



# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## 'Why Catholic?' successfully launches at Corpus Christi Parish

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

SOUTH BEND — For six weeks this autumn, roughly 100 parishioners from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in South Bend gathered in small groups, deepening their knowledge of Catholicism while praying together, strengthening their faith, and connecting Church teaching to daily life. These groups are part of the diocesan-wide Why Catholic? program, which invites participants to learn from the catechism, read Scripture and engage in faith sharing.

The Why Catholic? program, launched across the diocese the first week of October, is part of a four-year "Journey Through the Catechism," as the program motto states. This past fall and next spring center on the theme of "Prayer." Subsequent seasons focus on "Belief," "The Sacraments" and "Christian Morality."

Why Catholic? small groups are led by group leaders, who open their homes to participants. Meetings begin and end with prayer, often including a meditative hymn. From there, groups make their way through the reflections, Scripture verses and readings for the day, intermingling questions and discussion between readings. And, of course, there is plenty of time to chat.

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, shares, "It is exciting that nearly 100 members of our parish chose to be part of this



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A small-faith sharing group from the Why Catholic? program at Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend meets in a home of one of the facilitators. Roughly 100 parishioners from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in South Bend gathered in small groups for six weeks this autumn, deepening their knowledge of Catholicism while praying together, strengthening their faith and connecting Church teaching to daily life.

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## STUDENTS OFFER SERVICE TO VINCENT VILLAGE



JOE ROMIE

Catholic Campus Ministry students from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Trine University, the University of Saint Francis and Manchester University gathered at Vincent House in Fort Wayne for a day of service on Nov. 14. Vincent Village provides transitional shelter and affordable housing for homeless families. College students painted a home in which a new family will live and sorted bedding, home items and furniture in storage at the Vincent Village Outlet.



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# Nothing can justify terrorist attacks

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Using God's name to try to justify violence and murder is "blasphemy," Pope Francis said Nov. 15, speaking about the terrorist attacks on Paris.

"Such barbarity leaves us dismayed, and we ask ourselves how the human heart can plan and carry out such horrible events," the pope said after reciting the Angelus prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

The attacks in Paris Nov. 13 — attacks the French government said were carried out by three teams of Islamic State terrorists — caused the deaths of at least 129 people and left more than 350 injured, many of them critically. A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a soccer stadium, gunmen attacked customers at cafes and restaurants and a team of terrorists gunned down dozens of people at a concert.

The attacks, Pope Francis said, were an "unspeakable affront to the dignity of the human person."

"The path of violence and hatred cannot resolve the problems of humanity, and using the name of God to justify this path is blasphemy," he said.

Pope Francis asked the thousands of people who gathered at St. Peter's for the Sunday midday prayer to observe a moment of silence and to join him in reciting a Hail Mary.

"May the Virgin Mary, mother of mercy, give rise in the hearts of everyone thoughts of wisdom and proposals for peace," he said. "We ask her to protect and watch over the dear French nation, the first daughter of the Church, over Europe and the whole world."

"Let us entrust to the mercy of God the innocent victims of this tragedy," the pope said.

Speaking Nov. 14, the day after the terrorist attacks, Pope Francis had told the television station of the Italian bishops' conference, "I am shaken and pained."

"I don't understand, but these things are difficult to understand, how human beings can do this," the pope said. "That is why I am shaken, pained and am praying."

The director of the television station recalled how the pope has spoken many times about a "third world war being fought in pieces."

"This is a piece," the pope responded. "There are no justifications for these things."

On social media, Islamic State militants claimed responsibility, but Pope Francis insisted there can be no "religious or human" excuse for killing innocent people and sowing terror. "This is not human."

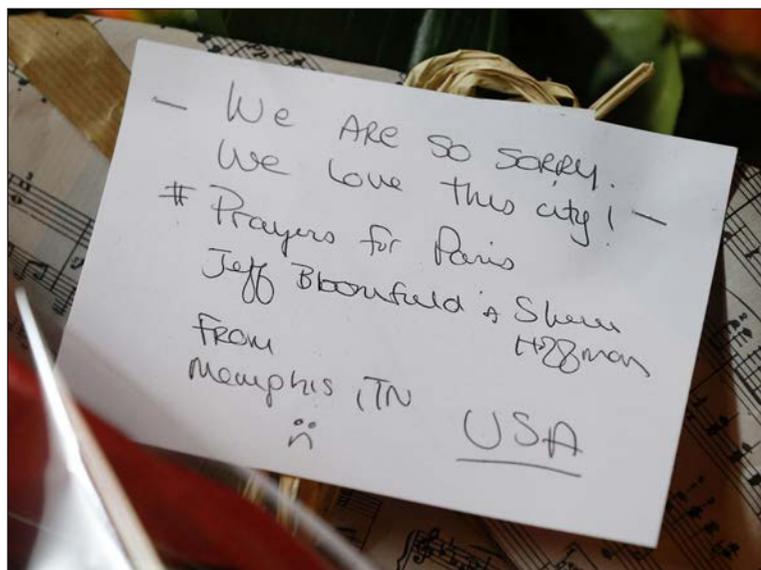
French authorities reported Nov. 14 that eight terrorists were dead after the night of attacks; six of them committed suicide and two were killed by police, who stormed the concert hall where the terrorists had taken hostages and where the majority of victims died.

Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois of Paris issued a statement calling for calm and for prayers, not only for the



CNS/PAUL HARING

People light candles in the shape of a cross and heart in Republique square in Paris Nov. 14 in memory of victims of terrorist attacks. Coordinated attacks the previous evening claimed the lives of 129 people. The Islamic State claimed responsibility.



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A note from people from Memphis, Tenn., is seen near the Bataclan music hall in Paris Nov. 14. Coordinated attacks the previous evening claimed the lives of 129 people, including about 100 at the Bataclan music hall.

Paris victims, but also for the victims of recent terrorist attacks in Lebanon and in Africa.

"May no one allow himself to be defeated by panic and hatred," the cardinal said. "Let us ask for the grace of being peacemakers. We must never lose our hope for peace if we work for justice."

With some 1,500 inside Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral and hundreds more gathered outside Nov. 15, Cardinal Vingt-Trois celebrated a special Mass in memory of the victims. As the cathedral bells tolled a death knell, police patrolled the square in front of the cathedral and checked people as they entered the Paris landmark for Mass.

The cardinal told the assembly — which included government officials and ambassadors from a variety of nations — that the Mass was intended as a sign of sharing the pain of the victims and of praying for them, their families, for Paris and for France.

"The savage killings this black Friday plunged entire families into despair, and this despair is all the more profound because there can be no rational explanation that would justify the indiscriminate execution of dozens of anonymous people," the cardinal said.

The only Christian response, he said, is to be "messengers of hope in the heart of human suffering."

The terrorists succeed if their actions shake Christians' hope founded on faith in Christ and on a belief that all of history, including moments of suffering, is in God's hands, he said.

The appropriate response to the "barbaric savagery" of the terrorists, he said, is "to demonstrate additional trust in our fellowmen and their dignity."

Just a few hours after the attacks occurred, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, issued a statement saying the Vatican

was "shocked by this new manifestation of maddening terrorist violence and hatred, which we condemn in the most radical way."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, sent a message in the pope's name to Cardinal Vingt-Trois, calling the attacks "horrific" and relaying the pope's prayers for the victims, their families and the entire nation.

"He invokes God, the father of mercy, asking that He welcome the victims into the peace of His light and bring comfort and hope to the injured and their families," Cardinal Parolin wrote.

The pope also "vigorously condemns violence, which cannot solve anything, and he asks God to inspire thoughts of peace and solidarity in all."

Father Lombardi was asked about security concerns throughout Europe, and particularly whether the terrorist attacks would impact plans for the Year of Mercy, which is scheduled to begin Dec. 8.

"These murderers, possessed by senseless hatred, are called terrorists precisely because they want to spread terror," Father Lombardi responded in a statement. "If we let ourselves be frightened, they will have already reached their first objective."

"It goes without saying that we must be cautious, and not irresponsible," he said, but "we must go on living by building peace and mutual trust."

"I would say that the Jubilee of Mercy shows itself even more, more necessary," Father Lombardi said. Preaching God's love and mercy also is a call for people to love one another and reconcile with each other. It "is precisely the answer we must give in times of temptation to mistrust."

**Contributing to this story** was Paul Haring in Paris.

# 'No happy endings' between Eastern Christians and Islam, professor says

BY CORINE B. ERLANDSON

FORT WAYNE — When it comes to Christians in the Middle East, there are “no happy endings.” This was the blunt assessment of Dr. Adam DeVille in a Nov. 11 talk on “Eastern Christians and Islam” at Brookside Mansion at the University of Saint Francis. This talk was part of a series open to the public offered by the Department of Philosophy and Theology. There were close to 50 people in attendance.

DeVille started his talk by telling his audience about the status of Eastern Christians in countries such as Iraq, Egypt and Syria today. “We have to appreciate the messiness of these issues. It’s not going to be neat and tidy. There are no happy endings with this topic, unfortunately,” DeVille said.

DeVille began by giving some historical background. The Emperor Constantine issued an edict making Christianity legal in the year 313. Constantine moved his imperial residence from Rome to the “New Rome” of Constantinople. From there emerged the division of the Byzantine-Orthodox Christians headquartered in Constantinople, and the Roman-Latin Christians, headquartered in Rome.

DeVille says that the Orthodox Church of the East and the Roman Catholic Church of the West agree on many theological issues such as the Trinity, the Eucharist and Mary the Mother of God. “The two churches are very close on many issues. The one thing that divides them is the question of the papacy, who gets to be the boss,” DeVille said.



