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Fortnight for Freedom bears witness to religious freedom

FORT WAYNE — The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness began nationwide on June 21 with events, education, reflection and prayer that focused on “the freedom to bear witness” to the truth of the Gospel as the nation faces serious threats to its religious freedom.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops it is “a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power — St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, Ss. Peter and Paul and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.”

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FRANCIE HOGAN

Concluding the fortnight events in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, July 4.



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Pope Francis begins trip

Pope Francis made a homecoming of sorts July 5 when he landed in Ecuador. The pope's July 5-12 tour of Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay was punctuated with formal meetings with government officials and large public Masses, but also was filled with visits to the poor, the sick and the elderly, and prisoners. The pope spoke July 6 about the importance of family.

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Analyzing ruling's implications will take time, say Church officials

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. bishops' conference called the Supreme Court's June 26 marriage ruling “a tragic error” and he urged Catholics to move forward with faith “in the unchanging truth about marriage being between one man and one woman.”

“Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky.

“It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage,” he said.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court June 26 said same-sex marriage is constitutional nationwide.

Analyzing the ramifications of the ruling for the Catholic Church at the national, state and local levels will take time, said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

It has implications for “hundreds, if not thousands” of laws at all levels, and there is “a difficult road ahead for people of faith,” he said.

Archbishop Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, made the comments in a teleconference for news media held about three hours after the Supreme Court issued its 5-4 decision that states must license same-sex marriage.

Joining him in the media briefing were two members of the bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military, and Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas; and Anthony Picarello, associate general secretary and general counsel at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Tragically, the court was wrong,” said Archbishop Broglio, adding that this is “not the first time” a “false understanding of marriage” has been forced on the country, as by lower court rulings.

“Clearly the decision was not required by

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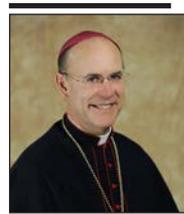
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A Fourth of July reflection on religious liberty



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of Bishop Rhoades' homily at Mass on July 4, 2015, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne:

On July 4, 1776, in the midst of the American Revolution, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia courageously declared the thirteen colonies independent from Great Britain. Today, 239 years later, we celebrate this Declaration. With all our fellow Americans, we celebrate our freedom on this Independence Day, the Fourth of July. As Catholics, we especially pray for religious liberty as we conclude the 2015 Fortnight for Freedom.

Many of the colonists who came to America in the 17th and 18th centuries were fleeing religious persecution. Like the Puritans and Quakers, Catholics came to America to escape persecution. English and Irish Catholics first settled in Maryland since the first Baron of Baltimore, George Calvert, and his brother Leonard, who were Catholics, had founded Maryland as a haven for persecuted Christians. Catholics and Protestants lived peacefully side by side in Maryland. The famous Act of Toleration of 1649 guaranteed religious liberty. But in 1654, when Puritans took over the governance of Maryland, the Act of Toleration was repealed and Catholics were outlawed. Maryland joined the other colonies in enacting the English penal laws that restricted the freedom of Catholics: the denial of the right to vote or to hold public office, the prohibition of public worship, and even the imprisonment of priests. The penal laws against Catholics were in force with different levels of severity in the colonies for over a century. Pennsylvania was somewhat an exception, thanks to the religious tolerance of William Penn and the Quakers.

By the time of the American Revolution, the number of Catholics in the thirteen colonies was rather small: about 25,000 among 2 ½ million colonists. For over a century, the small body of Catholics in the thirteen colonies had clung to their religious faith despite active persecution and denial of their civil rights. They supported the American Revolution with the hope that independence from Britain would bring them greater religious liberty in the new republic.

American Catholics, including Father John Carroll, who in 1790 would become the first Catholic bishop in the United States, the first bishop of Baltimore, received with great satisfaction the Constitution in 1787 and the Bill of Rights a couple years later, especially the First Amendment and its definition of our first freedom: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The First Amendment allowed Catholics the freedom to practice their faith, yet it did not eradicate the cultural anti-Catholicism that persisted in sometimes vigorous form during the following century. Sadly, this persistent prejudice is still alive today, especially among certain elites in academia, Hollywood, the media, and other influential



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shares this homily during the closing Mass of the Fortnight for Freedom on July 4.

molders of public opinion.

Our concerns about religious liberty today are especially focused on a more general anti-religious cultural movement, rooted in secularism and relativism, which seeks to limit the role of religion in public life. This was certainly not the intent of our founding fathers who recognized the essential role of religion and the virtues it inspires in providing the foundation for the success of a democratic society. They believed in God and the divine law. In the Declaration of Independence, they specifically referred to "the laws of nature and of nature's God." They were not secularists and they were not moral relativists. They declared: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." At the end of the Declaration, they affirmed their "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" as they pledged to each other "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor."

Our founding fathers believed that religion, virtue, and morality based on the natural law were essential foundations for the success of the American Experiment. In his farewell address, George Washington declared: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness." John Adams wrote: "It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. Religion and virtue are the only foundations... of republicanism and of all free governments." As Catholics, we agree with this vision of our founding fathers. Recently, Pope Francis said something very similar in the following words: "When, in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from society, it ends up adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated."

The Catholic Church is at the forefront today in advocating and fighting for these indispensable supports of our nation and its freedom: for example, in defending the right to life and the truth about marriage. Through this Fortnight for Freedom, we are responding to an aggressive secularism in our society. We are standing up for our faith, to be sure.

We are also standing up for the self-evident truths proclaimed by our founding fathers. We stand against the subjectivism and relativism that seeks to sever freedom from its indispensable foundation in truth. We stand up for the freedom not only to worship, but also to live our faith without government coercion to violate the sacred sanctuary of our conscience. Pope Francis says: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." That is why we continue to vigorously object to the unjust HHS mandate that seeks to force us to provide health coverage for morally objectionable services. That is why we are very worried about being forced to cooperate with a redefinition of marriage that goes against the natural order as established by God. Sadly, in today's cultural climate, speaking and defending the truth about marriage often results in unjust and false charges of bigotry. We can expect claims of discrimination for upholding what for millennia has been considered a self-evident truth: that marriage by its nature is between one man and one woman. In all this public debate about these matters, notice that the often anti-Catholic or anti-Christian bigotry of the Church's critics and opponents is ignored.

Jesus teaches us to render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. In the contemporary debate and struggle, we seek to have the freedom to do so. This is part of our human dignity — not only to be free to worship God, but free to serve Him and others through our schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, charities, and other institutions and to do so without compromising our faith and moral convictions. There are many in our society who disagree with the teachings of the Catholic Church on various issues. They have the right to disagree. But it is quite another matter to deny to us the right to live our faith and to conduct our lives, ministries, and works in accord with the Church's teachings. And rather than engaging in civil and respectful debate, critics and opponents of the Church will sometimes resort to attacks that reveal the persistent anti-Catholic prejudice that for some reason is still deemed acceptable in our culture.

On this Independence Day, as we pray for the protection of religious freedom in our nation, let us also remember in prayer the millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are persecuted and suffer injustices because of their faith. Not only are so many denied the right to live their faith or the right to worship, so many Christians and other minorities, innocent individuals and communities, are subjected to barbaric acts of violence, evicted from their homes and native lands, or sold as slaves. Some are killed, beheaded, crucified, or burned alive. It is a great sacrilege that this evil is being done in the name of God. We are living in a new age of Christian martyrdom. May these present-day martyrs inspire us by their faith and courage! Their suffering and death was not in vain: their lives bear eloquent witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Today ends the Fortnight for Freedom, but it does not end our prayers and efforts on behalf of religious liberty. May God who gave us life and liberty, bless us, our nation, and the world with renewed determination to protect these cherished gifts!

Supreme Court makes sweeping rulings

Court upholds health care subsidies in states with federal exchanges

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Writing that, “Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not to destroy them,” a 6-3 majority of the Supreme Court June 25 upheld tax subsidies for participants in health care exchanges run by the federal government in states that refused to create them.

In the majority opinion, Chief Justice John Roberts disentangled what he said was “more than a few examples of inartful drafting” in how the 2010 law was written that contributed to the interpretation that federal subsidies for people with lower income should only be available to residents of states that created their own health care exchanges.

The subsidies were challenged by four residents of Virginia — which has a federal exchange — who don’t want to purchase health insurance and argued that the tax credits they would receive to do so are not what the law intended. Without the subsidies, their income level would allow them to be exempt from the requirement of the ACA to purchase insurance.

Lower courts disagreed and the Supreme Court upheld those decisions.

Thirty-four states use the federal insurance exchange because they did not set up their own. An estimated 6.4 million people who live in those states were at risk of losing subsidies that average \$272 a month to help pay insurance premiums.

The ruling said the interpretation of the plaintiffs in *King v. Burwell* would undermine two of the three principle objectives of the ACA — tax credits for those who cannot afford to pay a full insurance premium and a requirement that nearly everyone have insurance coverage — and would not apply in states where the federal government runs the exchange.

“The combination of no tax credits and an ineffective coverage requirement could well push a state’s individual insurance market into a death spiral,” Roberts wrote. “It is implausible that Congress meant the act to operate in this manner.”

Joining Roberts in the majority were Justices Anthony Kennedy, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote a dissent, in which he was joined by Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito.

The case hinged largely on what Congress intended by phrasing in the ACA that referred to “exchange established by the state.” The majority concluded that the language meant tax credits for insurance applied to purchase on “any exchange created under the act.” Such credits are necessary, Roberts wrote, for the federal

exchanges to function like the state exchanges “and to avoid the type of calamitous result that Congress plainly meant to avoid.”

While Congress makes laws, the court’s role is to “say what the law is,” he said, citing *Marbury v. Madison*. “That is easier in some cases than in others. But in every case we must respect the role of the Legislature, and take care not to undo what it has done.” It is the court’s role, he said, to interpret the ACA in a way that is consistent with Congress’ intent to improve health insurance markets, not to destroy them.

In a colorful and dismissive dissent, Scalia argued that the majority “has not come close to presenting the compelling contextual case necessary to justify departing from the ordinary meaning of the terms of the law. Quite the contrary, context only underscores the outlandishness of the court’s interpretation. Reading the act as a whole leaves no doubt about the matter: ‘Exchange established by the state’ means what it looks like it means.”

Court upholds execution drug protocol criticized as cruel and unusual

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In another in a series of bitterly divided end-of-term cases, the Supreme Court June 29 upheld the execution protocol used by Oklahoma and several other states.

The 5-4 ruling written by Justice Samuel Alito upheld lower courts that said the use of the drug midazolam in lethal injection does not violate Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment.

The ruling was among the last three opinions released, closing out the court’s 2014 term. Aside from announcing the disposition of other cases it has been asked to review, the court is not scheduled to conduct any further business in the public eye until the 2015 term opens Oct. 5.

The majority opinion in *Glossip v. Gross* noted that it has been previously established multiple times that capital punishment is constitutional and only delved into whether the claims by Oklahoma death-row inmates that the effects of the drugs used in lethal injection are unnecessarily painful. Among the reasons Alito cited in upholding lower courts were that “the prisoners failed to identify a known and available alternative method of execution that entails a lesser risk of pain.”

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas each filed concurring opinions. Alito’s majority ruling also was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts, Scalia, Thomas and Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Two of the four justices who disagreed with Alito each wrote a dissenting opinion, including one in which Justices Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg called

for briefings on whether the death penalty itself ought to be ruled unconstitutional. “I believe it highly likely that the death penalty violates the Eighth Amendment,” Breyer wrote. “At the very least, the court should call for full briefing on the basic question.”

In his majority ruling, Alito discussed at length the evidence presented about whether midazolam fails to act sufficiently as a sedative to prevent inmates who are being executed from suffering an undue amount of pain. The cases arose after several situations like that of Clayton Lockett. At his April 2014 execution, he writhed in pain for 40 minutes before dying of apparent heart failure.

