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, Sts. Peter and Paul and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.”

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
A Fourth of July reflection on religious liberty

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of Bishop Rhodes’ 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, the closure of public offices, 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 violent 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 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, and, with each turn, 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 in the moral 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 title 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 producing violence, and when men 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 timeless truths mentioned in 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 public debate 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 Christian principles resulted 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 concerned 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 a loss of religious freedom.

We can expect claims of discrimination for upholding what for millennia has been considered a self-evident truth: that marriage by its nature is 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 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 accordance 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 endemic 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 prosecuted and suffer imprisoned 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 barbarous 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 sacriilege that this evil is being done in the name of God. We are living in a new age of religious 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!
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 federal 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 participants in federal exchanges and those who cannot afford to pay for 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 inefficient 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 dissented, arguing that federal subsidies actually 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 that it has been previously established multiple times that capital punishment is constitutional and only depended into whether the claims by Oklahoma death-row inmates that the effects of the drugs used in lethal injection are unnecessarily painful. The main reason the Alito court cited in declining to hear a habeas corpus appeal was that “they at least be allowed a stay of execution while they seek to prove midazolam’s inadequacy.”

Sotomayor devoted much of her dissent to dissecting the testimony about the effects of midazolam. She took issue with the majority brushing past the idea “that they at least be allowed a stay of execution while they seek to prove midazolam’s inadequacy.”

She said in an opinion accompanying that discussing the District Court’s decision to credit the scientifically unsupported and implausible testimony of a single expert witness and, second, by failing 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 erred. As a result, it leaves petitioners exposed to what may well be the chemical equivalent of being burned at the stake.”

Sotomayor 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 the drug will paralyze the brain.”In so holding, the court disregards an objectively intolerable risk of severe pain.”

“Respondent’s arguments for the potential for such an outcome by calling it a ‘groundless suggestion that our decision is tantamount to legal nationwide.”

Concerning the Supreme Court Decision Ruling

Same-Sex Marriage

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.

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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 abortionist in this long-running drama, arguing that the text of the Constitution and its history does not permit a Supreme Court ruling on abortion that would “force the state’s last abortion clinic to close, yield to his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting the denial of his ‘20 years of experience on this court,’ and inviting

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 that 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 it in anticipation of what it is appealing. 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 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 same 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 privilege 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.

NYC sweep

DETROIT — Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin priest, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2000. The Father Solanus Guild, a Capuchin ministry, will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the beatification this fall. Father Solanus was a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued 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.SolansCasey.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 to the Capuchin 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.

Novena offered for beatification of Solanus Casey

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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 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 bodies 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 marriage 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. “Some things will happen immediately,” he said, and “other things may unfold during the coming period, “so we will survive this.”

Archbishop Broglio added that “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.

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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.”

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medical “has called an ‘integral ecology,’ a natural and human ecology, the archbishop said. “An integral ecology demands that rain forests be protected because of what they 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.”

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION CELEBRATE JUBILEES

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 served 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 $101 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 been recognized as one of the 2015 top 35 best value institutions in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

In her final academic year, President Mooney will oversee 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 juniors and seniors age 16 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 diocesan website or visit www.discernfraternity.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 handcrafted stroke play tournament divided into two divisions, including a senior flight for golfers 60 and older or four-somes as needed for the 19th hole event. The new format is the Florida Scramble format. The courses are Norwood Golf Club, 5961 W. Maple Grove Rd. in Huntington; Norwalk Country Club, 356 W. Maple Grove Rd. in Huntington; and Gänsevans Golf Club, 121 W. Maple Grove Rd. in Huntington — 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 a special dinner on Saturday. See council Grand Knights for registration forms and flyers. Additional forms may be obtained by emailing membership@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 Jo Stewart is a native of Decatur, Illinois. Sister entered the congregation on Sept. 16, 1940, 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 prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Marrian Ruth Johnson is a native of Terre Haute. 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 Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, in 1953. Currently, she ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

60th jubilee


About the Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 520 women religious, with more than 200 Providence Associates, exist to further God’s loving plans by devoting ourselves to serving others through works of love, mercy and justice. The Sisters of Providence have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located just northwest of downtown Terre Haute. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 17 states, the District of Columbia and Asia. More information about the Sisters of Providence and their ministries may be found at www.SistersofProvidence.org.
Brothers of Holy Cross mark jubilee anniversaries

NOTRE DAME — Fourteen Holy Cross Brothers will celebrate their jubilee 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.

70th jubilee
Brother William Schu currently serves in the ministry of prayer in Columbia Hall, Notre Dame.

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

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.

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

REDEEMER RADIO HOSTS BOCCE TOURNAMENT, FUNDRAISER

Supporters of Redeemer Radio gathered on June 25 at the home of Mike and Susan Lee 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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Brother John McMuldren serves in the Providence Development Office, Notre Dame, as well as ministering at Holy Cross Village.