CORINE ERLANDSON

**Dr. Adam DeVille presents “Eastern Christians and Islam” at the Brookside Mansion at the University of Saint Francis on Nov. 11.**

DeVille said that Eastern Christians have dealt with Muslims from around the seventh century on. After Muhammad founded Islam in the early 600s in Arabia, Islam rapidly spread into Syria, Egypt, Armenia, Libya and Spain.

Followers of Muhammad established Islam in these territories, and the Islam faith was in the ascendancy, while the Eastern Christians and Jews were in the minority. The Islamists in power gave the Christians and Jews in these territories three options: Convert to Islam, fight to the death, or accept “dhimmi” status.

The Arab-Muslim overlords imposed “dhimmi” laws and restrictions that the Christians and Jews had to abide by, if they wanted to survive and practice their faiths. These restrictions included that the Christians and Jews lived in ghettos; church cupolas and Jewish

synagogues could not be taller than Islamic mosques; Christian and Jewish celebrations had to be subdued with no public displays; Christians could not wear head-dresses, to distinguish them from the Muslims wearing turbans; Christians and Jews had to step down from the sidewalk to the lower street or ditch in order to let Muslims pass by. The most hated part of the “dhimmi” status was paying a “jizya” poll tax to the Arab Muslim overlords.

While this sort of treatment strikes 21st century American Catholics as overtly unfair and trampling on religious freedom, DeVille said that it did allow Christians and Jews in these lands to survive and to continue practicing their faiths. The Christians and Jews were exempt from military service in the Islamic armies, as long as they continued to pay the “jizya” tax. The “dhimmi” laws and restrictions continued all the way to the 19th century. By 1918, most of the “dhimmi” laws had disappeared.

DeVille then moved to the present day to discuss the state of Eastern Christians. “The Christians in Iraq number half today what they numbered 12 years ago,” DeVille said. This was after the U.S. involvement in the two gulf wars. Iraqi Prime Minister Saddam Hussein was captured, tried and executed by the Iraqi Interim Government in 2006. The Shi’ite Party is in power today in Iraq.

DeVille turned to Egypt. In the wake of the Arab Spring, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt was put on trial and imprisoned. After Mubarak was removed from office, the

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## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Michael the Archangel Church, Waterloo
- Monday, Nov. 23 — Meetings of Corporate Boards of the Diocese, Diocesan Cemeteries, and Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw

## Letter discusses survey to assess need for Hunteertown parish

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is in the process of assessing the need for a new parish in the Hunteertown area. If it is determined that there is a need and the associated support, the new parish would be located on the diocesan-owned property that is situated north of Cedar Canyons Road between Highway 3 and Lima Road.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is sending out a letter to all of the Catholic households within a five-mile radius of the property. Within a week following the letter, each of those households will be receiving a survey that is designed to gauge the Catholic community’s level of interest in constructing, attending and supporting a new parish. This survey is being conducted with the administrative assistance of the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business.

If you are the recipient of this letter and survey, please take the time to complete and return it. If you have any questions about this process, please direct them to Msgr. Robert Schulte at 260-422-4611.

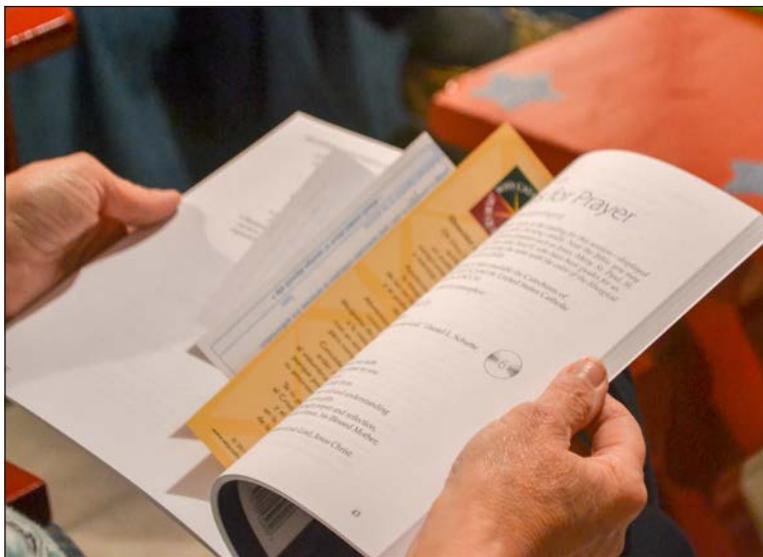
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new program exploring the four ‘pillars’ of the catechism. Most people may see the catechism as too detailed or too complex. Why Catholic? has brought the catechism ‘home’ to people, giving them the opportunity to explore, discuss, and learn the basic tenets of our faith in a supportive, rather ‘low key’ and non-threatening way.”

Bob Schaeper, Corpus Christi Parish member and Why Catholic? planning committee member, shares that he likes the program because “we all come from different backgrounds and perspectives. These small groups easily allow us to share our perspectives. We find that, by and large, we have similar questions and concerns. This allows us to talk about them. While we may not come up with a definitive answer, we at least understand our perspective.”

He continues, “I find that, generally, while we, as Catholics,



MOLLY GETTINGER

**Participants in the Why Catholic? program follow the topic “Prayer” during the autumn and upcoming spring sessions.**

know what the Bible says and our traditions, we can become uncomfortable or at a lost for words when others question our faith or why we believe something. So, my hope for this program is that adults understand the Catechism of the Church and feel assured that they are giving the ‘correct’ answer when others (including Catholics) have

a question. We need to be less defensive with our answers.”

Nancy Stopczynski, also on the planning committee, has a strong vision for this program, sharing that she hopes “that parishioners are able to strengthen their understanding of our faith, that the small faith communities can bond together, and lastly that we as a parish become an even

stronger faith community.”

She continues, “As a recent convert to Catholicism, the Why Catholic? program continues to quench my thirst for knowledge about this beautiful gift of faith from God. This program is increasing my knowledge of the Catholic faith. It is allowing me to grow more comfortable with the catechism, and it keeps bringing me into a closer relationship with Christ.”

Jack Horn, member of the Corpus Christi young adult Why Catholic? group, shares that “Why Catholic? is important because it confronts participants with the idea of prayer. Often, our secular society can make it hard to pray. Young adults can too easily think ‘Oh, I don’t go to church, pray or receive Communion because the world is too busy.’ It can be easy to think ‘I don’t have time.’ In reality, prayer could take as little as 30 seconds. There really is no valid excuse. It’s like brushing your teeth in the morning: it could take as little as two minutes, and it’s good, so you choose to do it.”

While the fall season of Why Catholic? has come to a close, there will be a new season, con-

tinuing the theme of prayer, in the spring. Small groups across the diocese will be welcoming new members. Although Catholic in content, this program is open to individuals of all faiths. While the program extends over four years, participants only need commit for one six-week season at a time.

Father Rybicki encourages participation, saying, “Although the idea of a four-year program may seem daunting and distant to many, spending two seasons of Why Catholic? on each of the four pillars of the catechism will allow ample time for the richness of this beautiful Church treasure to take roots in the hearts and lives of those participating, making them better able not only to explain the faith to others but also to understand it themselves. I look forward to the remaining three seasons and the grace of understanding that they will bring.”

For information regarding participating, contact your parish office to see if your parish participates. To find a parish with a program, contact Cindy Black, director of Adult Faith Formation, at CBlack@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1436.

# Panel at USF discusses death penalty

BY MADELEINE RICHEY

FORT WAYNE — There's a brightly lit stage, four chairs and four people to sit in them: a bishop, a philosopher, a law professor and a judge. They've gathered at the University of Saint Francis (USF) to hold a discussion about a very old institution that predates the birth of Jesus Christ and His subsequent death upon the cross, and has become one of the most controversial in current times — the death penalty.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Dr. Earl Kumfer, professor of philosophy and theology at USF, Dr. Carter Snead, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, and Judge Wendy Davis of the Allen County Superior Court criminal division, each bringing years of experience and beliefs deeply rooted in faith, begin the discussion. Should the death penalty be allowed and is it wrong?

"There are things I have laid

my eyes on that I never want to see again," says Judge Davis, speaking from her years of experience in which she bore witness to violent crime scenes. "I do believe, deep in my heart, that there are some individuals who cannot live in our society." She is careful not to express support or condemnation of the death penalty — as a judge she is required to follow the rule of law, and, as Dr. Snead points out, the death penalty is not unconstitutional.

"I spend my time trying to persuade our fellow citizens that respect for human life is consistent with abolishing the death penalty," Dr. Snead tells listeners, remaining steadfast in his belief that it is never morally permissible to punish a human being with death, and still uphold the unique dignity and respect for human life that the Church teaches.

Bishop Rhoades brings a historical perspective to Church teaching, saying that the Church, through the ages, has been consistent in allowing the death penalty

so long as you are sure there is no other way of "defending human lives against the unjust oppressor," meaning that self-defense is the only permissible cause.

According to Bishop Rhoades, capital punishment is not intrinsically evil. Death in forms such as abortion and euthanasia, which include the taking of an innocent life, are intrinsically wrong, but capital punishment does not include the taking of an innocent life so cannot be equated to crimes that do. In and of itself, there is no intrinsic evil to be found in the death penalty.

Dr. Kumfer brings up the practice of enacting the death penalty. In previous times, retribution such as "an eye for an eye" was standard, but Dr. Kumfer calls to light an inconsistency with this concept of balance, saying: "How are we balancing if we introduce another death?" In effect, two wrongs don't make a right. However, the principle of double effect, in which an action has both a good and a bad result, is the only model, according to Dr. Kumfer, "that can be used to justify capital punishment."