Alito recounted the circumstances leading to the use of midazolam, which has become an alternative for other drugs, whose manufacturers refuse to supply them for use in executions. He went into graphic detail about the murders committed by the death-row inmates who sued.

In his concurrence and pointed disagreement with Breyer, Thomas also described brutal crimes that landed people on death row. It was the third criminal justice case in the last weeks of the term in which Thomas has made a point of writing about severe sentences being necessary because of the pain inflicted on crime victims and their families.

Like Alito’s majority opinion, Sotomayor devoted much of her dissent to dissecting the testimony about the effects of midazolam. She took issue with the majority brushing past the inmates’ plea “that they at least be allowed a stay of execution while they seek to prove midazolam’s inadequacy.” She was joined in the dissent by Breyer, Ginsburg and Justice Elena Kagan.

Sotomayor said the court accomplished that “first, by deferring to the District Court’s decision to credit the scientifically unsupported and implausible testimony of a single expert witness; and second, by faulting petitioners for failing to satisfy the wholly novel requirement of proving the availability of an alternative means for their own executions. On both counts the court errs. As a result, it leaves petitioners exposed to what may well be the chemical equivalent of being burned at the stake.”

She said that in sweeping aside substantial evidence that midazolam “cannot be utilized to maintain unconsciousness in the face of agonizing stimuli,” the majority accepted one witness’s “wholly unsupported claims that 500 milligrams of midazolam will ‘paralyze the brain.’ In so holding, the court disregards an objectively intolerable risk of severe pain.”

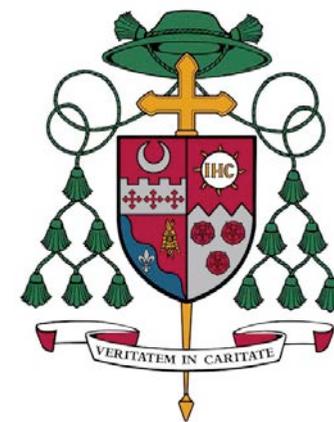
The majority responded to Sotomayor’s points about the potential for such an outcome by calling it a “groundless suggestion that our decision is tantamount to



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne.
- Wednesday, July 22, 12 p.m. — Noon Lunch at 70th Class Reunion of Central Catholic High School, The Townhouse, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, July 23, 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
- Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m. — Prayer and Meeting with Youth Participants in World Youth Day 2016, Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m. — Mass and Picnic with Deacons of the Diocese and their Wives, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw

STATEMENT OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



Concerning the Supreme Court Decision Ruling Same-Sex Marriage Legal Nationwide

I am saddened, yet unsurprised, by the Supreme Court’s decision to redefine marriage in our country. In our society in recent years, we have seen a cultural shift in which the truth about the meaning and purpose of marriage has been obscured by excluding the essential complementarity of man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is. Making same-sex unions equivalent to marriage disregards the very nature of marriage as naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life.

I believe that the Supreme Court’s decision is unjust in that it ignores the unique and proper place of husbands and wives and especially the rights of children to a mother and father. It essentially makes equal what are essentially different realities: same-sex unions and marriage.

While we must uphold the human dignity of homosexual persons and their basic human rights, no one has the right to alter the truth about marriage as established by God. The Supreme Court’s mandating of a new definition of marriage that is contrary to the divine and natural law is, as our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “a tragic error.”

I worry about the consequences of this decision for our religious liberty in teaching, upholding, and acting in accord with the truth about marriage as known by right reason and divine revelation. I call upon our Catholic faithful to continue to proclaim by word and example the true meaning of marriage even in the face of unjust and false accusations of bigotry and discrimination. We must continue to follow our Lord and to act in conformity with our faith, whether popular or unpopular. We must love all our brothers and sisters, including persons with same-sex attraction, while also upholding the true meaning of marriage.

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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allowing prisoners to be 'drawn and quartered, slowly tortured to death, or actually burned at the stake.' That is simply not true and the principal dissent's resort to this outlandish rhetoric reveals the weakness of its legal arguments."

Scalia's concurring opinion — joined by Thomas — mostly took on Breyer's dissent, faulting him for suggesting the death penalty might be unconstitutional.

"Mind you, not once in the history of the American Republic has this court ever suggested the death penalty is categorically impermissible," Scalia wrote. "The reason is obvious: It is impossible to hold unconstitutional that which the Constitution explicitly contemplates. The Fifth Amendment provides that "[n]o person shall be held to answer for a capital ... crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury,' and that no person shall be 'deprived of life ... without due process of law.' Nevertheless, today Justice Breyer takes on the role of the abolitionists in this long-running drama, arguing that the text of the Constitution and two centuries of history must yield to his '20 years of experience on this court,' and inviting full briefing on the continued permissibility of capital punishment."

Breyer's argument, Scalia wrote, "is full of internal contradictions and (it must be said) gobbledegook."

Texas Catholic Conference disappointed by court ruling on abortion law

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — The Texas Catholic Conference expressed disappointment with the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision June 29 which temporarily blocks Texas from enforcing new requirements on abortion clinics that would force many of them to close.

The Texas law requires the clinics to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers when performing abortions. Other provisions of the law, such as requiring abortion doctors to have hospital privileges and prohibiting abortions

after 20 weeks gestation, were not affected.

In a June 9 ruling, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the law, and rejected pleas by abortion clinics to suspend its implementation while it is appealed. The Supreme Court ruling prevents enforcement of the law until the fall when the high court will decide if the justices should hear an appeal from a lower court.

A June 30 statement from the Catholic conference, the public policy arm of the Texas Catholic bishops, said the bishops "grieve for the unborn children who will continue to die, and are concerned for the mothers who will be subjected to substandard care, while the court delays until the fall to resolve this issue."

"While the Texas Catholic Conference opposes abortion, it equally values protecting and preserving the health of women, whose lives and dignity are just as precious as those destroyed by the act of abortion," the statement said.

"Short of closing these abortion facilities, abortionists must meet the most rigorous, mandatory standards of medical inspections and regulation," the statement added.

Legal analyst Lyle Denniston, writing for the SCOTUSblog, a blog on the Supreme Court, said June 29 that in the one-paragraph order on the ruling the justices did not explain why they were postponing consideration of the law.

If a review of the law is denied later, the order will be lifted, but if review is granted, it will stay in effect until there is a final ruling, Denniston added. He also noted that the actual petition for review has not yet been filed by the doctors and clinics involved in the appeal.

The Supreme Court was considering a similar appeal from Mississippi, which was seeking to enforce a hospital admissions privileges requirement that opponents say would force the state's last abortion clinic to close. That law has been blocked by the 5th Circuit, the same court involved in the Texas case.

A priest's reflection on SCOTUS same-sex marriage ruling

BY FATHER MARK GURTNER

By now I'm sure that mostly all of you have heard about the Supreme Court ruling declaring same-sex marriage a civil right under the Constitution. Given that this is such a monumental ruling for our country, I feel that I would be pastorally remiss if I did not address it with you.

I think maybe the first question that we could ask is "Why should we care? What don't we just let the government do whatever it is going to do? We will still believe the truth about marriage as God has shown us. So what difference does it really make?"

The answer to this question of why it really does make a difference comes from Pope Benedict who said, "There is also a need to promote the natural structure of marriage as a union of a man and a woman in the face of attempts to make it (legally) equivalent to radically different types of union; such attempts actually harm and help to destabilize marriage, obscuring its specific nature and its indispensable role in society ... this constitutes an offense against the truth of the human person, with serious harm to justice and peace."

There is a lot in here in this little quote. The pope is telling us that as things like same-sex marriage are promoted, the true notion of what marriage is will steadily get lost in society. There is a lot we could say about this. There are a lot of dangers in store for society as we continue down this path,

but I just want to witness to you for a moment about my own reaction to the ruling.

I'll admit I was a little distraught yesterday about the ruling and finally I asked myself why I felt so distraught. In simple words, I realized that I was distraught because it's not true. It's simply not true. God has created, ordained and established marriage to be between a man and a woman. Anything else is simply not marriage.

Marriage by God's design is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman, which is ordered to the good of the spouses (unity) and the procreation and education of children. So called same-sex marriage cannot bring true matrimonial unity nor can it bring the procreation and true education of children.

The anatomical parts of man and woman alone show us this. Think about that for a minute — that true marriage is to be between a man and a woman is written into our very anatomy. Nothing could be more manifestly obvious. Anything else is a gross aberration.

And the physical is only the starting point. The psychological, emotional, spiritual and interpersonal complementarity which comes from the sexual difference between men and women also proclaims the truth of God's design for marriage. This is a complementarity which comes from the hand of God and is essential for true marital unity and the procreation and education of children.

Turning for a moment to those who are seeking same-sex marriage, my pastoral experience has revealed

to me that those who struggle with same-sex attraction carry a tremendous cross. But it is a cross that has the power to bring tremendous holiness and closeness to God when carried with chastity and fidelity.

The Lord is not stingy with His grace and for those who suffer with this cross, the Lord's grace is always near at hand and is abundant to strengthen one in purity and fidelity.

This is the other part of the Supreme Court decision that distresses me — declaring something that is not marriage to be marriage will not help those who struggle with same-sex attraction. It will only legally lock them into living a lie. We as Christians should have great concern for this, because it goes against their true human dignity.

We heard in the first reading today: "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it."

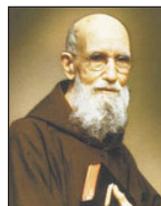
For those whose eyes of faith are open, it is hard not to see the envy of the devil behind this distortion of marriage, a distortion which serves to weaken the understanding of God's true design and a distortion which causes those who enter it to be locked into the bondage of a lie.

Homily given by Father Mark A. Gurtner at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, Fort Wayne, June 28.

Novena offered for beatification of Solanus Casey

DETROIT, Michigan — Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin ministry, will be commemorating the 58th anniversary of the death of Father Solanus with a novena for his beatification, July 23-31. The novena will end on the date of his death, July 31, 1957.

Father Solanus Casey was a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued



FATHER SOLANUS CASEY

for his wise and compassionate counsel. He faithfully served the people of Detroit by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. He also resided at St. Felix Monastery in Huntington for 10 years.

For prayer leaflets and information, email: solanusguild@thecapuchins.org or call 313-579-2100, ext. 140 or 169. www.SolanusCasey.org. Novena prayers include Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Prayer for Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey.

In 1960, the Father Solanus

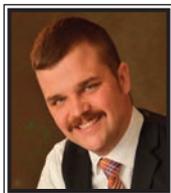
Guild initiated the cause of Solanus Casey for sainthood. In 1995, Pope John Paul II declared Solanus Casey "venerable." One miraculous cure attributed by the Vatican to the intercession of Venerable Solanus will advance the cause to beatification and the title of "blessed." Another approved miracle after that will advance the cause finally to sainthood.

The Father Solanus Guild, a Capuchin ministry, is a part of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, which serves Capuchin ministries worldwide.



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the Constitution (and) the narrowness of the decision reveals it is not settled," he continued. "Marriage is unchangeable."

Echoing an earlier statement by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, USCCB president, Archbishop Broglio said the Church will continue to follow Christ, "in solidarity with the pope," in adhering to the Church's teaching on marriage being between one man and one woman.

Archbishop Lori acknowledged that the court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* "makes a nod in the direction of religious liberty." But that, he said, is too narrow.

The ruling "recognizes free speech, the right of religion to teach or advocate with regard to the true definition of marriage, but it does not acknowledge (that) the First Amendment also protects freedom of religion and the right to follow our teaching," he said.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, recognized in several places the role of religious beliefs in the questions surrounding same-sex marriage, saying that, "it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex mar-

riage should not be condoned."

