have been sent to *Today's Catholic* that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

"GeekPriest Confessions of a New Media Pioneer," by producer, blogger, speaker and media host Father Roderick Vonhogen is a collection of anecdotes and stories detailing how he became a new media missionary, and focuses on the personal connection and the use of all forms of media to evangelize. This easy to read and thoroughly engaging book introduces the reader to the experience of God at work in individual lives as well as in His Church. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-676-6, \$17.99.



"Unbeatable: Notre Dame's 1988 Championship and the Last Great College Football Season," by Notre Dame alum Jerry Barca tells the

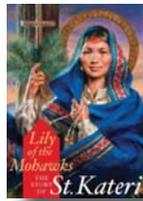


tale of Notre Dame's underdog football team of 1988 and its rise to glory under the tutelage of their brilliant coach, Lou Holtz. This gripping story details the amazing squad of players both on and off the field and how they made history together. St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 978-1-250-02483-1, \$26.99.

"Joseph, the Man Who Raised Jesus," by Father Gary Caster tells the story of the perfect model for fathers, St. Joseph. The chapters paint a vivid portrait of this man of virtue weaving Scripture throughout to help the reader understand St. Joseph's faith, courage, patience and purity. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-553-0, \$14.99.



"Lily of the Mohawks: The Story of St. Kateri," by Emily Cavins weaves a compelling historically factual story of this inspiring young native American mystic who lived in the 17th century and was canonized in 2012. In addition to sharing St. Kateri's life story and faith formation, the book includes a guide to shrines dedicated to Kateri as well as special prayers and devotions. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-555-4, \$14.99.



"Thirsting for God: Daily Meditations, Mother Teresa," edited by Angelo D. Scolozzi, close associate of Mother Teresa, offers 365 daily readings that include short stories, prayers and meditations that come from the heart of Mother Teresa. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-689-0, \$12.99.



"Yes, And... Daily Meditations," by Richard Rohr offers the author's thoughts and teaching on seven themes, including methodology, foundation, frame, ecumenism, transformation, process and goal. Find an inspiring meditation for each day of the year in this hardcover book. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-644-5, \$24.99.



"Catholic Update Guide to Mary," edited by Mary Carol Kendzia draws on the Catholic Update newsletter to look at the life of Mary and the role she played in Church history. This little book includes various images of Mary as well as her feasts celebrated through the liturgical year. Popular Marian prayers, including how to pray the rosary, round out the book. Each chapter concludes with reflection questions. Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-672-8, \$5.99.

'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' CD offers familiar, new selections

Diocesan priest, cantor and director of music featured on Christmas collection

MISHAWAKA — Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Church in Bremen, is a man of many talents. In addition to being a fine pastor, he is a talented musician and singer. Joe Higginbotham, director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo in Mishawaka, has enlisted Father Lengerich and Stacie Bert, a gifted vocalist from St. Bavo Church, to record a brand new CD titled, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful." There are 11 traditional favorites with fresh arrangements, and four new songs either composed or arranged by Higginbotham.

"Our new CD is full of Christmas carols that everyone knows and loves," Father Lengerich said. "And Joe has accompanied each one with beautiful instruments, so it's easy to sing along. I think he really captured the spirit of the Christmas season, with all of its hope and peace and joy."

Higginbotham told *Today's Catholic*, "As a musician and liturgist for over 35 years, I know firsthand the power of music coupled with an inspired text to touch lives and change hearts. That is the ministry to which I have devoted my life — to bring people to a closer

relationship with God through liturgical music."

"Father Bob and Stacie are invaluable in helping me to fulfill that desire," he added. "They are not only talented, but great to work with. Their joy and dedication is a support to me and will be a blessing to those that hear their music."

Bert said, "I am very excited to work on another CD with Father Bob and Joe. We have had great success reaching people of all backgrounds with our other CDs. I am hoping we will be just as successful with this new CD in spreading the message of Christ."

Higginbotham is the president of Saints Francis and Clare Press, Inc. In the past year they have produced, with Father Lengerich and Bert, three other CDs, including a setting of all the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, "To You We Give All Praise," another Christmas CD, "Christmas at Greccio," and a CD that draws one into deeper prayer, "What Wondrous Love."

Higginbotham noted, "The first run sold out quickly and we had to rush to get more in before Christmas last year."