One of the dominant arguments against the death penalty states that capital punishment violates the dignity of a human person. However, Judge Davis brings up the quality of life for inmates without parole. Small cells with tiny windows, secluded for the safety of other inmates, shackled to keep officers safe in transit. ... "I've seen with my own eyes trying to balance what dignity actu-

ally means," Judge Davis tells her audience, to which Dr. Snead adds that in the case of dehumanizing conditions we must try to improve their circumstances, but can never accept the death penalty as the more humane option.

But for Judge Davis, it's not just about the dignity criminals, but also that of the victim, and their right to justice. "What about the dignity of this human being?" she asks. Bishop Rhoades, however, reminds us that the Church must be concerned with mercy.

A general consensus among panelists, with their differing views on the death penalty, is that what is really being sought by the justice system and the families of victims, is closure. For some this means that the death penalty provides a way of keeping proven dangerous criminals from harming more innocent people, for others it offers only a false hope that this form of justice will somehow provide an end to the suffering.

"In my experience, there is more healing when the death penalty is not used," says Bishop Rhoades. In other places in the world, he says, such as the Middle East, "There will never be peace because there is no forgiveness." Getting even — restoring balance — is not enough. According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, there is no intrinsic evil in the death penalty, but often, Bishop Rhoades reminds listeners, "the death penalty does more harm than good."

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extremist Muslim Brotherhood came into power, which repressed the rights of women and Christians.

DeVile then considered Syria. "What a mess Syria is today," DeVile said, with its civil war and the recent exodus of its people escaping to western Europe. DeVile considered these three rulers — Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. "These three rulers were, and are, all thugs. They all did violence against their own people. They were not the ones you wanted to invite home to meet your mother," DeVile said. Yet these despots were able to maintain some control over the most extremist factions in their countries, and "they all protected the Christians in their regions," DeVile said.

DeVile asked the hypothetical question: Should the West play a role in deposing Syria's Bashar al-Assad, who is still in power? "Let's look to Egypt and Iraq and see how those scenarios turned out. Who comes after Bashar al-Assad could be as bad, if not worse," DeVile said. "When Western powers intervene in these regions, they often end up making things worse for the Christians there," DeVile said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has recently begun bombing raids in Syria against ISIS and rebel groups. Putin says he is ordering the bombings to protect Orthodox Christians in Syria, but DeVile believes that Putin senses an opportunity to assert Russian power in the region.

DeVile considered the sharp demographic decline of Christians in Iraq, Egypt and Syria. In the first centuries of Christianity, there were two cities that had vibrant and growing Christian populations — Antioch in or near Syria, and Alexandria in Egypt. DeVile delivered a striking and sobering thought: In these places where Christianity first took root and flourished in the early centuries, "we might see Christianity exterminated in these places in some of our lifetimes."

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Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne  
Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne  
St. Mary Mother of God Parish, Fort Wayne  
St. Peter Parish, Fort Wayne  
Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Fort Wayne

**St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne — March 30, 7 p.m.**

St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne  
St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne

**St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka — March 31, 7 p.m.**

St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka  
St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka  
St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka

**Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka — April 1, 7 p.m.**

**St. Dominic Parish, Bremen — April 3, 10:30 a.m.**

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur — April 8, 7 p.m.**

St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton  
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur

**Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn — April 9, 10 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn  
St. Joseph Parish, Garrett

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw — April 10, 10:30 a.m.**

**St. Paul of the Cross Church, Columbia City — April 12, 7 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege  
St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco  
St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City

**St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne — April 13, 7 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Warsaw — April 15, 7 p.m.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Warsaw  
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart (two Confirmation Masses) — April 16, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame — April 17, 11:45 a.m.  
University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College students

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Plymouth — April 17, 5 p.m.**

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola — April 19, 7 p.m.**

**St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven — April 21, 7 p.m.**

St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven  
St. Louis-Besancon Parish, New Haven  
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Monroeville

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne — April 23, 10 a.m.**

**St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne — April 24, 3 p.m.**

St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne  
St. Patrick Parish, Arcola

**Holy Family Church, South Bend — April 29, 7 p.m.**

Holy Family Parish, South Bend  
St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend  
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle

**St. Mary of the Lake Church, Culver — April 30, 9 a.m.**

(celebrated by Bishop Dale J. Melczek)  
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St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver

**St. Patrick Church, South Bend — April 30, 10 a.m.**

Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend  
St. Augustine Parish, South Bend  
St. Hedwig Parish, South Bend  
St. Patrick Parish, South Bend  
St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, South Bend  
St. Patrick, Walkerton

**St. Pius X Parish, Granger (two Confirmation Masses) — April 30, 5:30 p.m. and May 1, 12:15 p.m.**

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## A family that doesn't eat together is 'hardly a family,' pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A family that chooses to watch TV or play with their smartphones rather than talk at the dinner table is “hardly a family,” Pope Francis said. “When children at the dinner table are glued to the computer, or the telephone and do not listen to one another, they are not a family, they are retired,” the pope said Nov. 11 during his weekly general audience. Continuing his catechetical series on family life, the pope reflected on the theme of togetherness, which is manifested at the dinner table. The pope said that “to share a meal — and not just food, but also affection, stories, events — is a fundamental experience.” The pope said Christians have a special vocation to foster family togetherness. The dinner table, he noted, is the place chosen by Jesus to teach His disciples and where He summarized the meaning of His death on the cross “that nourishes true and everlasting love.” For this reason, the family feels “at home” at the celebration of the Eucharist where they bring their “experience of togetherness and open it to the grace of a universal coexistence, of the love of God for the world,” he said.

## 'Faithful citizenship' revisions reflect words of Popes Benedict, Francis

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Revisions in the U.S. bishops' quadrennial document on political responsibility draw on the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis and take into account developments in U.S. foreign and domestic policy over the past four years. The document, revised by a working group of bishops comprised of the chairmen of several committees whose work is affected by public policy, was to be voted on Nov. 17, the second day of public sessions during the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' fall general assembly. For passage, the document requires two-thirds of voting bishops to support it. The bishops had set aside 45 minutes to discuss the document before the vote. The revised document is longer than its predecessors of 2007 and 2011, which garnered much public attention during the two previous presidential election years. The working group has been working on the revision since March 2014. The document reflects on long-held concerns related to abortion and the needs of poor people. It also references emerging issues related to court decisions on same-sex marriage, public policies that impact religious freedom and a rising concern for the environment as climate change affects more people around the world.

## Faith leaders ask U.S. to help meet growing needs of Ukraine's people

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “Time is of the essence” to get humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine as winter

## BISHOP RHOADES AT OPENING MEETING OF USCCB



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend listens to speakers Nov. 16 during the opening of the 2015 fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore.

sets in, a group of Ukrainian religious leaders said in a Nov. 9 appeal to President Barack Obama. They said they were making the appeal “on behalf of our people to help address the humanitarian catastrophe gripping our country. The needs are enormous, ranging from medical supplies to everyday items such as food, water and clothing.” At a news conference at the National Press Club, the Ukrainian group issued a joint statement that cited U.N. statistics showing that as a result of fighting between the army and pro-Russian separatist rebels in Ukraine that continues unabated, over 5 million people — including 1.7 million children — are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. The statement said that 8,000 people have died and over 17,000 have been injured and wounded. The number of those displaced is over 1.39 million, with 174,000 children among them. “The challenges of this human tragedy are overwhelming,” the group said. “Even the most conservative estimates show that over 65 percent of projected needs have yet to be met.”

## Mexican foreign minister confirms pope to visit capital, three states

CUAUTITLAN IZCALLI, Mexico (CNS) — Mexican Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu has confirmed that Pope Francis will visit the capital, Mexico City, along with the states of Chihuahua and Chiapas — on the northern and southern borders respectively — and Michoacan in western Mexico. “The details will be known in December,” she said Nov. 11, acknowledging where the pope will

travel early next year. Spokesmen for dioceses in the three states and Mexico City confirmed details when contacted by Catholic New Service. The Mexican bishops' conference, however, refused to confirm details of the trip, not even Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera's announcement that the pope would arrive Feb. 12. The bishops said the pope's plans were still not finalized and would be revealed Dec. 12, when the country celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. “We cannot confirm or deny what the (foreign ministry) said,” Guadalajara Cardinal Francisco Robles Ortega, conference president, told a Nov. 12 news conference. “We don't know their motives or sources of information.” Cardinal Robles also did not disclose many details of any topics for the trip, although he said he expected the pope to meet with victims of violence and vulnerable groups, such as the migrants transiting Mexico in attempts to reach the United States.

## Pope, Roman Curia heads discuss refugees, dialogue with Muslims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The difficulties facing migrants coming into Europe and the continuing dialogues with Muslims were among the topics discussed during Pope Francis' meeting with the heads of the Roman Curia offices, the Vatican spokesman said. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the Nov. 16 meeting did not deal with the pope's reform of the Curia or with further changes to the existing offices.

The pope had announced Oct. 22 the establishment of a new office for laity, family and life, which combines the responsibilities of two pontifical councils. “It is one of the normal dicastery meetings that are scheduled every six months,” Father Lombardi said. Noting that the themes of the meeting were scheduled in advance, Father Lombardi told journalists that the plight of migrants and the problems facing refugees and the countries that receive them were discussed. The Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, headed by Cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio, wanted to update the pope and members of the Curia on its work in aiding thousands of migrants and refugees coming into Europe.