Kennedy also said in part that "those who believe allowing same-sex marriage is proper or indeed essential, whether as a matter of religious conviction or secular belief, may engage those who disagree with their view in an open and searching debate."

But Archbishop Lori said free speech is not at issue. Under the ruling, "we retain the right to think what we want at home and within the confines of the Church" but it does not address the First Amendment's guarantee to free exercise of religion. The Church should be able to operate "our ministries ... without fear of being silenced, penalized," he said.

Through social services, "we serve millions of people every day. We do it well and we do it lovingly," he added.

He foresees many legal challenges and controversies as the Church seeks to protect itself from the fallout of the marriage ruling by advocating at the federal, state and local levels for protections for its faith-based practices.

Some areas where there will be legal disputes, Picarello said, were outlined by Chief Justice John Roberts, including tax exemptions, campus housing, academic accreditation, employment and employee benefits.

The U.S. Catholic Church will have to look at internal ways to protect itself against legal challenges, Picarello said, and "advocate externally for legislation, regulation and, if necessary, litigation."



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Supporters of traditional marriage between a man and a woman rally in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington June 26, shortly before the justices handed down a 5-4 ruling that states must license same-sex marriages and must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Picarello said free speech protections for opponents of same-sex marriage were already under attack. Within a couple of hours of the decision being issued, he said, a newspaper in Pennsylvania announced it will no longer accept op-eds criticizing same-sex marriage.

"Some things will happen immediately," as seen by that newspaper's announcement, he said, and some will take time to unfold," like challenges to churches receiving tax exemptions.

Another area that will require study, Archbishop Broglio said, is

the military chaplaincy, because the Catholic priest-chaplains whom his archdiocese oversees also come under civil authorities.

While polls show a majority of Catholics say they approve of same-sex marriage, Catholic teaching is "never determined by numbers but by the truth," Archbishop Broglio said. "We have to be faithful to the teaching of the Gospel."

"In a pastoral context we respond to the individual in his or her need and that's quite different than what we teach concretely," he added. The Church must make its "teaching on

marriage very, very clear," while at the same time be pastoral to individuals.

The Church teaches marriage is between a man and a woman and that sex outside marriage is a sin. At the same time the Church upholds the human dignity of all people, Archbishop Lori said, adding, "We preach the truth with love in season and out of season."

"It is evident we are living in an age of dramatic cultural shift," said Bishop Flores, and the Church has to think about how to share its teaching and "announce the good news ... as creatively as possible in current cultural context."

But he added that the Church's teaching on marriage "also has something to do with bringing children into the world" and about stable families. "We ought to have our eye not on ourselves or our own emotional needs ... but the needs of the young."

Bishop Flores said rhetoric such as calling opponents of same-sex marriage bigots is used at times "to avoid understanding the rationale" of what the Church teaches.

"For our part we have to be prepared for that kind of rhetoric and simply respond with charitable but persuasive" explanations of the Church's rationale and what the word "marriage" means and the way it has been understood for millennia, he added. Archbishop Broglio added that the Catholic Church survived the anti-Catholicism of the Know-Nothing period, "so we will survive this."



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Advocates urge continued funding of adult stem-cell research, treatment

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Witnesses at a Capitol Hill hearing urged Congress to pass a reauthorization measure that would keep funding going for transplant programs that use adult stem cells from bone marrow and cord blood to treat diseases and for continued research. “These programs are examples of how the Congress can inspire innovation to bring cures to patients across America,” said one witness, Dr. Jeffrey W. Chell, CEO of the National Marrow Donor Program. Chell and Dr. Joanne Kurtzberg, a professor at Duke University and director of the Carolina Cord Blood Bank, were among those who testified at a hearing titled “Examining Public Health Legislation,” convened June 25 by the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s health subcommittee. The subcommittee included consideration of the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2015, written by U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey. He and Rep. Doris Matsui, D-California, introduced the bill a week earlier with bipartisan support. “Cord blood and bone-marrow adult stem cells have an applicability and potential that is proven and invaluable — promising life-saving cures for multiple diseases. The program must be extended and I look forward to this bill advancing quickly through the legislative process and being signed into law,” Smith said in a statement. Smith also was the author of the 2005 measure, which created the National Cord Blood Inventory program and continued the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation program, which provides support to patients who need a potentially life-saving bone marrow transplant or umbilical cord-blood transplant.

Independence Day Mass closes U.S. bishops’ Fortnight for Freedom

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Religious freedom is “the human right that guarantees all other rights,” Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski said July 4 in his homily at the closing Mass of the U.S. bishops’ fourth annual Fortnight for Freedom. That right “has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person,” he said at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. “Peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected.” Two recent events have given U.S. Catholics both the opportunity and duty, he said, “to engage the world and witness to our teachings, to our vision of the life and dignity of the human person in a world which we recognize as both fallen and redeemed.” Archbishop Wenski referenced Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home” and to the U.S. Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision that legalized “so-called same-sex marriage” across the country. The Catholic Church’s teaching embraces what the pope in his encyclical “has called an ‘integral ecol-

FILIPINO SURVIVORS RESCUED FROM MOTORIZED BOAT THAT CAPSIZED OFF COAST OF PHILIPPINES



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Filipino survivors react after being rescued from a motorized boat July 2 that capsized off the Port of Ormoc, on the western coast of Leyte province, Philippines. A Philippine priest said he and others visited hospitals and funeral homes and celebrated Masses for victims of the boating accident, which claimed the lives of at least 61 people.

ogy,” a natural and human ecology, the archbishop said. “An integral ecology demands that rain forests be protected — because of what they do potentially and actually for the flourishing of the human species on this earth,” Archbishop Wenski continued. “Likewise, an integral ecology tells us that marriage, understood for millennia as a union of one man and one woman, ought to be respected and protected.”

Oklahoma archbishop says ruling on Ten Commandments statue ‘concerning’

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — By ordering the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the state Capitol grounds, the Oklahoma Supreme Court is ignoring the historical significance of the moral code “in the formation of our state,” said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley. The justices in their 7-2 ruling also disregarded “the ancient law code having prominence at the place where lawmakers work to enact wise and just laws,” Oklahoma City’s archbishop said in a statement. “The court’s dismissal of these established facts is deeply concerning and disappointing,” he added. The state’s

high court ruled June 30 that the Ten Commandments chiseled into the 6-foot-tall granite monument are “obviously religious in nature and are an integral part of the Jewish and Christian faiths” and therefore violated the state constitution. The decision overturned a state district court that said the monument could stay. It was erected at a cost of \$10,000, which was paid for by Republican state Rep. Mike Ritze and his family. The current monument was put up in January after the original statue was destroyed last fall when a driver crashed into it. Attorney General Scott Pruitt said in a statement: “Quite simply, the Oklahoma Supreme Court got it wrong. The court completely ignored the profound historical impact of the Ten Commandments on the foundation of Western law.”

Helping environment, poverty requires change of heart, cardinal says

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — A Vatican official told a U.N. gathering on climate change that Pope Francis’ new encyclical is calling on all societies to examine how they produce and consume goods and on all the world’s people to realize the role they, too, have in addressing global

warming. Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, echoed many of the sentiments raised by the encyclical during a June 29 address. In the document, “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home,” the pope argues that “climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods,” the cardinal said. The encyclical also said climate change represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity today and laments the “widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world.” Cardinal Turkson pointed out that the U.N., through its Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, has “availed itself of the best scientific research available,” which should “touch us deeply so that we see and hear how the poor suffer and how the earth is being mistreated.” The cardinal said that just as the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro — officially called the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development — proclaimed that “human beings are at the center of concerns for sustainable development,” the pope’s encyclical emphasizes that the “plight of the poor and the fragility of the planet are intimately related.”

St. Therese’s parents to be first married couple canonized together

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The parents of St. Therese of Lisieux will be canonized at the Vatican Oct. 18, during the Synod of Bishops on the family. Louis Martin (1823-1894) and Marie Zélie Guerin Martin (1831-1877) will be the first married couple with children to be canonized in the same ceremony. Other married couples are among the blessed of the Church. Pope Francis issued the decree approving their canonization June 27, during the public consistory on canonizations at the Vatican; more than 40 cardinals attended. During the consistory, Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, said the couple lived an “exemplary life of faith, dedication to ideal values, united to a constant realism, and persistent attention to the poor,” according to Vatican Radio. The cardinal said the French couple serves as an “extraordinary witness of conjugal and family spirituality.” Married in 1858, the couple had nine children; four died in infancy and five entered religious life. During their 19-year marriage, the couple was known to attend Mass daily, pray and fast, respect the Sabbath, visit the elderly and the sick, and welcome the poor into their home.

Catholic economist: Pope has ‘measured’ critique of U.S. economy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Harsh criticisms meted out by Pope Francis on free-market capitalism have sparked backlash from some fiscal conservatives and have led some people to call him “anti-capitalist” or even Marxist. Ahead of his apostolic visit to the United States in September, some are bracing themselves for more criticisms from the pope, this time directed specifically at the U.S. culture and economy. Joseph Kaboski, a professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame and president of CREDO, an international organization of Catholic economists, said, “As an individual, the pope probably views redistribution programs as a more effective way of tackling poverty than economic growth,” though “most mainstream economists would disagree.” In addition, he said, the pope would probably “like more government involvement in the economy than many Americans would be comfortable with.” However, Kaboski said he views the pope “as neither pro- nor anti-capitalist, but instead a measured critic.” Kaboski said he is “confident Pope Francis finds much to commend” in U.S. economic life, such as private property, the entrepreneurial spirit, human creativity, technological advances, the way it creates jobs, income and products, and the way charities, government and the private sector pitch in to provide services to those in need.

Boot Camp impassions pro-life young people

NOTRE DAME — St. Joseph County Right to Life (SJCRTL) hosted its second annual Kloska Family Life Defenders Boot Camp on Saturday, June 6, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. "The camp was a total success thanks to the ever inspiring Mike Spencer and Seth Drayer from Life Training Institute and the 30-plus folks who attended," stated SJCRTL communications manager, Claire Fyrqvist. "We are so impressed with the leadership and spirit of the high school and college students who chose to spend a sunny Saturday in June with other impassioned pro-life young people."

With a 101 and 201 offering, Right to Life welcomed both new faces and returning participants to Geddes Hall on Notre Dame's campus. The 101 course built a foundation for the pro-life position asking the questions, "What are the unborn?" and "What makes a human valuable?"

Mike Spencer used compassionate, logical arguments for the defense of the pre-born child. The 201 course, taught by Seth Drayer, went much deeper into the flawed philosophical framework of a culture that legalizes abortion yet claims to be just. This session was more seminar style with students actively engaging in discussion.

A call to action at the end of the day offered an exciting opportunity to participate in a Justice Ride, when pro-life young people from around the nation take buses together to cities where they can engage people right on the streets with questions like, "What do you think about abortion?" The Life Defenders training equipped participants to be a clear, persuasive voice for the voiceless. Campers were also encouraged to practice what they learned by manning the Right to Life booth at the upcoming 4-H Fair.

Jeanette Burdell, SJCRTL executive director, said, "We're extremely grateful to the Kloska family for making the event possible with their generous support. We are also grateful to be working with the Life Training Institute, and look forward to partnering with them again next year, and to adding a 301 level."

Burdell added, "These young people are not only the future leaders of the pro-life movement, but current valuable leaders. With such promising members in our present and our future, we are sure to change hearts and minds in the culture until every member of the human family is valued."

Children's music camp offered at Center in Donaldson

DONALDSON — Children ages 7-10 are invited to participate in a new summer music camp held at The Center at Donaldson. Led by Andrew Jennings, the director of liturgy and music at the center, children will have fun while learn-

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass June 20 to honor the jubilees of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration of Mishawaka.

ing about different instruments, music from different cultures, the basics of reading music, how to sing and more. The five-day camp will be held July 20-24, from 3-5 p.m. The fee is \$50 per child — siblings are \$30 each.