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 Benedictine House of Discernment, Notre Dame.
Families need prayers, mercy, courage

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 married 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 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 said 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 sensitively and courageously.”

“Mary is not a ‘demanding’ mother, a mother-in-law who reveals 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 wine 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 stirs everything in love.”

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

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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.

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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

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

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The pope requested private prayer time before the image of Our Lady of Sorrows, which hangs over the altar in Iglesia de la Compania, a colonial-era church.
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.

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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.”

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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.

“The life of service to the Catholic press, the USCCB and the Church is outstanding and a model for all,” said Rob DeFrancisco, 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 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 was 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.
Nigerian Bishop Okoye returns to Fort Wayne

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Bishop 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 2004-2014.

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 his 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.

Father Alex Zenthofer 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 catechists, 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.”

Our Lady of Victory, building, celebrates 90th anniversary

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.

HUNTINGTON — Catholic Parish Apps from Our Sunday Visitor are being introduced in conjunction with the dedication of the assets of Catholic Parish Apps, a company that equips parishes, schools and ministries with core church mobile apps.

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 Our Sunday 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 Zenthofer 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 catechists, 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.”

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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 catalog store. The little peepers arrived at the small post office branch five minutes from our home, and I kept them near 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 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 keep 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 it a little indented area, much like eggs in an egg carton. They were the cutest things I have ever seen, fuzzy and yellow and their teeny little orange beaks were perfectly shaped. “Away with the girls 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 and went to a church 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 ducks 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 ducks don’t get the ducks. Gather the ducks. Count the ducks. The ducks were sloppy little guys — knocking over water, defecating everywhere, then splat, splat, spilling 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.

Everyday Catholic

THERESA A. THOMAS

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. (Shifted by 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 of 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 Christ.

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 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.

READINGS


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 believing 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.

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.

Drinking with the saints, reclaiming meritment

The mention of boozé 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 “kitschiness,” he says.

So Michael was prepared to raise eyebrows with his new book, “Drinking with the Saints: The Sinner’s Guide to a Happy 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 given Michael’s 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 boisterous 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 spiritual world.”

He’s quick to point out that such drinking is meant to savory 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 meritment was on vibrant display as Michael grew up, gathering with his 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

Through the Apostles God heals us

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

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 as has been the case in history, the poor situations 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 circumstances, the other prophets could not be trusted to preach the unfeigned word of God.

The Book of Amos’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.
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 texting on tralk!”) reminding drivers not to text or talk on hand-held cellphones. Pennsylvania doesn’t have laws against distracted drivers passing 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 the 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 get my rosary out, 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. 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 I drive hands on the wheel, eyes up, checking the mirror, minding my blind spot, keeping the speed limit — then I will insistively 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 — and 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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The CrossWord

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 26 Song of Songs is one
2 Where Baby Jesus lay 29 Blessed at Christ Mass
4 Hotel 30 Hold
6 Paris 31 Support
8 Hotel 32 Bullfight cheer
10 Absent without leave 33 Food & Agriculture Org.
12 Depend 34 Martha
22 Dove sound 35 First of Arabic alphabet
26 Song of Songs is one 36 Central processing unit
28 Environmental Agency 37 Prophet lacks in his native place
29 Blessed at Christ Mass 38 Twerp
30 Hold 39 Norway’s lead city
31 Support 40 What waiters carry
32 Bullfight cheer 41 Do with God’s word
33 Food & Agriculture Org. 42 Ancient German character
34 Martha 43 Source of balsam oil
35 First of Arabic alphabet 44 Soviet Union
36 Central processing unit 45 the Red
37 Prophet lacks in his native place 46 Soviet Union
38 Twerp 47 Apostles did after Jesus’ arrest
39 Norway’s lead city 48 Indian attire
40 What waiters carry 49 East by northeast
41 Do with God’s word 50 Pro
42 Ancient German character 51 Kind of writer
43 Source of balsam oil 52 Let your ___ mean ___ and your no mean no
44 Soviet Union 53 Shopping center
45 Eastern Time 54 Nothing
46 Soviet Union 55 House
47 Apostles did after Jesus’ arrest 56 Tunic
48 Indian attire 57 Leave
49 East by northeast 58 Demons
50 Pro 59 Sick
51 Kind of writer 60 Text
52 Let your ___ mean ___ and your no mean no 61 Sin
53 Shopping center 62 Jury
54 Nothing 63 Sin
55 House 64 Sin
56 Tunic 65 Sin
57 Leave 66 Sin
58 Demons 67 Sin