## Vatican releases list of new synod council members

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Rounding out the membership of the council that will coordinate the follow-up to the Synod of Bishops on the family and help prepare the next synod assembly, Pope Francis named the patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church, the new archbishop of Madrid and the archbishop of Brazil's capital city. The papal nominees join the 12 members of the synod council elected by members of the Synod of Bishops on the family; the Vatican released the list of new council members Nov. 14. Those elected at the end of the Oct. 4-25 synod, included several cardinals and bishops who had expressed concerns over synod procedures, as well as members who took strongly

divergent positions at the synod, particularly on the question of a possible process for admitting some divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to the Eucharist. Those elected to the synod council included: Cardinal Wilfrid F. Napier of Durban, South Africa; Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments; and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia. Pope Francis nominated Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad; Archbishop Carlos Osoro of Madrid; and Archbishop Sergio Da Rocha of Brasilia, Brazil.

## Laity are disciples, not 'second-class members' of Church, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Laypeople are not second-class members at the service of the Church hierarchy, but are disciples of Christ called to “enliven every environment, every activity and every human relationship according to the Gospel,” Pope Francis said. The pope sent a message Nov. 10 to Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, and participants of a workshop marking the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, which defined the role, vocation and mission of laypeople in the Catholic Church. In his message, the pope said that the Second Vatican Council did not just highlight the importance of the laity in the Church, but defined their role as a vocation. The proclamation of the Gospel “is not reserved to some ‘mission professionals,’ but should be the profound aspiration of all lay faithful who are called to evangelize by virtue of their baptism,” he said. The pope said that while the council's teachings have contributed to the growth of lay formation, its application challenges “every generation of pastors and laypeople, because it is a priceless gift of the Holy Spirit that must be accepted with gratitude and a sense of responsibility.”

## Chaldean patriarch to Iraqi president: Veto law on child conversions

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — The patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church has called upon Iraq's president to veto a law that will force some Christian children to convert to Islam. The Assyrian International News Agency reported that Chaldean Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad met Iraqi President Fuad Masum Nov. 6 and asked him to reject a new national charter approved by the Assembly of Deputies Oct. 27. Religious minorities in Iraq, including Christians, oppose the charter because it demands that children under the age of 18 must become Muslims if their father converts to Islam or if their mother marries a Muslim. Patriarch Sako told the president that the charter violates the sections of the Iraqi constitution that guarantees freedom of religion and conscience, the news agency reported.

## Franciscan Sisters open 150th anniversary year

FRANKFORT, Illinois — A house walk at the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, Illinois, on Dec. 6 will mark the opening of the 150th anniversary of the congregation's founding in Germany. The sisters, who have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 1876, are inviting the public to St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd. in Frankfort, to meet the sisters, hear stories about their life and history, learn of their special peace and justice advocacies and tour the motherhouse.

The sisters serve in schools, hospitals, nursing homes and in various organizational, parish, diocesan, university and congregational positions. They offer spiritual formation, spiritual direction and retreats. In addition, they serve the poorest of poor in the Amazonian area in Brazil.

The sisters have had a special presence in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 139 years, serving at St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne; Immaculate Conception School, Ege; Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett; St. Joseph School, Garrett; Immaculate Conception School, Auburn; Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne; Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne; St. Bernard Parish, Wabash; University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne; St. Mary School, Avilla; and currently serve at Presence Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, and St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne. The congregation also sponsors Presence Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

## Charity-Fest benefits assisting those in need

FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne St. Vincent de Paul Society's fourth annual Charity-Fest was held on Oct. 3 at the USF Robert Goldstone Performing Arts Center. Over 300 people attended. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades provided the invocation.

The dinner-dance event included a live and silent auction and generated a profit of \$15,000. The society is grateful to all who donated financially or provided items for the live and silent auction. The \$15,000 profit has already been given away to the most in need conferences. The fifth Charity-Fest will be Oct. 1, 2016, at the USF Robert Goldstone Performing Arts Center.

## USF announces 2015 Christmas festivities

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has announced the schedule for its annual Christmas tradition of yuletide celebration, Christmas at USF.

Christmas at USF features events the first three weekends in December. Many are free, and all have free parking. An event schedule with details follows. More infor-

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## ST. ALOYSIUS SALUTES VETERANS, THOSE SERVING



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The 122<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing Honor Guard held a flag folding service before the Nov. 6 all-school Mass at St. Aloysius Church, Yoder. Students at St. Aloysius School invited veterans and active military personnel to the Mass and fellowship time. Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius, reminded all that the Eucharist means "thanksgiving" and offered thanks to the men and women who serve the country. The 122<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing is located near by the parish and many military personnel are parishioners.

mation is also available at [sf.edu/christmas](http://sf.edu/christmas).

Christmas in the Castle will allow visitors to tour historic Brookside, the former Bass mansion, and to see it specially decorated for Christmas by local florists and designers.

Christmas in the Castle: Friday, Dec. 4 — 4-6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5 — noon-5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 6 — noon-5 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 7 — 4-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 9 is Senior Day in the Castle (\$4 for senior citizens) — noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person, with a \$25 maximum for a family of six. Tickets must be purchased in the North Campus lobby on event days. Free parking and shuttles for those with mobility issues are available at the North Campus.

"Star of Bethlehem 2015," a planetarium show in USF's Schouweiler Planetarium, is a 90-minute program that follows the path of the Wise Men in 3 B.C., then views Fort Wayne's winter sky. Showtimes are Saturday, Dec. 5 — 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 6 — 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 9 — 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 11 — 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 — 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 13 — 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 18 — 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 19 — 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 20 — 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for visitors under 18 and senior citizens. A maximum of \$14 per family is charged. Parking

is available off Leesburg Road.

A Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the North Campus. The shopping bazaar offers high quality, fairly traded handicrafts of disadvantaged producers from all over the world. "Fair trade" means that producers earn a fair price, get access to credit and training and maintain long-term relationships with principled organizations.

USF students will perform Las Posadas at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 as they portray Mary, Joseph and St. Francis on a journey through the USF campus, re-creating Joseph and Mary's search for lodging. A traditional part of Mexican Christmas celebrations, posadas (meaning "shelter" or "inns") are held in Mexico on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from Dec. 16-24. The USF procession will begin at the Pope John Paul II Center clock tower and proceed through campus before ending on the shore of Mirror Lake to lead into the Living Nativity.

Lighting of the Lake will honor special loved ones on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Center amphitheater, in concert with the Living Nativity. As a symbol of Christmas, vigil lights will encircle part of Mirror Lake. Luminaries dedicated to loved ones can be purchased for the light display at \$10 each by calling 260-399-8037 by Dec. 4. The event is free.

A Living Nativity with children's petting zoo will take place Sunday, Dec. 6, with the petting zoo open from 5-5:45 p.m. and the Living Nativity at 6 p.m. in the amphitheater next to the Pope John Paul II Center. Members of the university community present a Living Nativity, which recalls the tradition of re-enacting the first Christmas, started in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi. The event is free, with parking off Leesburg Road.

Christmas at USF wraps up on Dec. 19 with a special event for 2015. "Cultural Christmas at USF: World Music with Chilean Roots" is a Christmas concert from visiting Chilean cultural group KelsiCote. Their original compositions are a gift of educational and cultural enrichment for the Fort Wayne community in this joyous season.

## The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival announces its 2016 season, audition dates

NOTRE DAME — The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival (NDSF) has announced the titles and audition dates for its upcoming 2016 summer season. In order to explore and celebrate Shakespeare's final plays, NDSF has selected two works that embody the playwright's voice at the close of his career. The 2016 season is named

"Shakespeare's Last Words" and will feature adventure, exhilaration and redemption.

The 2016 Professional Company production will present "The Tempest," and the 2016 Young Company, NDSF's free Shakespeare-in-the-park touring show, will present "Pericles, Prince of Tyre."

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will be holding open auditions on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival is seeking community and professional actors for "The Tempest" and undergraduate/graduate students for the Young Company. Young Company actors will be cast in both productions. Please prepare one classical monologue under two minutes in length. For more information and to schedule an audition time, contact [NDSFAuditions@nd.edu](mailto:NDSFAuditions@nd.edu).

Call 574-631-3777 or visit [shakespeare.nd.edu](http://shakespeare.nd.edu) to learn more about the 2016 Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival and other exciting programs by Shakespeare at Notre Dame.

## Ancilla College named a Military Friendly school, fourth year in a row

DONALDSON — Ancilla College has been designated as a 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds, and publisher of *G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse* magazines. This is the fourth consecutive year the small college near Plymouth has been named alongside major universities as a school that actively supports veterans and military family members in pursuit of a college education.

"Ancilla College is focused on students. We don't have a massive, impersonal campus. Classes have an average of 14 students, led by instructors who work directly with them. That's the kind of environment veterans can come back to school without getting lost in a sea of undergraduates at a larger institution," Ancilla's Vice President for Enrollment Management Eric Wignall said.

"Being Military Friendly, being supportive of veterans and their family members, is important to us. Most veterans earned educational benefits from their service that they don't use. The transition from military life to civilian can be jarring. At Ancilla, we make sure they know they've earned our respect and gratitude and they've also earned a place in our classrooms," Wignall said.

"Post-secondary institutions earning the 2016 Military Friendly School award have exceptionally strong programs for transitioning service members and spouses," said Daniel Nichols, chief product officer of Victory Media and a U.S. Navy Reserve veteran.

