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Fort Wayne pro-life community rallies for the gift of life



Joe Romie

Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus lead the 43rd annual March for Life on Saturday, Jan. 16. The ecumenical event is sponsored by the Allen County Right to Life and is a peaceful protest to the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion across the country through all nine months of pregnancy. Over 1,000 attended the rally at USF Performing Arts Center where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offered the opening prayer. After the rally, the march traversed through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne and ended at the E. Ross Adair Federal Building where representatives from "Silent No More" spoke.

Bishop Rhoades visits Huntington Catholic School

BY KAY COZAD AND TIM JOHNSON

HUNTINGTON — Huntington Catholic School is a bustling academic community located in two buildings in the heart of Huntington. The primary building on Cherry St. houses grades pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, while students in grades 5-8 are educated in the middle school building on Warren St.

Principal Jason Woolard oversees a dedicated staff of 11 full-time teachers, three part-time teachers, 14 staff members that include secretaries, library and aides, all of whom collaborate to educate a student body of 136 students.

Principal Woolard, a 12-year administrative veteran at the school, believes his small school offers an exceptional environment both academically and religiously. He said, "We have a top-flight student

council that plans many activities to improve the climate of the school for the students and provide service opportunities locally and abroad. ... The students who have attended our school and graduated from here have been catechized thoroughly and are prepared for their high school religion courses."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was shown first-hand the strong catechesis offered at Huntington Catholic when he made a pastoral visit to the school on Wednesday, Jan. 13, his first visit to Huntington Catholic School.

The date is a very special date for Bishop Rhoades. On Jan. 13, 2010, he was installed Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"I thought where would I like to celebrate my anniversary?" Bishop Rhoades noted in his opening

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Living as the Body of Christ

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

One of my favorite images or metaphors of the Church is that of the Church as the *Body of Christ*. Saint Paul has given us this image. He writes about the Church as the Body of Christ in his first letter to the Corinthians, particularly in chapter 12, which we will hear in the second reading at Mass this coming Sunday. The reading begins:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

This is a new image that Saint Paul uses. It is not found in the Old Testament. Paul is highlighting the unity of the Church within the multiplicity of members. As he writes also to the Romans: *We, though many, are one body in Christ* (12:5).

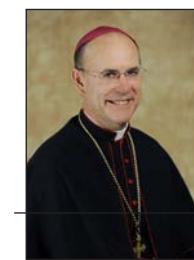
We are the members of the Body of Christ. We are united among ourselves in virtue of our union with Christ, who is the head of the body. Our unity as members of the Church, our unity with one another, comes from Christ. We are brothers and sisters of different races, languages, and ethnicities, yet we are one because we have drunk, as Saint Paul says, of one Spirit. As head, Christ has filled the body with His divine life. He is the principle and source of our communion in love.

It is important to remember these profound truths when there are disagreements or divisions in the Church, whether in parishes or other communities. We must always turn to Christ our head, the source of our unity. There were divisions and factions within the Christian community of Corinth. I imagine that is why Saint Paul came up with the image of the Church as the body of Christ, to teach the divided Christians to forsake their cliques. He called them to unity as one body in Christ.

In our parishes and in our diocese, we must always be conscious of our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ and our unity in faith and mission. We must also be conscious of our unity within the universal Church. This week, I will be in Haiti with Catholic Relief Services as a member of the governing board of CRS. I look forward to visiting with our brothers and sisters who suffer extreme poverty in that poorest country of the Western hemisphere. The Church in Haiti and the Church in the United States are part of the one Body of Christ.

I will always remember that the first decision I made as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend was to take up the collection for the victims of the terrible earthquake in Haiti six years ago. It occurred on January 12, 2010, the day before I was installed as bishop here. It was a devastating disaster in which over 100,000 people were killed and over 1 million people left homeless. The country was in ruins. One of the purposes of our visit to Haiti this week is to see the many works of CRS in rebuilding homes and communities there.

Back to the special collection in January



Provided by Catholic Relief Services

St. Francois de Sales Hospital celebrated its reopening at its original site in the heart of downtown Port-au-Prince in 2015, five years after the devastating earthquake. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be visiting the hospital during his visit to Haiti this week. The rebuilding has transformed one of the country's oldest Catholic hospitals into a modern teaching facility that will train medical professionals and serve as a model for providing quality care to the poor around the country. "The new St. Francois de Sales Hospital is more than a first-rate medical facility," said Carolyn Woo, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which was instrumental in the rebuilding. "It will also be an important part of the future of medicine in Haiti through its training mission even as it provides the quality healthcare the poor of this country need and deserve."