Also just released is a coloring book based on the "Little Flowers of St. Francis" that has been very well received.

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Euchre Knight

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a Euchre Knight, Saturday, Nov. 16, in the Bishop Luers Café. Cost is \$15 per person or a donation of an item for the LuersKnight auction. Doors open at 6 p.m.; euchre begins at 7 p.m. Cash prizes of \$100 (first place) and \$50 (second place) awarded. Contact Angie Brown at itbeangieb@frontier.com or Kathy Skelly (260) 456-1261 ext. 3142.

Saint Joseph High School's trivia night

South Bend — A trivia night will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the main gymnasium. Tables are \$100 for 10 people. A cash bar and silent auction will be offered. Bring tailgate food to share at the table. For more information contact Lisa Kochanowski at lkochanowski@saintjoehigh.com.

Holiday craft bazaar

Bremen — The Youth Group of St. Dominic Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available along with desserts. Call (574) 862-4904 for information.

Holiday bazaar

South Bend — Corpus Christi School, 2822 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, baked goods and lunch will be available. The Altar and Rosary Society will have a raffle and the eighth-grade class will sell dinner at the Skillet tickets.

Women's fertility workshop offered

Huntington — The NaPro TECHNOLOGY System is being presented Saturday, Dec. 7, in Assumption Hall, from 1-2 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic School. RSVPs required. Call Theresa

at (260) 494-6444 or email at theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com.

Christ Child Festival to be held at USF Performing Arts Center

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Festival will relocate this year to the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St. The festival will be held Friday, Dec. 6, from 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7, from 12-8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 12-5 p.m. For information contact Judy Hapke at (260) 447-9437.

Alumni to gather

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School invites current students and alumni to a "ThanksGathering" Friday, Nov. 29, from 8-11 p.m. at Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center, 1414 Northland Blvd. Live music by Moderate Pain — Dwenger graduates John Seculoff, Mitch McKinney and Matt Roussel. Families are welcome in the entertainment area. Must be 21 to enter the Kahunaz Tree Top Lounge. Contact Molly Schreck at (260) 496-4775 or mschreck@bishopdwenger.com.

Advent Retreat

Notre Dame — The Sisters of the Holy Cross will offer an Advent retreat on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Saint Mary's College Church of Loretto from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for single women discerning God's call in their lives. Contact Sister Pam Welch at pwelch@cscsisters.org or (574) 276-0825.

Saint Joseph High plans open house, placement testing

South Bend — Saint Joseph High School will have an open house Sunday, Nov. 17, from 1-3 p.m. A placement test will be Saturday, Nov. 23, from 7:45 a.m. to noon. \$20 testing fee, bring two No. 2 pencils. Reservations are required for Individual Service Program (ISP)/ Individual Education Program (IEP) or an Individual Language Program (ILP) students. Call (574) 233-6137 ext. 524 to make a reservation and submit a copy of the ISP/IEP or ILP to the office.

Father Michael Winkowski dies

MINSTER, Ohio — Society of the Precious Blood Father Michael Winkowski died Nov. 8, in Minster, Ohio. He was 70 years old. Father Winkowski was the only child born to Clem and Ethel (Piech) Winkowski in South Bend. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1960 at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer and was ordained on June 13, 1970. Father Winkowski taught at St. Anthony of Padua School in South Bend and ministered at St. Patrick Church in Walkerton. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Nov. 13 in Assumption Chapel, St. Charles Center, Carthagenia, Ohio.