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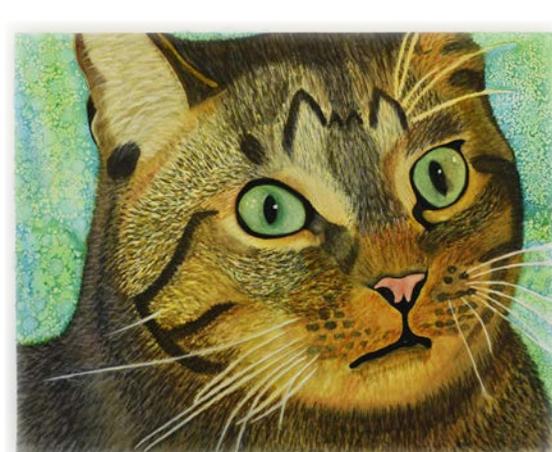
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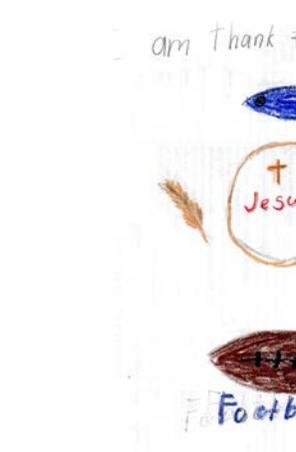
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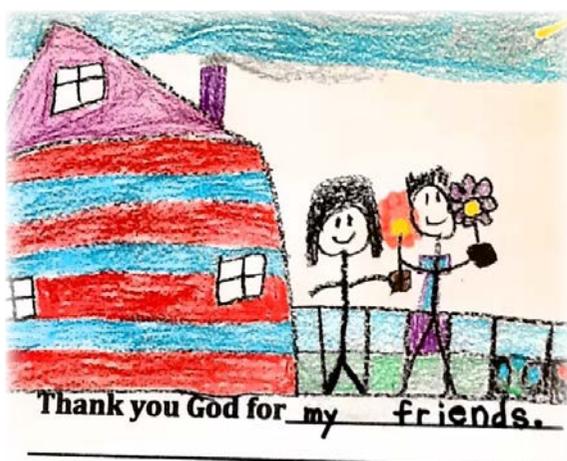
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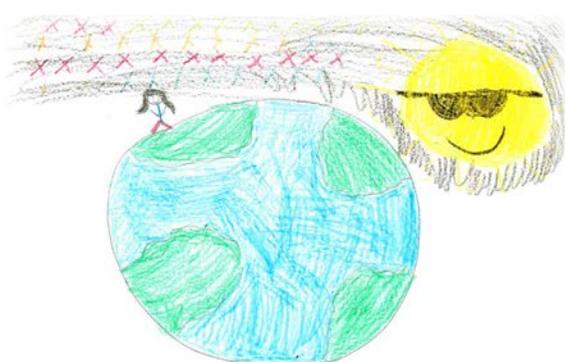
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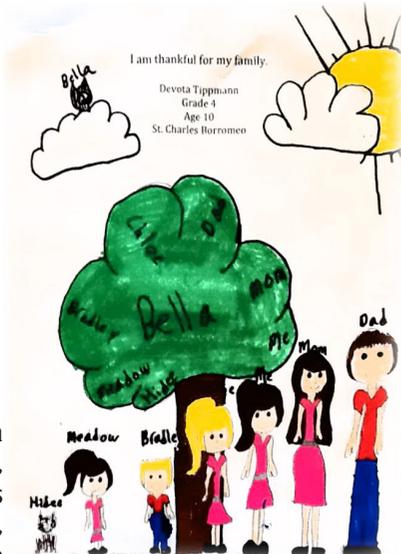
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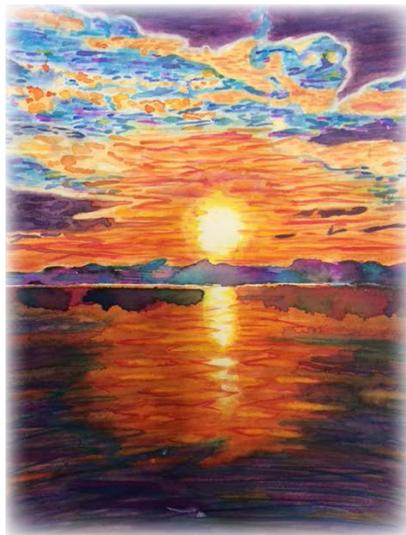
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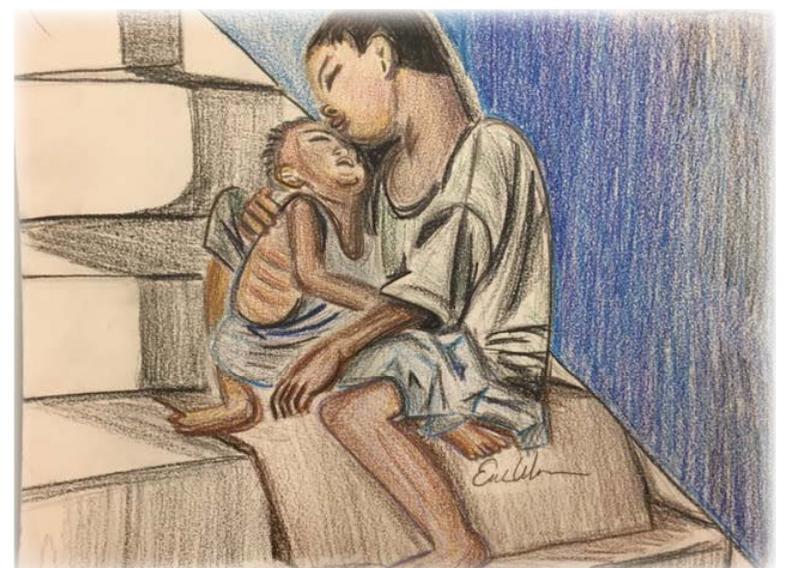
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## Learning from Mom's humility

Some people are naturally funny and good storytellers. I wish I were one of them. I have to speak in public often, and at times I have no choice but to wing it. I'm not funny or especially quick-witted, though. So when I'm called on to speak extemporaneously, it's a bit scary. I launch into sentences like a man walking down a blind alley, not knowing quite how he'll get out the other end.

Usually it works out. But the other day I drew a blank. I was trying to remember the name of a historian (Michael Burleigh, as it turns out) whose book I wanted to recommend. I ended up blowing my cheeks out like a goldfish out of water.

My first thought was that I looked like a dummy. My second thought — a much scarier one — was that maybe I was losing my fastball the same way my mother did.

Over the last 10 years of her life, Mom remained mentally keen, but she gradually lost the ability to speak. At first, her brain's proper noun file seemed to fail. Then, it was more common words.

For a few years, she had enough residual vocabulary to substitute equivalent phrases. When that didn't work, she could still make herself understood to us — we knew where her sentences were going and could finish them, much like smartphones do nowadays when you start typing an email or text message.

It had to be frightening for her. I remember having a

talk with her one night, a few years after Dad died, about her increasing difficulty with words. I told her how much I admired her grace in the circumstances.

What she had, and I don't, was humility. No one enjoyed laughing more than Mother did — even, or especially, when the joke was on her.

We have a famous family story about my brother's efforts to teach her to use an answering machine. The great thing about the machine, he explained, was that even when she was home, she could let it answer, and find out who was calling. If it was one of the kids, she could pick up. If it was a salesman, she could ignore it.

My brother then said, "OK, Mom, now hang up and I'll call you. Let it ring and the answering machine will pick up." She agreed. They both hung up. My brother called. Mother answered, "Hello?" They both started laughing. My brother explained again, "Don't pick up, Mom. Listen to the tape." Mother agreed. He called again. Mother answered, "Hello?"

She wasn't messing with him. She was just forgetting. Mother laughed so hard at her blunder that she could hardly breathe. She saw how funny her predicament was. With absolutely no sense of vanity, she could enjoy the joke as though it were on someone else.

People often try to project humility through self-deprecation — as I did at the beginning of this column. But fishing for compliments isn't real humility.



JOHN GARVEY

### INTELLECT AND VIRTUE

Real humility is going through life attaching no importance to oneself. The humble person can enjoy a genuine, hearty laugh at his own expense. He is not ashamed of his smallness or his shortcomings because he grasps and understands them.

Everyone can trust a person with that sort of humility, because his or her advice is entirely disinterested. Everyone feels comfortable around such a person. He is not demanding. He does not complain or seethe internally when others are inattentive to his sensibilities.

Next time I think about losing my fastball, I should wish — rather than worry — that I am becoming more like Mom.

John Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America.

## Companions for the journey

All of us learn from our friends and family. We get tips on restaurants, doctors, service providers or best places to get this and that. I just sent a request to a friend for her pickled cucumbers recipe, and I am looking at colorful origami cranes a Catholic Relief Services colleague taught me to make.

Beyond gaining knowledge and skills, I am also struck by how people can touch our lives with profound impact, at times helping us grow as a human being or as a person of faith.

At a dinner with a classmate I had not seen for over 40 years, I told her that I would like to pick up Spanish in my retirement, not so much to be fluent but to be able to sing along at bilingual Masses.

She shared that she has been teaching herself Spanish in the past few years since her son married a Panamanian woman whose first language is Spanish, even though she operates perfectly in English.

My classmate wants to be able to relate to her daughter-in-law's mother, who knows only Spanish, and to her grandson to encourage his dual heritage. Moreover, she told me that she is not self-conscious and will venture forth despite rudimentary vocabulary, sentence construction and pronunciation.

I was totally inspired by her commitment to know and engage her in-laws, her appreciation for the diverse ethnicity of her grandson, discipline in learning a new language and a desire so strong that overcomes our usual



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self-centered unease.

She taught me what it means to welcome a new member into the family and showed that yes, even at our age, we could pick up a new language.

Days later, I was told that a former colleague donated her kidney to someone she did not know. A friend of mine participated in a donation program for his nephew, and my brother underwent a kidney transplant. But I did not know any person who made it a priority to give a kidney to a stranger.

In fact, I was told it was on her bucket list. Then I wondered why more people don't think about organ donation as the ultimate statement of human bondedness.

At a reception soon after, I greeted an acquaintance who had cheered me on when I served as dean at the University of Notre Dame. Responding to the usual "How are you?" he spoke plainly and urgently of his current challenge.