DOWN
1 Oceans 42 Ancient German character
2 2 Major (Big Dipper) 43 Source of balsam oil
3 3 Sign of the zodiac 44 Soviet Union
4 Shopping center 45 Eastern Time
5 Taken from Ukraine 46 Soviet Union
6 The product 47 Apostles did after Jesus’ arrest
7 The 72 cured many of these 48 Indian attire
8 Rebelious 49 East by northeast
9 Read attentively 50 Pro
10 Absent without leave 51 Kind of writer
12 Poly 52 Let your ___ mean ___ and your no mean no
13 A magus 53 Shopping center
14 Sycamore prophet 54 Nothing
15 Tap 55 House
16 Rummy (card game) 56 Tunic
17 21 ___ (Rummy card game) 57 Leave
18 22 Dove sound 58 Demons
19 23 Apostle used on sick 59 Sick
20 24 Cleaner 60 Text
21 25 Sent out ___ by ___ 61 Sin
22 26 Song of Songs is one 62 Jury
23 Apostle used on sick 27 Tiny mark
24 Cleaner 28 Environmental Agency
25 Sent out ___ by ___ 29 Blessed at Christ Mass
26 Song of Songs is one 30 Hold

Answer Key can be found on page 19
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.
James Kiai, senior
Brendan Chappell Cromartie, junior, Holy Cross
Courtney Rowell, sophomore, Holy Family
Stephan Kiai, junior

Girls' track
Sam Kambol, junior, 100 M/200 M, Corpus Christi
Noell Resil, senior, pole vault
Meghan Magee, senior, Corpus Christi
Kristen Pascual, senior

Girls' tennis
Alyssa Gutierrez, junior, infielder, Holy Cross
Katie Prendergast, junior, discus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Softball
Libby Peterson, senior, outfielder, St. Joseph
Kelly Welsh, senior, infielder, St. Pius X

Girls' track
Isabella Case, junior, pole vault, Most Precious Blood
Amanda Rectanus, senior, shot put, St. John the Baptist

Baseball
Skylar Noll, senior, St. Vincent de Paul
Amanda Rectanus, senior, shot put, St. John the Baptist

Boys' golf
Connor Nix, senior, St. John the Baptist
Joseph Deiser, sophomore, 800 M, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Boys' track
Caleb Kroft, senior
Noel Resil, pole vault

Boys' track
Joseph Deiser, sophomore, 800 M, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

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

Girls' rugby
Genevieve Reith, senior, lock, St. Vincent de Paul

Boys' rugby
Peyton Kimes, senior, flyhalf, Most Precious Blood

Boys' tennis
Amanda Brown, senior, doubles, St. Vincent de Paul

Softball
Kristina Burkhardt, junior, centerfield, St. Charles Borromeo

Boys' tennis
Abbie Grace Lee, junior, doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Softball
Kristina Burkhardt, junior, centerfield, St. Charles Borromeo

Girls' tennis
Abby Smith, sophomore, flanker, St. Jude

Boys' track
Peyton Kimes, senior, flyhalf, Most Precious Blood

Boys' track
Kevin Wuest, senior, relay, St. Charles Borromeo

Girls' track
Isabella Case, junior, pole vault, Most Precious Blood
Amanda Rectanus, senior, shot put, St. John the Baptist

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

Boys' golf
Connor Nix, senior, St. John the Baptist

Boys' track
Joseph Deiser, sophomore, 800 M, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Boys' track
Caleb Kroft, senior

Lacrosse
Padric Adams, senior, midfielder, St. John the Baptist

Lacrosse
Patrick Allgeier, junior, St. Charles Borromeo

Girls' rugby
Genevieve Reith, senior, lock, St. Vincent de Paul

Girls' tennis
Abby Smith, sophomore, flanker, St. Jude

Softball
Kristina Burkhardt, junior, centerfield, St. Charles Borromeo

Boys' rugby
Peyton Kimes, senior, flyhalf, Most Precious Blood

Boys' track
Kevin Wuest, senior, relay, St. Charles Borromeo
Keefer 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 Keefer.

Coach Keefer was at the helm of the football program for the Knights during two different eras. As head coach from 1979-1986, Keefer led Bishop Luers to the 2-A state title in 1985. Then later when he resumed coaching mid-way 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, Steven Keefer 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 to proclaim Steven Keefer officially inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.”

Master of ceremonies, Reggie Hayes, was joined by Keefer’s family, friends, former coaches and the Bishop Luers coaching staff with comments from Cal Miller, Lee Rodenbeck and Marc Cotter, to celebrate Keefer’s honor at the Columbia Street West banquet room on June 10. Keefer 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, Keefer’s son and wife Sarah have one daughter, Norah.

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

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 289-291 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 de la crème of the crop around here.”

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

— Michelle Castleman
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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 call Theresa DePung at tdepung@stpius.net or 574-272-8462, ext. 326.

Mass Mob gathering announced
Mishawaka — A group bringing “flash mob”-style solidarity 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 the VanDyke Review. For information call 574-255-1906.

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 Angustis (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 under 10. For information call 574-936-5773.

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CLOSING OF FORTNIGHT MASS

Jessica Landrigan helps her daughter Olivia dip her hand in the baptismal font to bless herself with holy water upon entering the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Participants in the Fortnight for Freedom closing Mass wear patriotic colors.

The Breuss family, visiting from the Rockford, Illinois diocese, talks with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades after Mass on the cathedral’s plaza.

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