While the children are in camp, parents are invited to stay for a variety of free activities such as an architectural and visual arts tour of the center, cooking class and sustainability educational session at Earthworks, arts and crafts or guided or self-guided prayer retreats.

For more information or to register, contact Andrew Jennings at 574-935-1723 or ajennings@poorhandmaids.org. The Center at Donaldson is sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Fall conference to examine papal encyclical

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis, with support from Our Sunday Visitor, will host a conference on Oct. 3 to study Pope Francis' encyclical, which was released on June 18. The conference will be held at the university's North Campus.

Speakers are currently being secured to discuss the impact of Pope Francis' teaching on the environment and its importance for a just and fully human social order.

"We anticipate that this conference will give a holistic perspective on the words of Pope Francis,"

said Dr. Lance Richey, dean of the University of Saint Francis School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "The conference speakers will trace the connections between care for the environment, concern for the poor and authentic Christian spirituality offered by the encyclical."

Conference speakers and a detailed agenda will be announced at a later date.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney to retire in 2016

NOTRE DAME — President Carol Ann Mooney announced June 22 that she plans to retire as Saint Mary's College's 11th president. She will have led Saint Mary's for 12 years as its first lay alumna president and solidified the college's reputation as a leading liberal arts college. She will leave office when her contract ends on May 31, 2016.

"The board is exceptionally grateful for all that Carol has accomplished during her tenure as president," said Chair of the Board Mary L. Burke '85. "Her most lasting legacy will be the Faith Always, Action Now campaign, the most successful capital campaign in our history, raising \$105 million, which will benefit generations of future Saint Mary's students through scholarships and improved facilities."

President Mooney set forth her ambitious vision for Saint Mary's

early in her presidency. She wrote in her first strategic plan that her goal was to aggressively move the college forward and she did just that.

Among her many accomplishments are the formation of three new graduate programs that were announced earlier this year. The college's endowment increased to over \$160 million in spite of one of the greatest recessions in the country's history. She pledged to increase student diversity and the college has increased the student body from historically underrepresented groups from 9 percent to 19 percent. She also saw the establishment of the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) to support and educate students on sexual and dating violence.

The physical campus expanded under her leadership with the construction of Spes Unica Hall, and the renovation of Madeleva Hall and Science Hall. In addition, her leadership on many national boards, including her time as chair of the Women's College Coalition, was done with one purpose, to enhance the college's national reputation.

In her final academic year, President Mooney will oversee the college's reaccreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, complete fundraising for the Angela Athletic and Wellness Complex, and obtain approval of a new master plan for the campus. Another priority during her last year as president will be to chair the newly announced Presidential Task Force on Sexual

Violence, which will be made up of students, faculty and staff members. The task force will recommend ways to further improve the college's efforts to prevent sexual assault and misconduct and to assist and support student survivors of sexual assault.

The board has begun the process of succession planning to ensure an orderly and transparent transition of leadership. Academic Search, Inc., a nationally recognized firm, has been hired to assist with the search for the next president. A search committee will be announced after the beginning of the academic year and it will include representatives from the board of trustees, faculty, staff, alumnae and students.

'Come and See' discernment retreat to be held

FORT WAYNE — The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is hosting a "Come and See" three-day, overnight discernment retreat for high school sophomore age men or older. The retreat will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish beginning on July 23 at 3:30 p.m. and concluding on July 25 at 2:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations provided by University of Saint Francis for participants and chaperones. Registration forms are available at the parish office or visit www.discernpriesthood.com. For information call Christine at 260-422-4611. There is no cost to attend.

Knights of Columbus plan state golf tournament

HUNTINGTON — The Msgr. Dillon Council No. 1014 announces the 2015 State Golf Tournament July 25 and 26 with two options. A handicapped stroke play tournament divided into two divisions, including a senior flight for golfers 60 and older or foursomes as needed for the Captain's Choice Tournament, a Florida Scramble format. The courses are Norwood Golf Club, 5961 W. Maple Grove Rd. in Huntington or Etna Acres Golf Club, 9803 W. — 600 S. in Andrews. A special Saturday Mass is planned at 2:30 p.m. at the Council No. 1014 Club. Course play will be announced the week prior to the event. The cost is \$120 per player and includes two rounds of golf, cart both days, gift bag, prizes, boxed lunch both days and dinner banquet on Saturday. See council Grand Knights for registration forms and flyers. Additional forms may be obtained by emailing msgr.dillon.1014@kofc1014.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KnightsofColumbusCouncil1014. The Council phone number is 260-356-0924.

Erin Ryan top 4-H achiever

FORT WAYNE — Erin Ryan will be recognized as one of the 2015 4-H Top Achievers on the Allen County Fairgrounds on July 28 at 8 p.m. Ryan is the daughter of Joe and Gail Ryan of Fort Wayne. She is a 10-year member of the Eel River 4-H Club and a 2015 graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School. Ryan will attend Purdue University.

Sisters of Providence celebrate jubilees

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Twenty-nine Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are celebrating jubilees this year. Of the 29 sisters, five have ties to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

75th jubilee

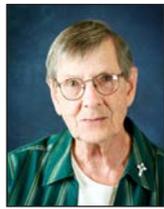
Sister Mary Roger Madden is a native of Decatur, Illinois. Sister entered the congregation on Sept. 16, 1940, and professed perpetual vows on Jan. 23, 1949. Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1955-1958. Currently, she ministers as the coordinator for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER MARY ROGER MADDEN

70th jubilee

Sister Mary Jo Stewart is a native of Terre Haute. Sister Mary Jo, formerly Sister Joseph Maureen, entered the congregation on Jan. 8, 1945, and professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1952. Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, from 1957-1967. Currently, she ministers in health care at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER MARY JO STEWART

Sister Marian Ruth Johnson is a native of Fort Wayne. Sister entered the congregation on Feb. 2, 1945, from Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, and professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1952. Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

ministry was as a teacher at St. Patrick School, Fort Wayne, from 1960-1967. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER MARIAN RUTH JOHNSON

Sister Winifred Mary Sullivan is a native of Terre Haute. Sister entered the congregation on July 22, 1945, and professed perpetual vows on Jan. 23, 1953. Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, in 1953. Currently, she ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER WINIFRED MARY SULLIVAN

60th jubilee

Sister Ann Matilda Holloran is a native of Indianapolis. Sister entered the congregation on Jan. 5, 1955 and professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1962. Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a pastoral associate at St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, from 1978-1985. Currently, she ministers in holistic health services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER ANN MATILDA HOLLORAN

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Brothers of Holy Cross mark jubilee anniversaries

NOTRE DAME — Fourteen Holy Cross Brothers will celebrate their jubilees this year. Brother Wilbert Leveling celebrates 75 years of service; Brother William Schu celebrates 70 years; 60-year jubilarians include Brothers Daniel Q. Kane, Roger P. Berg, Joseph Fox and Robert E. Berthiaume; 50-year jubilarians are Brothers Lewis Brazil, James Spooner, Richard Armstrong, Louis Mangini, Thomas Maddix, John McMuldren and Philip Smith; and Roberto Ortega Jimenez celebrates his 25th jubilee.

Those brothers who have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are:

75th jubilee

Brother Wilbert Leveling served as a teacher at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend.



BROTHER WILBERT LEVELING

70th jubilee

Brother William Schu currently serves in the ministry of prayer in Columba Hall, Notre Dame.



BROTHER WILLIAM SCHU

60th jubilee

Brother Daniel Q. Kane has served in music ministries at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame and Saint Joseph High School.



BROTHER DANIEL Q. KANE

Brother Roger P. Berg ministers to residents of Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame.



BROTHER ROGER P. BERG

Brother Joseph Fox spent part of his ministry in South Bend as food service director and cook as well as in the provincial treasurer's office, Notre Dame. Brother Fox also served as director of Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, and director of religious, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.



BROTHER JOSEPH FOX

Brother Robert E. Berthiaume has served in the marketing office at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame as well as musician for Holy Cross Village's Mass, and as choir member at Saint Mary's Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Notre Dame.



BROTHER ROBERT E. BERTHIAUME

50th jubilees

Brother Lewis Brazil has taught at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend and provided social services for the independent residents of Holy Cross Village and Andre Place. He also was instrumental in the formation of the Holy Cross Village Jazz Ensemble in 2007. Currently, he serves as director of Aging and Healthcare for Midwest Province, Notre Dame.



BROTHER LEWIS BRAZIL

Brother Thomas Maddix founded the Solitude of St. Joseph at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.



BROTHER THOMAS MADDIX

Brother John McMuldren serves in the Providence Development Office, Notre Dame, as well as ministering at Holy Cross Village.



BROTHER JOHN MCMULDREN

Brother Philip Smith served at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. He also worked as vocation director and as the founding director of the Bessette House of Discernment, Notre Dame.



BROTHER PHILLIP SMITH

REDEEMER RADIO HOSTS BOCCE TOURNAMENT, FUNDRAISER



JOE ROMIE

Supporters of Redeemer Radio gathered on June 25 at the home of Mike and Susan Lee for the fourth annual "Viva Bocce! Classic," a fundraising event that features friendly competition in the Italian lawn game of bocce (similar to bowling and horseshoes). Shown is Father Ben Muhlenkamp, pastor of St. Louis Besancon, who throws a bocce ball for the DeHayes Group team. At left, seminarian Jay Horning awaits an opportunity to throw with the opposing team. Each team of four included a fifth member from the clergy or seminarians of the diocese. Father Muhlenkamp's team went on to win the tournament.

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Families need prayers, 1

Pope Francis embarks on an eight-day tour of Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay to emphasize the importance of family.

BY CINDY WOODEN

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (CNS) — Even if a pastoral proposal for helping a Catholic family with problems seems scandalous at first, it is possible God could use that proposal to bring healing and holiness, Pope Francis said.

Encouraging and celebrating family life during a Mass July 6 in Guayaquil, Pope Francis asked people to pray for the October Synod of Bishops on the family, and he tied the synod to the Jubilee of Mercy, a yearlong celebration that will begin in December.

The synod will be a time for the Church to “deepen her spiritual discernment and consider concrete solutions to the many difficult and significant challenges facing families in our time,” the pope said.

Celebrating Mass with as many as 1 million people gathered under the hot sun in Los Samanes Park, Pope Francis asked them “to pray fervently for this intention, so that Christ can take even what might seem to us impure, scandalous or threatening, and turn it — by making it part of

His ‘hour’ — into a miracle. Families today need this miracle!”

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters Pope Francis was not referring to any specific proposal discussed in anticipation of the synod; one of the most common — and most debated pastoral suggestions — was to develop a process or “penitential path” for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics who want to receive Communion but have not received an annulment.

The pope, Father Lombardi said, hopes the synod “will find a way to help people move from a situation of sin to a situation of grace.”

Pope Francis acknowledged the suffering and hope of young people who do not experience happiness and love at home, the “many women, sad and lonely,” who wonder how their love “slipped away,” and the elderly who feel cast aside.

In a family, “no one is rejected; all have the same value,” he said, telling the crowd that when he asked his own mother which of her five children she loved best, she would say that they were like her five fingers: all were important and if one finger was hurt, the pain would be the same as if another finger was hurt.

The Gospel reading at the Mass recounted the story of the wedding feast at Cana where the wine ran out and Mary asked Jesus to do something about it. Jesus turned water into wine.

Despite the 90-degree heat, the 78-year-old pope was upbeat during the Mass and confident — even cheerful and playful — in his homily about the family.

The joy of the wedding feast at Cana, he said, began when Mary was attentive to the needs of others “and acted sensibly and courageously.”

“Mary is not a ‘demanding’ mother, a mother-in-law who revels in our lack of experience, our mistakes and the things we forget to do,” he said. “Mary is a mother! She is there, attentive and concerned.”