Recent cancer treatments had damaged his only kidney (the other one being lost over 30 years

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## Christ the King belongs to us



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Christ the King Jn 18:33b-37

This weekend the Church concludes its year. In the preceding 12 months, the Church has taught us as we have gathered on the weekends about Jesus. It has taught us the Gospel of Jesus. Now, it ends the process by joyfully proclaiming Christ as king.

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel. Written about a time of great hardship and anxiety for God's people, Daniel summoned the faithful to steadfastness and hope. It urges trust in God, come what may.

Daniel also spoke of the faithful servant who is identified with the title, "Son of Man."

This servant, the Son of Man, lived through the hardships and perils endured by all the people. Yet, He triumphed. God, "the Ancient One," received Him and gave Him dominion, glory and kingship. The Son of Man's reign will never end. His kingship will never be destroyed.

For its second reading on this feast, the Church presents a passage from the Book of Revelation. Heavy with symbolism and reference to Old Testament figures and images, Revelation also is eloquent and powerful in its exaltation of God, the Lord Jesus and virtue.

This weekend's reading extols Jesus as "ruler of the kings of the earth." He is the Savior. He has made us a royal nation dedicated to God and to God's service. He reigns over all the earth, from a heavenly throne above the clouds.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. The reading comes from the fourth Gospel's impressive and extensive Passion Narrative. John's entire Gospel is superb both as literature and as divine revelation, but the Passion Narrative is especially

compelling.

This feast is one of two major liturgical events in which John's Passion Narrative is read. The other is the liturgy of Good Friday.

All four Gospels record the Lord's trial, passion and death in great detail. Each, however, has its particular emphasis.

John's particular insight is that Jesus was triumphant, standing before Caiaphas or Pilate, facing the mob, experiencing the horrors of Roman torture and finally dying on the cross. Not even the might of the empire could overwhelm the Lord. Not even the viciousness and evil of human sin could defeat Jesus.

Indeed, Jesus is king, as the Lord insisted to Pilate.

### Reflection

In these readings, the Church calls us to remember that Jesus is the king. He reigns over all. It is more than a mere acknowledgement of divine creation or of almighty power.

Jesus is king over evil, the worries and hardships of life,

the scheming of humans and, of course, over death itself. He prevails. He lives. All else comes and goes. His word prevails. If we bond ourselves to Jesus, truly in love and death, we too can rise above even death.

To give ourselves to Jesus, we need the strength of Jesus. We need not hopelessly yearn for this strength. The Lord offers us strength and peace uncompromisingly and in unlimited supply — if humbly we ask for it.

A heroine of the Second World War was the Netherlands Queen Wilhelmina, great-grandmother of the present Dutch monarch. She came to the throne when her father, King Willem III, died. She was only a child. Her mother, Queen Emma, Willem III's widow, became regent. She reigned until Wilhelmina was of age.

Queen Emma herself was very wise. Once, on a national holiday, she led Wilhelmina to the palace balcony. When the crowd below saw the little monarch, they cheered and sang. Wilhelmina was delighted.

Knowing that she was queen of the Netherlands, Wilhelmina asked, "Mommy, do all these people belong to me?" "No, dear," the queen-regent answered, "You belong to them."

The wonder of this great feast is that Christ the king belongs to us. He died for us. He gives us life.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5

Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 82-87 Lk 21:34-36

# Tear down this wall: Holy Year calls for human barriers to tumble down

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For a spiritual leader who denounces a world divided by walls, a Church shuttered by cliques and hearts hardened to compassion, opening wide the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy will be a significant and symbolic moment for Pope Francis.

In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation — the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus.

It also symbolizes an entryway to God's mercy — the ultimate and supreme act by which He comes to meet people. Mercy is "the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness," the pope wrote in "Misericordiae Vultus" ("The Face of Mercy"), instituting the Holy Year of Mercy.

Doors have always had a special meaning for the Catholic Church, according to the late-Cardinal Virgilio Noe, the former archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica.

"The door of a church marks the divide between the sacred and profane, separating the church's interior from the outside world. It is the boundary defining welcome and exclusion," he wrote in the book, "The Holy Door in St. Peter's" in 1999.

The door is also a symbol of Mary — the mother, the dwelling of the Lord — and she, too, always has open arms and is ready to welcome the children of God home. Pope Francis was scheduled to open the door Dec. 8, the feast of Mary's immaculate conception.

But the door especially represents Christ Himself — the one and only way to eternal life. As Jesus said, according to the Gospel of John (10:9), "I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

The Holy Year traditionally begins with the opening of the Holy Door to represent a renewed opportunity to encounter or grow closer to Jesus, who calls everyone to redemption.

Jesus knocks on everyone's door; He yearns to accompany

and nourish everyone. "If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me," the Book of Revelation quotes Him as saying.

But doors are also narrow, Cardinal Noe wrote, and people must stoop with humility and "be brought down to size by conversion" in order to be "fit" for eternal life.

That is why passing through a Holy Door is part of a longer process of sacrifice and conversion required for receiving an indulgence granted during a Holy Year. A plenary indulgence, the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, is offered for pilgrims who also fulfill certain other conditions: reception of the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist, visits and prayers for the intention of the pope and performing simple acts such as visiting the sick.

This spiritual process of encounter and conversion is made tangible in the elaborate rituals developed over time for the opening of the Holy Door.

The symbolic ceremony of opening a Holy Door came more than a century after the first Holy Year was proclaimed in 1300.

Pope Martin V, in 1423, opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. John Lateran for the first time for a jubilee. Next, Pope Alexander VI called for all four Holy Doors in Rome to be opened at Christmas in 1499 for the Jubilee of 1500.

Starting in the 16th century, the ceremony to open the door in St. Peter's Basilica included the pope reciting verses from the Psalms and striking the wall covering the Holy Door with a silver hammer three times.

Masons completed the task of dismantling the brick and mortared wall, which represents the difficulty and great effort required to overcome the barrier of sin and to open the path to holiness.

Some have found meaning in the fact that Jesus had five wounds and St. Peter's Basilica has five doors. Opening the Holy Door recalls the piercing of Jesus' side from which poured

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forth blood and water, the source of regeneration for humanity. The Holy Door of St. Peter's, in fact, is decorated with 16 bronze panels depicting the story of Jesus, in His mercy, seeking His lost sheep.

The symbolism of the hammer in the hands of the pope represents the power and jurisdiction God gives him to cast away the stones of sin, chink open hardened hearts and break down walls separating humanity from God.

The removal of the wall also conjures up pulling away the stone that sealed the tomb of Lazarus, whom Jesus resurrected from the dead.

For the closing of the door at the end of the Holy Year, the traditional rite included the pope blessing and spreading the mortar with a special trowel and setting three bricks for the start of a new wall — a symbol of the spiritual rebuilding of the Lord's house as well as the ever-present human temptation to put up new barriers against God with sin.

While there have been some changes to those ceremonies over time, the Holy Door is always a reminder that because of God's mercy, any obstacles can always be removed, and the door to hope and forgiveness is always there waiting.

We became good friends in the years hence. A few days ago at her kitchen while chopping vegetables, she declared, "Carolyn, I have figured something out: It is not enough to work on me getting to heaven, we have to work on everyone getting to heaven."

Boy, I have been haunted by her first statement, and now she has again raised the bar.

For the celebration of all saints, let us remember how every one of us, by the way we live, is the mirror of the goodness in which God created us.

We can make this goodness

real and accessible, and inspire one another to live this out. Let us be companions on our journey to heaven.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 22, 2015

Revelation 1: 5-8; John 18: 33b-37

Following is a word search based on the Second and Gospel readings for the Feast of Christ the King, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CHRIST	FAITHFUL	WITNESS
RULER	WHO LOVES US	FREED US
BLOOD	MADE US	GLORY
BEHOLD	PIERCED	AMEN
PILATE	KING	JEWS
ANSWERED	YOUR OWN	OTHERS
NATION	EVERYONE	MY VOICE

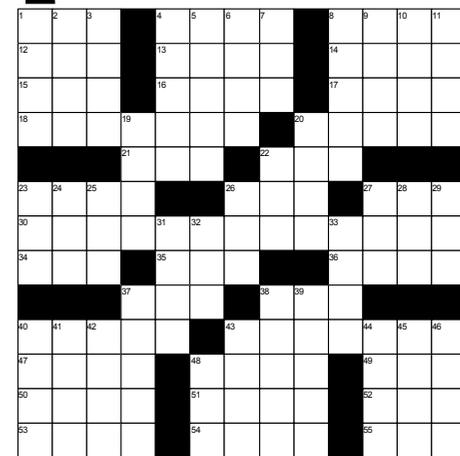
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## The CrossWord

November 22 and 29, 2015



Based on readings: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 & Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

### ACROSS

- 1 Brew
- 4 Car horn sound
- 8 Hit
- 12 Alluring
- 13 Minor royalty
- 14 Gentle
- 15 "\_\_\_ Maria"
- 16 Wear
- 17 Past
- 18 Rulers like Herod
- 20 Ritzy
- 21 Expression
- 22 Farewell
- 23 Cogged wheel
- 26 Benjamin abbr.
- 27 Resort hotel

- 30 Running water energy
- 34 Proof ending
- 35 Tangle
- 36 Jesus freed us from our \_\_\_
- 37 Dental admission test
- 38 Accountant
- 40 Eve was first
- 43 Lazarus was one
- 47 Tel \_\_\_ (Israel's capital)
- 48 Flux
- 49 Flightless bird
- 50 Painter of St. John of the Cross
- 51 Nativity Evangelist

- 52 Chinese cooking pan
- 53 Sleigh
- 54 Russia
- 55 Compass point

### DOWN

- 1 An oaf (2 wds)
- 2 "Abound in \_\_\_"
- 3 Sight organs
- 4 Confuse
- 5 "Kings of the \_\_\_"
- 6 Time periods
- 7 Layer
- 8 Harriet Beecher \_\_\_
- 9 Molten rock
- 10 "Yes. \_\_\_"
- 11 Fringe benefit
- 19 Tuned engine sound
- 20 In \_\_\_ (together)
- 22 Pope Urban VIII symbol
- 23 Military headquarters
- 24 Shall see Christ's coming
- 25 Sum
- 26 Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- 27 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 28 Metal fastener
- 29 Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 31 Asian nation
- 32 Adam did with apple
- 33 Russian king
- 37 A just shoot for \_\_\_
- 38 Chefs
- 39 "All glory and \_\_\_"
- 40 Gobs
- 41 Egg-shape
- 42 5,280 feet
- 43 Positive
- 44 Cat cries
- 45 Sycamore prophet
- 46 Use a microwave
- 48 Sudden illness

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ago), and his wife and children did not match his blood type of "O." I noted that mine is also "O."