REST IN PEACE

Angola Pierrette A. Biancardi, 81, St. Anthony of Padua	Myron Jack Tuttle, 81, St. Therese	Marilyn McGrane, 62, St. Matthew
Bristol Lois Magdalene Hauger, 86, St. Mary of the Annunciation	Goshen Marie Therisa Finnigan, 61, St. John the Evangelist	Patrick Dominic Zappia Sr., 82, St. Anthony de Padua
Decatur Timothy E. Bowers, 32, St. Mary of the Assumption	Mishawaka Barbara J. Schelstraete, 81, St. Monica	Mary Laskowski, 63, Corpus Christi
Elkhart Robert L. Shaw, 69, St. Vincent de Paul	Salvador Sanchez Jr., 52, St. Monica	Jane T. Paulinski, 97, St. Adalbert
Fort Wayne Marilyn M. Brames, 85, St. Charles	Notre Dame Sister M. Lournida Marguerita Monica Jasica, CSC, 87, Our Lady of Loretto	Clemens L. Rzeszewski, 90, St. Jude
Phillip Lee Oberley, 50, St. Peter	South Bend Mary L. Freienstein, 90, St. Anthony de Padua	Elsie R. Horvath, 92, St. Matthew
Patrick C. Till, 66, St. Jude	Ruth Dolde, 86, St. Anthony de Padua	Steven A. Horvath Jr., 75, Christ the King
	Helen Joan Keultjes, 80, Christ the King	Gloria E. Wasikowski, 86, St. Adalbert
		Sonja M. Allsop, 72, Christ the King
		Gregory Gerard Dobrzykowski, 53, St. Joseph

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)

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BLESSING

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served as master of ceremonies.

Bishop Rhoades welcomed the visitors and staff of Catholic Charities to the Noll Center saying, "Welcome. And Catholic Charities employees and volunteers welcome to your new home. It's great to have you here. We're now one big family in Christ."

In a special ceremony the bishop evoked God's blessing on "this new headquarters of Catholic Charities, which is dedicated to the charitable building up of society." Following readings from the Gospel of Matthew, Psalm 121 and intercessions, the bishop prayed, "Send your blessing upon Your people, who give generously of themselves in service in this place. When they are called upon in times of need, enable them to serve you faithfully in their love of neighbor. And may all who visit this place rightly see fit to praise Your power until the end of their days."

In his reflection, Bishop Rhoades said, "Catholic Charities is an essential part of the mission of our diocese. ... When we think about the mission of the Church, which is to continue the mission of Jesus, it is certainly to teach and preach the Word of God. ... And it is to celebrate the divine mysteries in the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. ... Thirdly, it is the mission of charity, which means that we live the Word that we preach and the Word that we hear. And (it is) the Eucharist that strengthens us to live our faith, and strengthens us to love one another — especially those in need, those who are suffering, those who are poor. So, the mission of charity is essential to the mission of the Church. So having Catholic Charities now in the Archbishop Noll Center brings this to completion. And I hope that all of our employees and volunteers of Catholic Charities — that you already feel at home here — because all of us welcome you with the love



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades extends his arms in blessing for the employees and volunteers of Catholic Charities at a special open house and blessing ceremony on Nov. 6 at the Archbishop Noll Center. Catholic Charities' new offices are located on the first and seventh floors there.

of Christ."

Flanked by Interim Executive Director Lisa Young and Human Resources Coordinator Shawn Ellert, Bishop Rhoades blessed each office space with holy water on both the first and seventh floors. Following the office blessing, the bishop joined those gathered and Mayor Tom Henry, who proclaimed Nov. 6 as Catholic Charities Day. In his remarks the mayor, whose father, Jerome, was executive director of Catholic Charities 45 years ago, commented that there are those who

continue to speak of how their lives were touched by Catholic Charities and his father's leadership all those years ago.

A reception followed the ceremony during which tours of the first and seventh floor offices were conducted.

Interim Executive Director Lisa Young felt the blessing held great meaning for Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers. "It's unity. And I think it is God's covering over us, God's protection over us and bringing us all together — unifying us. And I think that's what this whole



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the new offices of Catholic Charities now located in the Archbishop Noll Center during a special open house and blessing ceremony on Nov. 6. Interim Executive Director Lisa Young stands at right.

ceremony is all about. ... This is something special," she said, adding, "And to be able to meet everyone and to see everyone who supports us. ... It's a great way for us to connect with the diocese."

Catholic Charities Board President Pat Houlihan remarked, "We set a pretty high standard with our mission — to serve the needy and the poor as the Church would have us do. We can't do it alone.

We need God to be with us. So this blessing is like a ribbon cutting for the work we'll do here."

Catholic Charities is a state licensed COA accredited social services agency serving people in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Steuben, St. Joseph, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties and has additional offices in South Bend and Auburn.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shakes hands with Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, who at a special open house and blessing ceremony in the Archbishop Noll Center, proclaimed Nov. 6 as Catholic Charities Day. The new Catholic Charities offices opened Oct. 24.



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