As with the guests at the Cana wedding, who were offered the finest wine at the end of the celebration, Pope Francis insisted, so, too, for families today “the richest, deepest and most beautiful things are yet to come.”

“The time is coming when we will taste love daily, when our children will come to appreciate the home we share and our elderly will be present each day in the joys of life,” he said. “The finest of wines will come for every person who stakes everything on love.”

Pope Francis said he knows “all the variables and statistics which say otherwise,” but “the best wine is yet to come for those who today feel

hopelessly lost.”

Speeding up his delivery and increasing his volume, the pope made “the best wine is yet to come” into a litany. “Say it until you are convinced of it,” he told the crowd. “The best wine is yet to come.”

“Whisper it to the hopeless and the loveless,” the pope urged.

The whole story of God’s involvement with humanity, he said, demonstrates that He always seeks out those on the margins of society, “those who have run out of wine, those who drink only of discouragement.”

Jesus, he said, will provide flasks of the finest wine “for those who, for whatever reason, feel that all their jars have been broken.”

Strong families, he said, help build strong individuals and strong societies. They are the place where “our hearts find rest in strong, fruitful and joyful love.” Families teach people to be attentive to the needs of others and to place those needs ahead of one’s own.

“Service is the sign of true love,” he said.

When the Church asks governments to assist families, he said, it is not asking for “alms,” but rather payment of the “social debt” societies owe to families.



The faithful attend Pope

The pope recites a private prayer before the image of the Lady of Sorrows hangs over the Iglesia de la Compañía in Quito’s colonial center. Jesuit



Pope Francis greets children in traditional dress as he arrives at Mariscal Sucre International Airport in Quito, Ecuador, July 5. The pope is making an eight-day trip to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay.

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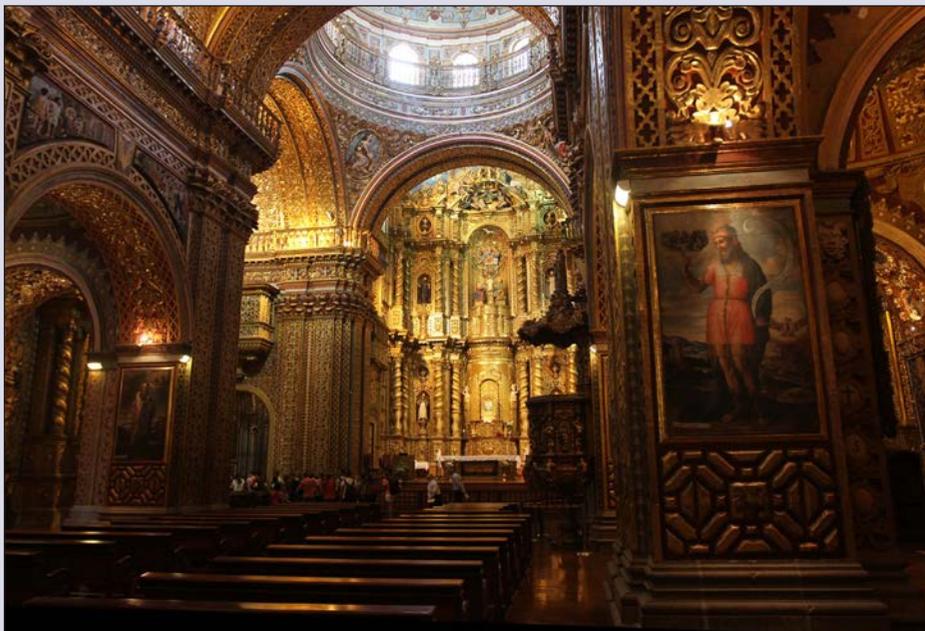
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Pope Francis' celebration of Mass in Los Samanes Park in Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 6.

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Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass in Los Samanes Park in Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 6.

Pope Francis' itinerary for U.S. trip

Tuesday, Sept. 22 (Washington)
4 p.m. — Arrival from Cuba

Wednesday, Sept. 23 (Washington)
9:15 a.m. — Meeting with President Obama at White House

11:30 a.m. — Midday prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. — Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Sept. 24 (Washington, New York City)
9:20 a.m. — Address to a joint session of Congress

11:15 a.m. — Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4 p.m. — Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5 p.m. — Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. — Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Friday, Sept. 25 (New York)

8:30 a.m. — Visit to the United Nations and address to the U.N. General Assembly

11:30 a.m. — Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial, World Trade Center

4 p.m. — Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6 p.m. — Mass at Madison Square Garden

Saturday, Sept. 26 (New York City, Philadelphia)

8:40 a.m. — Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. — Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. — Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. — Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. — Visit to the Festival of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Sunday, Sept. 27 (Philadelphia)

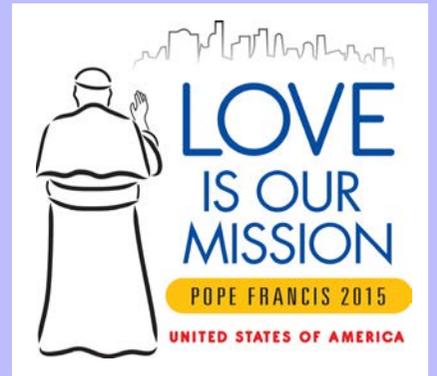
9:15 a.m. — Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11 a.m. — Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4 p.m. — Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7 p.m. — Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

8 p.m. — Departure for Rome



Dahm receives alum award for service

BY BETSY WELLS

FORT WAYNE — “It has been said that if the Lord had had Dee Dee Dahm working with Him, it would not have taken seven days to create the world,” reads one of the nomination letters that contributed to Mary Dolores “Dee Dee” Mahoney Dahm, of Fort Wayne, receiving the Frances Murphy Rumely Award.

Dahm, a 1960 graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC), received the Frances Murphy Rumely Award from the college for demonstrating outstanding dedication to civic, religious or educational organizations and leadership through her volunteer work for such organizations. The award is presented annually by the SMWC National Alumnae Association in memory of Frances Murphy Rumely, class of 1935, whose life was a celebration of the education she received at her beloved Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

“I am very humbled by the whole experience. I was given many opportunities to do God’s work,” said Dahm. “Being involved has given me enthusiasm, and God provided me with good health. So that’s my way of paying back, and I love it. I am joyful for what I do. It’s a thrill to get involved.”

Nominated by her fellow alums, Dahm has volunteered countless hours for organizations such as the Junior League, St. Jude School, Bishop Dwenger High School and the Christ Child Society. At Bishop Dwenger High School, she co-founded the Saints Alive – Dinner Auction. During its 35-year history, the dinner has become one of the most profitable high school dinner auctions in the country bringing in millions of dollars.

Other accomplishments include serving as a school board member and development director for Bishop Dwenger High School, being appointed by Bishop John M. D’Arcy to serve as the business manager of *Today’s Catholic*, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South



DEE DEE DAHM

Bend newspaper, serving on the board of directors for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and volunteering for the “Campaign for Excellence” scholarship program.

In the late 1990s, Dahm became very involved with the Christ Child Society. The primary project of the organization is to provide new winter clothing to economically disadvantaged children without consideration of religion or ethnic factors. Not only did she co-chair the founding of the Christ Child Society Fort Wayne chapter, she has also served as president and chairperson for several programs and committees within the organization. Always looking for ways to raise more funds for the organization, she founded the Women’s Golf Scramble, which raised over \$100,000 since its inception six years ago.

Currently, Dahm volunteers as a receptionist at the Women’s Care Center, where she has also served on the board of directors. She has volunteered at Redeemer Radio since 2011 where she serves on the board of directors and assists with fundraising campaigns.

“Dee Dee is not only a leader, she is a worker,” stated Nancy Piasecki Hanlon, a 1974 graduate of SMWC and fellow Christ Child Society board member in her nomination letter. “Dee Dee, when faced with a challenge, gets that Irish glimmer in her eyes, then says, ‘Let’s pray to Mary for help and guidance; this is something we need to do for the children.’ She lives her faith and does so with grace and love.”

Betsy Wells is the communications manager for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

OSV’s Greg Erlandson wins St. Francis de Sales Award

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

BUFFALO, N.Y. (CNS) — Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* and recipient of the 2015 St. Francis de Sales Award, said members of the Catholic media play a key role in adult faith formation.

“Everyone gives lip service to adult faith formation but everyone here in the room, we’re the ones actually doing it,” he said at a June 26 luncheon at the Catholic Media Conference where he was presented with the highest award the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada presents to an individual for “outstanding contributions to Catholic journalism.”

The June 24-26 conference in Buffalo, attended by about 300 people this year, is sponsored by the CPA and the Catholic Academy of Communication Arts Professionals.

Erlandson had high praise for the attendees, noting that in his time talking with many of them during the conference, he realized they wear many hats in their multiple roles of editors, communication directors, webmasters and chief blog writers.

“I’m honored and grateful to be with you and numbered in your tribe,” he told the group.

He said the mission of *Our Sunday Visitor*, based in Huntington, is to “form and inform Catholics and help them see the world through the eyes of faith,” which involves journalistic and catechetical components. Catholic media professionals are all called to that, he said, even when this is challenged by budget cuts and other pressures.

Erlandson’s other roles in the Catholic press have included his job as editor of *National Catholic Register*, correspondent for the Rome bureau of Catholic News Service and editor of *OSV Newsweekly*. He also has been a consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and was appointed last year to a committee working to reform the Vatican’s communications arm.

Other nominees this year for the St. Francis de Sales Award were David Gibson, founding editor of *Origins*, Catholic News Service’s documentary service, and Matthew Schiller, advertising and business manager of *Catholic New York*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York, and incoming CPA president.

Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, who died April 28 in Albany, was also presented with the CPA’s St. Francis de Sales Award at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse in Albany March 12.



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Greg Erlandson, Our Sunday Visitor president and publisher, smiles after being awarded the St. Francis de Sales Award June 26 during the Catholic Media Conference in Buffalo, N.Y. The award recognizing excellence in journalism is the highest honor given by the association.

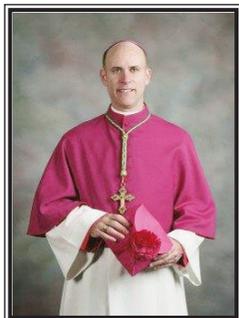
Sister Walsh, who was the U.S. Church correspondent for *America* magazine, stepped down last summer as director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Her life of service to the Catholic press, the USCCB and the Church is outstanding and a model for all,” said Rob DeFrancesco, president of the CPA and associate publisher of *The Catholic Sun* in the Diocese of Phoenix, in explaining the decision to bestow the award.

At a June 24 dinner at the Buffalo conference, the late Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago was named this year’s winner of the CPA’s Bishop John England Award. The cardinal, who died April 17, was publisher of the *Catholic New World*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The England award is named for the Irish-born bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, who founded *The Catholic Miscellany* in 1822. As publisher of the newspaper, Bishop England defended separation of Church and state, saying it was good for both entities. He also espoused freedom of religion. Presented annually, the award recognizes publishers in the Catholic press for the defense of First Amendment rights, such as freedom of the press and freedom of religion. It is the CPA’s highest award for publishers.

The award was accepted by Joyce Duriga, editor of the *New World*, who shared anecdotes of the cardinal whom she described as funny, attentive, humble and hardworking and who loved the Catholic press.



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Our Sunday Visitor introduces Parish Apps

Acquisition provides custom mobile app platform for parishes and dioceses

HUNTINGTON — Catholic Parish Apps from Our Sunday Visitor are being introduced in conjunction with the acquisition of the assets of Catholic Parish Apps, a company that equips parishes, schools and ministries with custom mobile apps. Catholic Parish Apps are available immediately from Our Sunday Visitor. The platform features a full suite of functionality for parish administrators and parishioners including communications, social networking, directory, media and commerce. Apps may be configured to incorporate content from a range of media feeds, including Faith In Action content from Our Sunday Visitor and links to Online Giving from Our Sunday Visitor.