About two years ago when visiting with a CRS donor, I asked her what she plans to do when she retires from a very distinguished career. With seriousness and a twinkle in her eyes, she stated, "I want to do what will get me to heaven."

Answer Key can be found on page 15.

# Sports

**DIOCESAN TEAMS HEAD TO SEMISTATE ROUNDS** Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High Saints will take on the Saint Joseph High School Indians for the semi-state Class 4-A crown Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Saint Joseph in South Bend. Another diocesan football legacy, the Mishawaka Marian Knights will play the West Lafayette Red Devils for the semi-state Class 3-A title at Marian High School in Mishawaka at 7:30 p.m. In ladies' volleyball regionals, Saint Joseph High School beat Maconaquah High School, 3-0, to take the regional title.

## Sportsmanship taught by living example

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — As cold weather approaches, the athletes, coaches and parents of the Inter-City Catholic League move into local cracker box gyms and contained venues. For the league, the outdoor voices that should be checked with the winter coats often invade these echoing locations and bring with them the most feared villain of any organization that caters to youth development — the lack of sportsmanship.

"We have always strived to provide a positive environment for our athletes," beckoned ICCL President Tony Violi. "Sometimes it's a very difficult task, but it's a value that is the cornerstone to our faith."

"Our coaches have the ability to use our league as a teaching platform, not only for developing basketball players but better people," explained ICCL Director of "B" Team Basketball Tyler Dendy. "We ask all of the coaches and parents to embrace our mission and be positive and supportive to all the participants, including the opponents."

"The gift of coaching young men in athletics also crosses over to living our faith as Catholics," expressed Dendy. "If we stay within our doctrine it directly

flows into sportsmanship."

Coach John Wooden was often quoted as saying, "Sports does not build character. They reveal it."

"Sportsmanship comes from within. It takes common sense and a focus on what the real meaning of what youth athletics is all about," remarked Violi. "Our league has developed contracts for coaches, players and parents to have all three work together as it pertains to sportsmanship and Christian values."

"The directives are pretty simple. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win, and I will demonstrate the Christian values of self-restraint, fair play and sportsmanship in my treatment of others at every game, practice sessions or other ICCL events," exclaimed Violi. "It's about reflecting and understanding that no one is perfect and when we are at events we ourselves can teach through example."

"One man practicing sportsmanship is better than 50 preaching it," said Knute Rockne.

"Positive example doesn't stop at the coaches in our league. It must, and I mean must, be displayed by our parents for it to translate to our kids," added Dendy, who also teaches at Christ the King School. "The players are constantly looking to see what

behavior is acceptable and the crowds have a huge effect on how the players react to situations on the court and outside the gym."

"Some of our parishes have adopted the "Play Like a Champion" approach as it relates to sportsmanship and it's another tool that rings the league's sentiments as it relates to our mission," explained Violi. "Everything we can do to bring a friendly and nurturing environment helps."

"Unfortunately, signing a contract and attending classes doesn't ensure that there won't be hiccups along the way," stressed Violi. "It takes everyone, every event working together to set the example needed to develop our youth into tomorrow's leaders."

The ICCL starts all contests with a prayer to St. Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes, and often it is the children that stand upfront and lead others in the devotion.

"God our Father, help us to put forth our best effort, to represent our school with class, to respect our opponents, and to grow as disciples of Your Son, Jesus. Keep us safe from injury and harm through the intercession of Our Lady, the mother of Your Son and our mother, too. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen."

## BOYS TENNIS TEAM HONORED



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the Bishop Luers boys tennis team earned All-SAC honors at the annual SAC boys' tennis banquet. Luers finished in second place overall as a team, dropping just one match in conference play this season.



Abortion-free after 42 years!

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The past week was the first time in 42 years that the Diocese was without an abortion clinic.

The same abortionist who has performed tens of thousands of abortions in Northern Indiana did not perform any abortions last week. This is certainly progress for the culture of life, but this accomplishment is only temporary.

Join our prayer, **THE HOLY INNOCENTS NOVENA**, a perpetual adoration novena **November 24<sup>th</sup> thru December 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the permanent closure of this clinic and the revocation of the abortionist's license when he is before the Medical Board on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Sign-up at [www.divinemercurforlife.com](http://www.divinemercurforlife.com) and see the results of the last two novenas, stop by the Chapel, or call/text (574) 286-7850.



**Divine Mercy Chapel**  
**THE LIFE CENTER**  
**2018 Ironwood Circle**  
**South Bend, IN 46635**

The **APOSTOLATE** is a canonical association established to buy the building next to the abortion clinic to house pro-life ministries. Go to [www.divinemercurforlife.com](http://www.divinemercurforlife.com) for the founding documents. Besides the Chapel, the pro-life ministries include an adoption agency and TLC Advocates who animate Divine Mercy reaching-out to the mothers on the abortionist's doorstep, tallying 102 saves to date.

The TLC Advocates also filed the informed consent complaints against the abortionist that led to his license revocation. Go to [www.divinemercurforlife.com](http://www.divinemercurforlife.com) for the full story and write [sullyatlaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sullyatlaw@sbcglobal.net) for more info.



TLC Advocate and one of the babies

## CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORS THE DECEASED OF ST. GASPAR



MARY AREND

St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish in Rome City recently honored the memory of the deceased loved ones at a candle lighting memorial service. The parish is encouraging prayer for loved ones and also for those who have no one to pray for them. Prayer for the deceased is encouraged in November.

# Bishops, in draft statement, call pornography 'mortal sin'

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A draft statement on pornography to be considered for approval by the U.S. bishops at their Nov. 16-19 fall general meeting in Baltimore calls pornography “mortal sin” and urges Catholics to turn away from it.

“Producing or using pornography is a mortal sin that needs to be confessed in order for the person to receive God’s forgiveness,” says the draft version of “Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography.” “Those who produce and distribute pornography harm the common good by encouraging and even causing others to sin,” it says.

The proposed statement, prepared by the bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, adds, “There are many victims of pornography. ... All child pornography is automatically trafficking and a crime, because it involves the sexual exploitation of a minor for commercial gain and it is against the child’s will due to the inability to give consent.”

It noted, “Many people struggle with pornography use, including faithful Catholics, people of faith, people of no faith, married and single people, fathers and mothers, the young and the old, clergy and those in consecrated life.”

The proposed statement requires two-thirds approval by bishops to be accepted. It was scheduled for a vote Nov. 17.

In presenting the document to the bishops Nov. 16, the first day of their annual fall general meeting in Baltimore, Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, chairman of the committee that prepared it, described pornography as a “dark shadow in our world today.”

He said that it is a “particularly sinister instance of consumption” whereby men, women and children “are consumed for the pleasure of others.”

Bishop Malone noted that the statement, which has been in the works for three years, is “purposely comprehensive” but can by no means address the entire issue. Instead, he said, it should be seen as more of a “launch pad” promoting further discussion and resources to help those harmed by pornography.

He said Pope Francis has urged the U.S. bishops to seek out and heal wounds and the pornography document provides a means to do that.

Using the penitential Psalm 51 for both the title and as a recurring motif throughout the proposed statement, it says in its introduction, “We have seen the corrosive damage caused by pornography: children whose innocence is stolen; men and women who feel great guilt and shame for viewing pornography occasionally or habitually; spouses who feel betrayed and traumatized; and men, women and children exploited by the pornography industry.”

Although U.S. courts have had

difficulty in defining pornography, the proposed statement borrows from the Catechism of the Catholic Church to define it: “removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties.”

“It encompasses what is sometimes distinguished as ‘soft’ and ‘hard-core’ pornography,” the proposed statement adds. “This is an artificial divide; all pornography is harmful and wrong, while the effects on a person may vary on the intensity of the content. Pornography is not art.”

It says, “Pornography can never be justified, even within marriage.”

The proposed statement also links pornography to other sins, “especially masturbation. Masturbation, which is deliberate, erotic stimulation often to the point of orgasm, commonly occurs together with pornography use. While our culture largely sees it as acceptable, masturbation is always gravely contrary to chastity and the dignity of one’s body.”

It noted pornography’s pervasiveness: “Erotic, oversexualized, and pornographic images are more present in American society than ever before. ... Mainstream entertainment itself has become hypersexualized. Novels that at one time would have been classified as ‘erotica’ are mainstream, to say nothing of the overtly sexual romance novel genre.”

The proposed statement calls

pornography “an industry of sin.” “Pornography is a big business. Estimates of revenue stretch easily into the billions of dollars every year. The pornography industry is aggressive, savvy and regulated only sporadically,” it said. “Other business, such as hotel chains, cable companies and drugstores, profit greatly from the widespread use of pornography and contribute to its accessibility.”