Catholic Parish Apps are an excellent tool for evangelization, and are structured so that each parish or organization may customize their app to the identity and needs of the parish or diocese.

Father Alex Zenthoefer from Annunciation Parish in Evansville says, "Catholic Parish Apps has helped us reach our people in a way we did not imagine before. Our app

helps our people to make faith a part of their daily lives and to stay connected to what's happening in our parish. It has really been an incredible tool for evangelization!"

The customizable app also may be used for events and conferences. "Catholic Parish Apps was designed with the busy parish staff and tech savvy parishioner in mind," says Stephen Lenahan, director of Events for Life Teen International. "Catholic Parish Apps was quick and easy to use and helped us create a dynamic experience for our conference."

Our Sunday Visitor will continue to develop the platform as one of several digital products from Our Sunday Visitor to support parishioner engagement and discipleship. "The addition of a system to build apps supports the demand for digital content for catechesis, religious education, prayer and evangelization," says Frank Thomas, vice president of Publishing and director of Information Technology, "it supports our strategy to deliver relevant content and services to Catholics."

"Joining Our Sunday Visitor was the perfect move for us," says Edmundo Reyes, president of Catholic Parish Apps. "Our focus has been to help Catholic organizations build welcoming communities and centers for the New Evangelization, and Our Sunday Visitor's extensive content and mission combine to create a much stronger offering."

Nigerian Bishop Okoye returns to Fort Wayne

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Jonas Benson Okoye, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Awka in Nigeria, made a stop in Fort Wayne during his trip to the U.S. to visit priests from his homeland serving around the country and to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where he was in residence from 2004-2006.

Prior to celebrating Mass on Sunday, June 28, the bishop greeted friends at the cathedral. Bishop John M. D'Arcy's sisters and brother-in-law, Sister of St. Joseph Sister

Anne D'Arcy, and Joan and Hugh Sheridan traveled from Boston to meet with their friend, who was gifted with one of Bishop D'Arcy's own episcopal staff in 2014.

The group gathered in the crypt of the cathedral where Bishop D'Arcy's remains are entombed to witness a special blessing. They also visited the Catholic Cemetery where an honorary headstone stands. Bishop D'Arcy had requested upon his death that he be entombed in the cathedral crypt but have a headstone with his beloved priests as well.

Bishop Okoye was installed



JOE ROMIE



Visiting Nigerian Bishop Jonas Okoye blessed the burial site of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne for 25 years, in the crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 28. Bishop D'Arcy's sisters and brother-in-law were in attendance. Shown from left are Bishop Okoye, Maureen Schott, Msgr. Robert Schulte, Hugh Sheridan (seated), and Bishop D'Arcy's sisters, Joan Sheridan and Sister of St. Joseph Sister Anne D'Arcy. At left, Bishop D'Arcy is honored by a memorial head stone amidst the graves of diocesan priests buried at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

the auxiliary bishop of Awka Diocese, Nigeria, and ordained as a Consecrated Bishop on Aug. 29, 2014. While the bishop was in residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception he worked in the diocesan tribunal as well. Since returning to his native Nigeria he has served in parish ministry, tribunal work and as president of the Nigerian Canon Law Society.

Following Mass those in attendance gathered in the basement of the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel for a reception.

Our Lady of Victory chapel, building, celebrates 90th anniversary

BY VINCE LABARBERA

HUNTINGTON — "It is truly a joy to celebrate Mass this morning here in the beautiful chapel of Our Lady of Victory," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades July 5 on the grounds of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in Huntington.

"Ninety years ago today, on Sunday, July 5, 1925, Bishop Noll, a bishop for just five days, came here to dedicate and bless Victory Noll, including this chapel. This was his first big public event as a bishop. He had been ordained a bishop on June 30, 1925, in the cathedral in Fort Wayne," Bishop Rhoades said.

"There were 7,000 people who came to Victory Noll ... to attend the dedication. Six Masses were celebrated here in this chapel that morning, beginning at 5:30 a.m. Bishop Noll celebrated the last Mass, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament," Bishop Rhoades continued. "They then had a breakfast served to the sisters, at that time called the 'catechists,' together with so many of the visiting clergy and guests. In the afternoon, they celebrated the formal dedication of Victory Noll."

Bishop Rhoades said there were speeches by Bishop Noll and several other dignitaries. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed refreshments outside along with a special dinner



VINCE LABARBERA

Our Lady of Victory Chapel (left rear) served the Victory Noll community from Dec. 8, 1924, when the first Mass was celebrated by Father John Sigstein, founder, until the late 1950s. The chapel was modeled after the mission churches in the Southwest.

at the end of the day and entertainment. "The sisters sang songs in English and Spanish," he added.

"One of the catechists, Sister Madelon LoRang, gave the principal address. She spoke of the mission of the sisters, the Missionary Catechists. She said, 'As Catechists, we instruct the poor and neglected in the truths and practices of our holy faith, bringing into their homes as visiting nurses the blessings of health; and as experienced social workers, training them for good citizenship through a realization of their opportunities and privileges.' It's amazing to think today of the many thousands of people who

have (been) touched by God's grace through the past century by the missionary service of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory. It is good that we are here in this chapel today to give thanks to God for this beautiful history," Bishop Rhoades emphasized.

"Catechist Madelon LoRang mentioned in her speech 90 years ago the sisters' instruction of the poor and neglected 'in the truths and practices of our holy faith.' I was thinking of these words in light of today's Gospel," said Bishop Rhoades.

He related Jesus' mission was bearing much fruit until He arrived at His hometown of Nazareth with

His disciples and taught in the synagogue there. "The few hundred people who lived in Nazareth knew Jesus and His family. He had lived there most of His life,

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30 years. They knew Him as the carpenter and the son of Mary."

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching, Bishop Rhoades explained. "This was the common reaction elsewhere too. But, unlike in other places, in Nazareth the people were skeptical. They asked all kinds of questions, like 'where did this man get all this?' ... They had heard about the miracles He performed. But they were skeptical because they knew Him as an ordinary carpenter. The Gospel says that, 'they took offense at Him.' The original Greek says, 'they were scandalized by Him.' It was scandalous for them to think that Jesus could be inaugurating the kingdom of God, that God was acting through this ordinary fellow Nazarean. So they just wouldn't believe. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the people's lack of faith. So He didn't perform miracles there, except, as St. Mark says, curing a few sick people. St. Mark is highlighting the necessity

of faith. One must have the proper disposition to receive the healing of Jesus, to experience His power," said Bishop Rhoades.

He continued, "It is good to reflect on our lives today as well, emphasizing that faith is God's door into our hearts, which only can be opened from within. Faith is a grace, a gift of God."

"There is a crisis of faith in our country and in much of the world today," Bishop Rhoades emphasized. "An increasing number of Americans, when asked what religion they belong to, are answering 'none.' Forces of secularism and relativism have led people away from Christ and His Church. This has all kinds of negative consequences. But I am not pessimistic. I believe in the power of God's grace at work in the Church. And I believe in the exciting mission of the New Evangelization. I see so many young people and others, perhaps fewer in number than many years ago, who are committed to Christ and His Church. And I'm inspired. They give me much hope. It seems that it takes more courage today, more commitment, to be Catholic. It's countercultural nowadays to be Catholic in the United States. It's a real choice. And many are making that choice, even though it entails real sacrifice and even rejection and ridicule from others."

The great duck adventure

One of the most fun (and naïve) things I ever did was to order 10 little ducklings (eight Pekin and two white crested) from an online bird catalogue store.

The little peepers arrived at the small post office branch five minutes from our home, and five of my little girls and I, already having stocked up on duck care supplies, went to retrieve them. I had studied the topic of raising ducks for months, poured over every article online I could find, and bought several books to get me up to speed. I had purchased all the necessary supplies — heat lamp, sturdy large containers for temporary baby housing, feeders, food, lots of fluffy terry cloth towels for keeping them dry ... I even had a nice spot picked out in our attached garage, not the pole barn, for the garage is insulated and I wanted to be near my little adopted babies. We were ready ... I thought.

When I opened the door to the small post office, excited girls trailing behind me, I could hear the tiny,

baby ducks. Their cries sounded like they were baby squeeze toys — chirpy and squeaky. The post office worker opened the box holding them, and there they were, each situated in a little indented area, much like eggs in an egg carton. They were the cutest little things I have ever seen, fuzzy and yellow and their teeny little orange beaks were perfectly shaped. “Awwwwwww!” the girls all said at once. “Can I hold them?” “No, I want to hold them!” and so on.

We gleefully climbed back into the car to a chorus of chirping little fluff balls.

“Mommy, there’s 11 of them!” one daughter squealed, “We got an extra one!” Sure enough, there were 11, the store’s ‘good practice’ in case all the little guys didn’t make it through the mail to their destination.

The next days were a blur. Everything was about the ducks. Feed the ducks. Clean the cages of the ducks. Let the ducks run around. Make sure the hawks don’t get the ducks. Gather the ducks. Count



HERESA A. THOMAS

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the ducks. The ducks were sloppy little guys — knocking over their water, defecating everywhere, then splat, splat, stepping over each other and everything. They got filthy. So daily I bathed 11 little ducks, all assembly-line like, and then my daughters towel dried them. Since it was cool outside and we wanted to avoid them getting chilled, we also blow-dried them. I cleaned out their cages and patted them dry. Then I washed all the towels, which soon became rags. We did this every day,

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Through the Apostles God heals us



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 6:7-13

The Book of Amos is the source of this weekend’s first reading. Amos is one of the relatively few prophets of whom something is known. Many prophets give some details about themselves, but not many give more than a few details.

By contrast, it is known that Amos was from Tekoa, a small village about 10 miles south of Jerusalem in Judea. He herded sheep, and he tended fig trees. He obviously was intelligent, and he knew the traditions of his ancestors.

He wrote during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, or between the years of 783-742 B.C. It was a time of prosperity and national security.

Even so, as often has been the case in history, the poor still were in want. The gap between the rich, and the less fortunate, was evident.

Amos saw himself as an authentic prophet. The other prophets of his time, he thought, were hired by the king ultimately to strengthen the king’s rule over the people. Under such arrangements, the other prophets could not be trusted to preach the undefiled word of God.

This weekend’s reading reports a clash between Amos and a priest in the Jerusalem temple. Amos reasserts his role, insisting that he was called by God to be a prophet.

The Epistle to the Ephesians provides the second reading. In the first century, Ephesus was a major commercial center in the Roman Empire, and it was an important port on the Mediterranean Sea. (Shifts in the soil, and collections of sediment, have left the ruins of Ephesus, in present-day Turkey, at a distance from the seashore.)

Ephesus was a center for the vices and the fast business usually associated with such ports.

In addition, it was one of the most popular religious shrines in the empire. Its great temple, dedicated to Diana, the goddess of the moon, was one of the marvels of the ancient world.

Pilgrims came from everywhere in the empire to venerate the goddess. Accommodating these pilgrims was itself a big business in Ephesus. The epistle sought to reinforce the Christian commitment of the followers of Christ in the city. This reading serves this purpose by reminding the Christian Ephesians that Jesus died for them, and that in faith they are one with the Lord.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes the last reading.

In this reading, Jesus summons the “12,” the Apostles whom the Lord called by name. Jesus sends them out into the highways and byways. He tells them not to burden themselves with supplies or provisions. God will supply.

They obediently went out into the countryside, and they preached what Jesus had taught them. They possessed the Lord’s power. They drove devils away. They anointed the sick, using that ancient gesture of healing and strengthening mentioned elsewhere in the Bible, and they cured the sick.

Reflection

The reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians is key to understanding this weekend’s Liturgy of the Word. Originally it was written for a group of believers surrounded on all sides by paganism and by hostility.

The epistle reassured them, and this weekend through the readings it reassures us. We have been redeemed. Our knowledge of Christ is neither accidental nor coincidental. God has chosen us. Christ is with us.

Still, we need nourishment and guidance as we continue to live on earth. God did not abandon the chosen people in ancient times. He sent prophets to them.

This divine concern endures. God sent messengers, in the person of the 12, and the messengers now are the bishops in the Church who bring us the words of the Gospels even now.

Through the Apostles, and their successors, God heals us, in Christ. Healed and renewed, we move forward to eternal life. We will not die.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14

Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14,
30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-4,
6-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9,
24-27 Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13,
15, 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37:42 Ps 136:1,
23-24, 10-15 Mt 12:14-21

Drinking with the saints, reclaiming merriment

The mention of booze generates a look of horror among many of the non-drinkers living and working alongside Michael P. Foley in Waco, Texas, where the Catholic dad teaches at a dry Baptist college. There’s a “skittishness,” he says.

So Michael was prepared to raise eyebrows with his new book, “Drinking with the Saints: The Sinner’s Guide to a Happy Holy Hour,” a first-of-its-kind Catholic bartender’s guide pairing feast days with related cocktails. The cover alone — an image of a cardinal raising a brandy — gives locals pause. Isn’t that offensive? Shouldn’t I be offended?

There wasn’t much to lose then, Michael figured, given the chance to present his book to the famously conservative Cardinal Raymond Burke between sessions at a June conference on the sacred liturgy.

“I wasn’t sure how he’d react,” Michael says, “but I thought, ‘What the heck!’ and gave him a copy, and he giggled with delight. There was such a boyish innocence to his reaction.”

The marriage of faith and drink dates back to the very beginning of Catholicism, from Jesus’ first miracle and the sacred offering of Eucharistic wine to the medieval monasteries that gave birth to modern brewing. “The Catholic contribution to the spirits world,” Michael writes in the book’s foreword, “is almost as impressive as its contribution to the spirit world.”

He’s quick to point out that such drinking is meant to savor and celebrate, not blur or black out. It’s part of an integrated Catholic worldview. “Living sacramentally means participating in the sacraments of the Church,” Michael tells me over phone, as his 12-year-old attempts to pluck out the “Doctor Who” theme song on piano, “but it also means seeing all realities as sacramental, including what one eats and drinks.”

The art of Catholic merriment was on vibrant display as Michael grew up, gathering with his big French Canadian extended family for holidays, watching Uncle Claude grab his guitar and belt out “Okie from Muskogee.” This was the uncle who worked as a homicide detective for the LAPD and, in his spare time, mimeographed a campfire songbook for his kin, a street-smart Catholic



TWENTY SOMETHING

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who held fast to the healing power of family and fellowship.

Now 45 and juggling a demanding academic career while raising six kids, Michael makes it a priority to mix a martini, invoke a saint and reconnect with his wife when he gets home from work.

“All it takes is one toast to make your amorphous get-together an event,” he writes in “Drinking with the Saints,” sharing a handful of tongue-tickling toasts, including Latin, Italian and Spanish phrases.

Here, he suggests, young Catholic foodies could take note. “While I’m impressed with the discerning palette of the upcoming generation, the one area where they could use some work is the toast.” The best ones elicit additional words of public praise and storytelling.

Besides creating 28 original drinks for his book, which contains nearly 350 cocktails in total, Michael was exhaustive in his research of the saints. They speak to him daily and call him to his better self.

He has great affection for St. Philip Neri, the zany 16th-century priest who would shave half his beard for comedic effect. “He knew how to get his ego out of the way and let the Holy Spirit guide the situation,” Michael says. As a father of teenaged girls, that means resisting the urge to be an expert in their complicated social dramas and instead offer support by simply listening and loving.

“The Christian life is the life of joy,” he says. “This book is not for partiers. It’s for people to be joyful. We Catholics have a great deal to be joyful about.”

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READINGS for the week of July 19th

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1 (Ps) Ex 8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28

Sights on a moral life, even while driving

My wife and I drove across Pennsylvania yesterday after a weekend visit to my hometown. It's about a six-hour trip, so we did the usual things to pass the time. We talked about work and the children and called several of them. We prayed the rosary. We played the alphabet game. When my wife dozed off, I listened to some music on my earphones.

Four years ago, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission posted signs ("quit txtng on trnpk!") reminding drivers not to text or talk on hand-held cellphones. Pennsylvania doesn't want distracted drivers passing one another at 65 miles per hour.

I don't text, but the signs got me thinking about things I do that I shouldn't. I set the speedometer at 70 mph. When we said the rosary, I unbuckled my seat belt to fish mine out of my pocket. When we played the alphabet game, I looked for letters on passing trucks. (It's hard to find the letter "X," but US Xpress trucks are a good source.) To listen to music, I had to push about five buttons on my phone.

All innocuous actions, considered separately. But together they might not be very different from driving after a couple of drinks. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 3,154 people were killed in 2013 by distracted drivers — people talking, texting, tuning the radio,

eating lunch.

In our case, nothing happened. But is there a morally significant difference between me and Stephanie Kanoff who was texting on her phone while she plowed her minivan into a young man at low speed while driving home from work in Madison, Wisconsin? She was sentenced to prison for vehicular homicide.

Some philosophers would describe the difference between us as "moral luck." What if, when I took my eyes off the road, a hitchhiker or a car merging from an on-ramp suddenly appeared in front of me, too late to avoid? It's no credit to me that I didn't kill someone during my moments of inattention.

Catholics usually feel they're in the clear if their intentions are good, but some forms of negligence produce grave consequences despite little willfulness or actual malice. Perhaps I act wrongly in diverting my attention from driving just to get my rosary out. On the other hand, it seems excessively scrupulous to categorize this as a potential subtle offense against the Fifth Commandment: Thou shall not kill.

Perhaps we should instead approach this question as driver's education instructors do, and say simply that good driving habits are the surest defense against negligence or distraction.

If I am otherwise fastidious about minding the road — hands on the wheel, eyes up, checking



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INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

the mirror, minding my blind spot, keeping the speed limit — then I will instinctively resist the urge to reach in my pockets for other distractions.

A broad recognition of the seriousness of driving helps keep my attention where it belongs. If possible, others can tune radios and count beads for me.

In the moral life, virtues are good habits. Maybe we should focus on cultivating virtue, rather than on doing or avoiding particular acts, because the former makes the latter possible.

The beatitudes teach us not so much what to do but what to be: meek, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers, hungry for what is right. As with the driving example, the virtues we cultivate in life will create in us a recognition of its seriousness.

This is how we can avoid not only obvious sins of commission but also negligence in how we deal with God and treat others.

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EVERYDAY

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for weeks.

The night of my son's prom, we had pictures at our house. At one point I saw six or seven dressed up boys out back. They were ready to be photographed but couldn't find their dates. I found their dates. They were in the garage, surrounding the boxes, cradling baby ducks in their arms.

My daughters named the ducks that we were going to keep: Lily, Cubby, Phineas, Perry, Bartholomew Cubbins and Rainbow Sparkle Shine.

Bartholomew Cubbins grew quite hefty. He was Grace's duck, and she had intentions of showing him at the 4 H fair. There would be a parade at the fair before the showing, she was told by the 4H leader, and the duck had to be on a leash. A leash? Have you ever heard of a duck on a leash? Neither had we. Nevertheless, I bought a leash for the duck, who as we quickly found out, would have none of it. I can still see Gracie chasing BC around the field with the leash, and him waddling speedily away from her...

As the ducks got bigger, (actually, huge) they had free reign of the backyard during the day when we were home. When they heard a plane pass overhead, they would

stop and tilt their heads, first one side then the other, listening. When they were hungry, they would come up to the windows near our sunroom and quack in chorus until one of the girls went outside to feed them. If someone looked at the ducks and asked, "Do you want to go swimming?" the ducks would bob side-to-side, waddle hastily to the large children's plastic pool and wait for someone to fill it up. Over time, the ducks learned to come when called. They were actually pretty smart, for poultry.

Some of the ducks went to live on a farm away from us, others to a golf course. (Don't ask). Unfortunately, the ducks we had reserved for our personal pets did not make it to a ripe old age. I won't go into detail but there was a loose gate and some wandering Siberian huskies. Suffice it to say one summer day there was great wailing and gnashing of teeth in the Thomas household over the loss of our beloved pets. The most mourned of course was Bartholomew, whom Grace was sure would have taken home first prize at the fair had he lived.

So now I get to the last part of my story. I had been naïve in bringing home 11 ducks. I didn't expect to be washing and blow drying ducks. I didn't expect to be trying to leash one. I didn't imagine how hard it would be when the ducks died, or that I'd actually become attached to them, so in a way you could say I

was naïve, maybe dumb, in getting them.

But then again, maybe not. You see, I also didn't imagine the sweetness in watching my girls care for almost a dozen of God's creation. I didn't anticipate the hearty laughter that occurred daily on account of those silly little ducklings just doing duck things. I learned a lot about my daughters and myself through this experience. And during all the commotion of duck tending, I know it might sound silly but I feel like I became closer to God who is Creator of these animals. This hands-on experience with nature refreshed my soul and brought me closer to my girls.

And so, I recommend enjoying nature and embarking on some sort of little adventure with your children. For us, it was getting ducks. Just a word of fair warning, however — if you decide to get ducks, make sure your washing machine is in working order and that you have plenty of towels and a sense of humor. While the experience is worth it, it never hurts to be prepared.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 12, 2015

Mark 6: 7-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the disciples' first journeys on their own. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TWELVE	BEGAN	TWO BY TWO
AUTHORITY	UNCLEAN	TAKE NOTHING
THE JOURNEY	NO MONEY	BELTS
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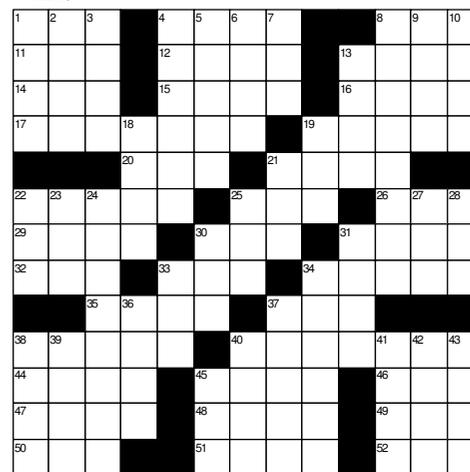
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The CrossWord

July 5 and 12, 2015



Based on these readings: Ez 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6 and Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

ACROSS

- 1 Total
- 4 Where Baby Jesus lay
- 8 Hotel
- 11 Time period
- 12 Depend
- 13 Pack
- 14 Sign language
- 15 Island
- 16 European monetary unit
- 17 Site of Paul's first missionary stop
- 19 Resist, as Israelites did
- 20 The Twelve were all ___
- 21 Dress
- 22 Beverage
- 25 Hint

- 26 Song of Songs is one
- 29 Blessed at Christ Mass
- 30 Hold
- 31 Support
- 32 Bullfight cheer
- 33 Food & Agriculture Org.
- 34 ___ Maria
- 35 First of Arabic alphabet
- 37 Central processing unit
- 38 Prophet lacks in his native place
- 40 Took Amos from fields
- 44 Soviet Union
- 45 ___ the Red
- 46 Foolish virgins needed to do: ___ oil

- 47 Apostles did after Jesus' arrest
- 48 Indian attire
- 49 East by northeast
- 50 Pro
- 51 Kind of writer
- 52 Let your ___ mean ___ and your no mean no

DOWN

- 1 Oceans
- 2 ___ Major (Big Dipper)
- 3 Shopping center
- 4 Taken from Ukraine
- 5 Tree product
- 6 The 72 cured many of these
- 7 Good-___
- 8 Rebellious
- 9 Read attentively
- 10 Absent without leave
- 13 A magus
- 18 Sycamore prophet
- 19 Tap
- 21 ___ Rummy (card game)
- 22 Dove sound
- 23 Apostles used on sick
- 24 Cleaner
- 25 Sent out ___ by ___
- 27 Tiny mark
- 28 Environmental Agency
- 30 Klutz
- 31 Wrote to Ephesians
- 33 Source of balsam oil
- 34 Coins, not paper
- 36 God
- 37 Twerp
- 38 Puff
- 39 Norway's lead city
- 40 What waiters carry
- 41 Do with God's word
- 42 Ancient German character
- 43 Easter colors
- 45 Eastern Time

Answer Key can be found on page 19

All Diocese Team

The All-Diocese Team highlights athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches.