That pervasiveness leads to negative effects on people and society, according to the proposed statement.

“Men are particularly susceptible to pornography because the male brain is strongly drawn to sexual images, a kind of ‘visual magnetism’ aggressively exploited by the pornography industry,” it says, adding it can lead to addiction. Women “use pornography for similar reasons as men,” it says, and are told wrongly that “using pornography is liberating for them.”

“Viewing pornography, usually combined with masturbation, directly affects the brain’s reward pathways and has been noted to have a similar effect on the brain as cocaine does on a person with a drug addiction or as alcohol on a person with an alcohol addiction,” it says. “The moral culpability of an addicted person may be lessened depending on the circumstances, but the situation is particularly grave.”

Pornography filters down to younger people, accounting for the rise of “sexting,” sexually explicit text messages “associated with

other risky sexual behaviors,” the proposed statement says, including “greater risk of getting pregnant as a teenager — or impregnating someone — or contracting an STI,” a sexually transmitted infection.

In one section of the 35-page text, those who use pornography are urged to turn away from it and to recommit their lives to Christ.

To those who produce pornography, the proposed statement says, “The Lord, in His great mercy and justice, is calling you to turn away from your sins and follow Him,” adding, “If you are also — or have been — engaged in criminal exploitation, we urge you to report your action and to hand yourself over to civil authorities. God can use your previous mistakes to help others.”

It tells men and women who use pornography to “ask for forgiveness. Many good people struggle with this sin. You are not alone; there is always hope! ... Freedom from pornography is a daily choice and calls for ongoing formation.”

The proposed statement advises those harmed by their spouse’s pornography use to “seek solace in prayer, in receiving the sacraments and in Eucharistic Adoration.”

While “anger at your spouse is natural and often justified,” it makes a suggestion to “set clear boundaries if possible, such as installing an online monitoring program, clearing the home of any pornography, taking care of your own health and refusing to be used as an excuse for your spouse’s pornography use.”

## St. Augustine community explores breaking the school to prison pipeline

BY DEACON MEL TARDY

SOUTH BEND — Roughly 50 people of different faiths and racial backgrounds gathered at St. Augustine for “Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline: What Faith-Based Organizations and People Can Do.” The event was hosted by St. Augustine Catholic Church and Community for Peace and Nonviolence on Nov. 14 in recognition of Black Catholic History Month.

The program included a welcome and spiritual reflection by Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Parish, an introductory video and speakers including Regina Williams-Preston, an educator with South Bend Community School Corporation, and teen panelists Cameronn Teague, Ellie Lora, Lee Harris and Blu Casey.

The “school-to-prison pipeline” refers to policies and practices that, in effect, result in schoolchildren — especially African Americans and those most at-risk — being pushed out of classrooms and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Some suggestions for faith-based organizations and people pro-



DEACON MEL TARDY

posed during the group discussion were restorative justice and character formation; diversity, inclusion, and cultural competency training; mentoring relationships; after-school programs; partnering with parents and with disability advocates like IN\*SOURCE, improved school materials and resources; and prayer.

## ST. THOMAS BRIDGES THE GENERATIONS WITH FALL FEST



HOLLY HICKMAN

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart enjoyed a fall festival following Grandparents Day on Oct. 16. Attendees were treated to games, hair painting, balloon twisting, inflatables, magic show and the chance to win an amazing raffle basket provided by various classrooms. The new St. Thomas tradition started by Father Jason Freiburger of a priest vs. principal race down the largest inflatable slide continued. The new principal Annette Mitchell gave Father Freiburger a run for his money.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**WHAT'S HAPPENING** carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

**"Not Your Grandma's Bazaar"**  
Churubusco — The Rosary Society of St. John Bosco Church, 216 N. Main St., will host a craft bazaar on Friday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Freshly baked cinnamon rolls and coffee offered in the morning and homemade soup, sandwich and dessert served all afternoon. Handmade crafts, hand rolled noodles and homemade baked goods. A raffle for the chance to win a handmade quilt and other great prizes is planned.

**Card party and euchre tournament**  
Yoder — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus will have a card party and euchre tournament Saturday, Nov. 21, in the school basement. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tournament fee is \$5. Free will offering for food and beverages. Call 260-638-4882 for information.

**Charity breakfast planned**  
Decatur — The Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council 864 will have a charity breakfast Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion at 1703 High St. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Freewill donation. Proceeds benefit Gibault Children's Services, The Hope Clinic and Days for Girls.

**Bach Collegium plans sing-along Messiah**  
Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium will have a "Messiah" sing along Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at Queen of Angels Church, 1500 W. State Blvd. \$5 fee. Scores provided if needed. An assortment of holiday cookies will be offered following the performance.

**Turkeys needed!**  
Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center needs 1,800 turkeys by Tuesday, Nov. 24. Drop-off sites are the thrift store at 925 E. Coliseum Blvd.; The office at 1015 Maple Grove; or the Arlington Park Clubhouse at 4630 W. Arlington Park Blvd. For more information call 260-744-3977.

**Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Pius X Granger** — An Advent Lessons and Carols service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the church, 52553 Fir Rd. This service will include Advent readings, Advent carols and choral pieces by the Sunday morning

and evening choirs, adult handbell choir and instruments.

**Day of Reflection**  
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at Our Lady of Angels Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "An Excursion through the Scriptures of Advent." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 27 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

**Fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner**  
Huntington — Ss. Peter and Paul Church will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner by Dan's on Friday, Nov. 20, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Rieder Auditorium. Carry-out will be available. Advanced ticket sales are available after Masses or at the church rectory during office hours. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and children 5 and under free. Tickets at the door are \$8.50 for adults.

**Bishop Luers High School announces fall activities**  
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers Turkey Trot will be Sunday, Nov. 22, from 6-10 p.m. at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale or \$30 at the door. Visit [www.bishopluers.org/athletics](http://www.bishopluers.org/athletics) for tickets and information.

**Holiday bazaar**  
Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft items, bake sale and lunch will be offered.

**Turkey Bingo scheduled**  
Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will have Turkey Bingo Sunday, Nov. 22. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Pizza by the slice and homemade baked goods will be offered.

**Craft sale and chili cook-off**  
Garrett — St. Joseph School will have a craft sale Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A chili cook-off will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.stjosephgarrett.org](http://www.stjosephgarrett.org) for information.

**Chili challenge between the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society**  
New Haven — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a chili

challenge on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 3-6:30 p.m. at the church. Admission of \$5 receives unlimited tasting, and 10 oz. to go.

**'Abortion, Healing and Forgiveness' topic of upcoming pro-life talk**  
South Bend — The diocesan Black Catholic Advisory Board and the Tolton Society of St. Augustine Church invite all to "Abortion, Healing and Forgiveness: A Conversation with Sally Thompson," at St. Augustine Church on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event includes brunch and is open to all regardless of race, religion, etc. For more information, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/DBC](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/DBC).

**Ham and turkey dinner**  
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a ham and turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$9 for adults and carry-out orders, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children 4 and under free.

**Pierogis on sale to purchase boiler**  
South Bend — St. Stanislaus

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**Clear Lake**  
Edward G. McArdle, Jr., 73, St. Paul Chapel

Randall Wayne Guise, 82, St. Paul Chapel

**Fort Wayne**  
William S. Terry Coonan, 95, St. Vincent de Paul

Francis Xavier Till, 91, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Ann Cirullo, 58, St. Charles

Charles A. Savitskas, 69, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Jose Gavino Razo-Rodriguez, 18, St. Joseph

Richard Eykholt, 87, St. Henry

Lucile C. Reinking Bunt, 98, Our Lady of Good Hope

**Granger**  
Helen Nagy Marvel Wilfing, 93, St. Pius X

**Mishawaka**  
Thomas A. Bogucki, 72, Queen of Peace

**Monroeville**  
Loretta Mary Wagner, 102, St. Rose

**Notre Dame**  
Sister Pamela Welch, CSC, 61, Church of Loretto

**South Bend**  
Alexis T. Cholis, 99, St. Anthony de Padua

Dr. Edward A. Kline, 82, St. Matthew Cathedral

Joseph Myszak, 93, St. Patrick

Edward Sullivan, 80, St. Joseph

Andre Buchanan, 81, St. Augustine

Parish is selling Starlite Pizza Pierogis to benefit the purchase of a new boiler. All orders must be turned in by Nov. 22. Cost is \$10 for three. Call 574-289-6954.

**Registration begins for classes at Adult Learning Center**  
Fort Wayne — The Adult Learning Center at St. Joseph Parish, is offering free classes in Spanish, citizenship, ESL, computer skills (English and Spanish), faith formation and more. The classes will begin Jan. 12. Registration dates are Nov. 10-12. The Adult Learning Center is made possible by Our Sunday Visitor. For more information, contact Adalys Reyes, program director, at [areyes@saintjosephfw.org](mailto:areyes@saintjosephfw.org) or call 260-432-5113, ext. 355.

**Holiday bazaar announced**  
South Bend — The Corpus Christi holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday Nov. 21 at school, 2822 Corpus Christi Dr., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Second-grade student Quinn Buchan became “Principal for the Day” for St. Joseph School in Decatur on Nov. 5. Her day included Mass in the school auditorium, visiting each classroom, reviewing security camera footage, sending a few emails and negotiating with Father David Voors, pastor of St. Mary Parish, a “Free Dress Day” for teachers. Her final actions for the day were to give each teacher a pumpkin spice cupcake as a reward for their hard work.



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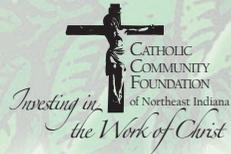
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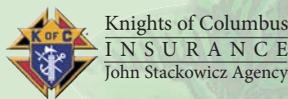
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