High School All Diocese Teams Spring 2015

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

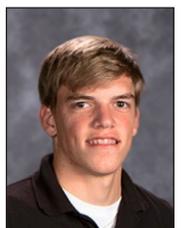
Baseball



Nathan Thomas, junior, pitcher, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Riley Tirota, sophomore, pitcher/short stop, St. Bavo



Joseph Ravotto, junior, centerfield, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Boys' golf



Augustin Hartnagel, junior, No. 2 position



Cameron Trippel, junior, No. 1 position, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Boys' lacrosse



Patrick Coulter, junior, defense, St. Monica



Scott Smith, sophomore, midfield/attack, Our Lady of the Lake

Rugby



Patrick Ernst, junior, forward, St. Matthew



Dominic Matthys, junior, forward, St. Anthony de Padua

Softball



Shannon McCarty, senior, pitcher, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Meghan Sink, senior, catcher, St. Matthew



Kelsey Keilman, senior, centerfielder, St. Jude

Girls' tennis



Maggie Lowenhar, senior, 1 doubles



Julia Winters, senior, 3 singles, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Boys' track



Christian Dennis, junior, discus/shot put, St. Monica



Izayah Newsom, senior, discus/shot put, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Jordan Morris, freshman, 400 M/high jump



Alex Mroz, junior, 100 M/200 M/4x100 relay, Holy Family



Noah Sizemore, junior, 4x400 relay, St. Monica



Justin Horvath, senior, 4x400 relay, St. Jude



Richard Entzian, senior, 4x400 relay, Corpus Christi



Jullian Kueltsjes, freshman, 4x400 relay, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

Girls' track



Gabriella Ravotto, senior, 100 M/200 M/4x400 relay, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Margaret Berta, senior, pole vault, St. Matthew



Mallory Spiess, junior, 100 hurdles



Marisa Middlestadt, senior, discus, Queen of Peace



Claire Fewell, sophomore, 4x400 relay, Holy Family



Hannah Stein, freshman, 4x400 relay, St. Bavo



Emma Kearns, freshman, 4x400 relay, St. Joseph, South Bend



Wes Short, senior, outfielder, Holy Cross



Joe Staud, junior, pitcher, Christ the King



Nick Wawryziniak, senior, shot put, discus, 400 M Relay Corpus Christi



Danny Torres, junior, infielder, Corpus Christi

Boys' golf



Tate Heintzelman-Dee, junior



Michael Anthony, freshman, St. Joseph, South Bend

Boys' lacrosse



Nick Vitale, senior, forward



Paul Murphy, sophomore, defense, Holy Cross

Girls' lacrosse



Maria Marin, senior, goalie



Claire Doyle (Marian), senior, midfield

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball



Jacob Turner, senior, 3200 M, St. Pius X



Nick Wawryziniak, senior, shot put, discus, 400 M Relay Corpus Christi



James Kiai, senior



Libby Peterson, senior, outfielder, St. Joseph



Isabella Case, junior, pole vault, Most Precious Blood

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball



Skyler Noll, senior, St. Vincent de Paul

Girls' rugby



Genevieve Reith, senior, lock, St. Vincent de Paul



Brendan Chappell Cromartie, junior, Holy Cross



Kelly Welsh, senior, infielder, St. Pius X



Amanda Rectanus, senior, shot put, St. John the Baptist



Cameron Kahlenbeck, senior, Most Precious Blood



Abby Smith, sophomore, flanker, St. Jude



Courtney Rowell, sophomore, Holy Family

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Boys' golf



Connor Nix, senior, St. John the Baptist

Baseball



Michael Vankoski, senior, pitcher/outfielder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Noah Freimuth, junior, St. Vincent de Paul

Softball



Kristina Burkhardt, junior, centerfield, St. Charles Borromeo



Stephan Kiai, junior



Caleb Kroft, senior



Travis Eckert, senior, pitcher/outfielder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Boys' golf



Patrick Allgeier, junior, St. Charles Borromeo



Stephanie Hanic, sophomore, catcher, Most Precious Blood

Girls' track



Sam Kambol, junior, 100 M/200 M, Corpus Christi

Boys' track



Joseph Deiser, sophomore, 800 M, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Peter Pfister, senior, catcher, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Callahan Elzey, junior



Bailey Rupley, sophomore, shortstop, St. Mary, Avilla



Noell Resil, senior, pole vault



Alexander Maldeney, junior, hurdles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Lacrosse



Padric Adams, senior, midfield, St. John the Baptist



John Sullivan, senior, St. Jude

Girls' tennis



Amanda Brown, senior, doubles, St. Vincent de Paul

Girls' tennis



Meghan Magee, senior, Corpus Christi



Devin Fritz, senior, pole vault, St. John the Baptist



Noah Meiser, junior, attack, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Nick Maguire, junior, St. Charles Borromeo



Abbie Grace Lee, junior, doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Kristen Pascual, senior



Matt Paris, junior, long jump, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Softball



Emma Wolfe, junior, short stop, St. Jude



Peyton Kimes, senior, flyhalf, Most Precious Blood

Boys' track



Greg Tippmann, senior, relay, St. Charles Borromeo

Softball



Alyssa Gutierrez, junior, infielder, Holy Cross

Girls' track



Katie Prendergast, junior, discus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Carolina Garcia, junior, pitcher, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Landon Campbell, junior, lock, St. Vincent de Paul



Kevin Wuest, senior, relay, St. Charles Borromeo



Dana Boretzky, senior, centerfield, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jake Hursh,
sophomore,
relay,
St. Vincent de
Paul

Girls' track



Rachel Gibson,
junior,
Our Lady of
Good Hope



Jalen Royal,
freshman,
relay,
St. Vincent de
Paul



Maria Trahin,
junior,
Our Lady of
Good Hope



Peter Beier,
senior,
St. Charles
Borromeo



Rose Tippmann,
junior,
St. Charles
Borromeo



Nolan Till,
sophomore,
Most Precious
Blood



Megan Brelage,
junior,
St. Jude



Vincent Schipper,
junior,
Our Lady of
Good Hope

Keefe named to Indiana Football Hall of Fame

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — It was recently announced that the Indiana Football Hall of Fame would gain a new member — Bishop Luers High School's Steve Keefe. Coach Keefe was at the helm of the football program for the Knights during two different eras. As head coach from 1979-1986, Keefe led Bishop Luers to the 2-A state title in 1985. Then later when he resumed coaching midway through the 2012 season, he claimed that year's championship as well while head coach. His overall record at Bishop Luers was 72-30.

In a press release by Bishop Luers High School, the Indiana Football Hall of Fame proclaimed, "From tears of sadness and disappointment, to the ecstasy of joy and the excitement of success, Steve Keefe has provided examples of dedication to further the excellence of the game of football. Through his example, he has met the standards established by the Indiana Football Hall of Fame to be worthy inductees of the Hall of Fame, located in Richmond, Indiana. A photo, a resume of achievements, and a duplicate plaque will be on

permanent display at the Hall of Fame for all to view and honor. On behalf of the Indiana Football Hall of Fame it is my privilege and honor to proclaim Steve Keefe officially inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame."

Master of ceremonies, Reggie Hayes, was joined by Keefe's family, friends, former coaches and the Bishop Luers coaching staff with comments from Cal Miller, Lee Rodenbeck and Marc Cotter, to celebrate Keefe's honor at the Columbia Street West banquet room on June 10.

Keefe and his wife of 44 years, Mary, have two grown children: Jennifer and Nicholas. Jennifer teaches and coaches at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Indianapolis. Her husband Brian is a football official and they have four children — Sam, William, Nicholas and Anna. An Allen County Police officer, Keefe's son and wife Sarah have one daughter, Norah.

An overwhelmed Keefe summarized, "I share this awesome honor with all of the coaches and players I have had the privilege to work with over the years."

Saints take fifth place in IHSAA golf championship

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger continued their winning tradition on the golf course with yet another trip to the IHSAA state championship, which finished up on June 17 at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. Callahan Elzey carded a 72-72-144 to finish in a six-way tie for third place and pace the Saints who ended up as the fifth-place team overall. Kyle Miller, also a junior, shot a 74-75-149 for a 19th place finish. This year marked the fourth consecutive year Bishop Dwenger has advanced to the state meet.

Although they did not capture a fourth straight sectional title, Bishop Dwenger came back to win the school's first-ever regional title, which came down to a tie-breaker of their fifth man's score. John Hope had the better score of 88 over Lawson Hahn of Columbia City who shot a 99.

The Saints also claimed the 2015 Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) tournament, which turned out to be an unexpected Battle of the Bishops. Just a week earlier, both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger entered the regular season contest with a perfect 7-0 SAC record, however, the Saints easily handled the Knights by a 22 stroke advantage, 170-148. But on Saturday, May 23, the Knights made it a contest and were actually tied with the Saints with just four holes to go. The excitement mounted as both teams played the 16th hole (par 5) at four under par. The 18th hole was no less exciting between the two with a total of two birdies and two eagles. Bishop Dwenger went on to win 289-297 shooting an incredible 13 under par while the Knights shot their best score of the season.

An elated Luers Coach Tom O'Brien explained, "We didn't lose it. They won it. Hats off to Coach Dave Scudder's team (ranked No. 4 in the state) — they are the crème of the crop around here."

Bishop Luers' Conner Nix was the individual SAC champion, edging out Bishop Dwenger's Pat Allgeier, 68-69.

— Michelle Castleman

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd level 2 formation course offered

Granger — St. Pius X Church will be hosting a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd level 2 formation course from July 17-23. Lynn Worthington and Rachael Myers will be the formation leaders. For more information or to request a brochure with registration information contact Theresa DePung at tdepung@stpius.net or 574-272-8462, ext. 326.

and support, plus a love of local Catholic history and the enthusiasm of the New Evangelization, to great churches in the Michiana area will gather at St. Monica Parish, 222 W. Mishawaka Ave., for the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 11. Visit southbendmassmob.com for information.

Our Lady of Hungary Parish Festival

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary Parish, 829 W. Calvert, will have a parish festival Saturday, July 18, from 4-10 p.m. Wide variety of ethnic foods, games and music and dancing to

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Queen of Angels Garage Sale

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a garage sale Friday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, from 8 a.m. to noon in the activities center, 1600 W. State Blvd.

Concert of Sacred Music planned

Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle will host a performance of Franz Joseph Haydn's Missa in Angustiis (Mass for Troubled Times), commonly called the Lord Nelson Mass, on Sunday, July 19, at 3 p.m. In addition to the Mass, George Friedrich Handel's Organ Concerto in F, HWV 295 (No. 13) will be offered. This performance is free and open to all.

Breakfast fund raiser planned

Plymouth — The Knight of Columbus Council 1975, 901 Jefferson St., will have a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 19, from 8-11:15 a.m. The cost is a \$5 dollar donation for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. For information call 574-936-5773.

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