2010: I remember how edified I was to see the generosity of the people of my new diocese, your generosity — over ½ million dollars was collected here in our diocese that weekend to support the humanitarian work of CRS in the aftermath of the earthquake. This reminds me of the words of Saint Paul concerning the Church as the body of Christ: *If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.* I think today of the suffering Church in the Middle East. The persecuted Christians of Iraq and Syria, many of whom are refugees, are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their suffering must be our suffering. We are called to compassion for them, to pray for these suffering members of the Body of Christ and to assist them, as we are also doing through the work of Catholic Relief Services.

The Church is a living organism like the human body with various parts that carry out various functions. All are necessary. We have bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity. Together we are the Body of Christ with all our different gifts and charisms.

Pope Pius XII used the phrase "Mystical Body of Christ", a beautiful expression that emphasizes the spiritual life of the Church. What keeps and holds us together? The Holy Spirit! The Second Vatican Council taught: *By communicating His Spirit, Christ made His brothers and sisters, called together from all nations, mystically the components of His own body* (*Lumen Gentium* 7). We are held together by the Holy Spirit poured out upon us by Christ our Head. The Spirit builds us up

in love.

My episcopal motto *Truth in Charity* comes from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians and is related to this theme of the Church as the Body of Christ. Saint Paul exhorts us to live the truth in love. He writes: *Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him who is the head, Christ* (Eph 4:15). This is a question to ask ourselves often: are we living the truth in love? Do we practice what we teach? Are we growing into the full stature of Christ?

When we reflect on this concept of the Church as the Body of Christ, we also recognize with Saint Paul the close connection of this idea with the Eucharist. The Church really becomes the Body of Christ in the Eucharist where we receive His Body and become His Body. We receive the true Body of Christ in a sacramental way in the Eucharist under the appearance of bread. Doing so, we are spiritually united to our head and to all the members of the Body. Thus we become one Body in Christ. This is why we can say that the Eucharist makes or builds the Church. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that the Eucharist is the sacrament of the unity of the Church. It is the apex of the Church's life.

With these reflections, I invite you to think more deeply about the Church's identity as more than a social group or organization. It is the Body of Christ. May the Lord help us to be His Body, the place where His love is manifest in the world!

Father Paul Miller, eldest priest, dies

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Father Paul D. Miller, the oldest living priest in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died Jan. 13. He was 99.

Father Miller was born one of the 12 children of Ira and Mary (McNulty) Miller on Oct. 4, 1916, in Huntington where he attended grade school at St. Mary's. After his graduation from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer in 1938, he went on to St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, to study for the Priesthood. He was ordained to the Priesthood on June 3, 1944, by Bishop John F. Noll at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The young priest's first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish in East Chicago. Subsequently he served as assistant pastor at St. Paul Church, Valparaiso, 1953; Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, 1953-1956; St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven, 1956; and St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart, 1956.

In 1963, Father Miller was appointed pastor of St. Patrick Church, Lagro, and St. Robert Bellarmine Mission Church, North Manchester. Subsequently, he served as pastor at St. Michael Church, Waterloo, 1963-1970; St. Rose of Lima Church,



FATHER PAUL MILLER

Monroeville, 1970-1972; and St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven, 1972-1978. In 1978, Father Miller was appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Monroeville. He also served as spiritual director of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima and was a member of the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus and served on the Diocesan Liturgical Committee and Deanery Master of Ceremonies.

In 1988, Father Miller, already in his 70s, served as associate pastor of Holy Family, South Bend, where Msgr. Bernard Galic was pastor. Even after his retirement at age 75 Father Miller remained at Holy family to serve the people. Of his associate, Msgr. Galic said, "He was ready to help. He didn't enjoy doing nothing."

Father Miller was noted as an

admirer of classical music and opera and owned a collection of tapes and CDs that "would rival any shop" said Msgr. Galic, adding, "He had them all cataloged and could put his finger on any one of them. ... He knew all the opera scores in Italian."

Of his priestly service at Holy Family Parish, Msgr. Galic noted, "I think he was most comfortable being with the senior citizens."

Following his over 40 years of devoted service as priest in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend he retired in 1992.

A member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Father Miller had been a resident at Saint Anne Communities, Fort Wayne.

Father Miller is survived by sisters Genevieve Kasper of Columbia City, Pat Hay, Huntington, and Helen Martin, Modesto, California, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert, James, William and Edward and sisters, Ann Berger, Jeanne Young, Francis Bonewitz and Marguerite Hyser.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on Jan. 18 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. — Ecumenical Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute Committee, Detroit, Michigan
- Thursday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw
- Saturday, Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. — Mass at Campus Ministry Intercollegiate Retreat, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

Ecumenical Evensong in Fort Wayne on Jan. 24

All are invited to celebrate the Week of Christian Unity by participating in an ecumenical Evensong (the sung office of Evening Prayer in the Anglican tradition) at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, in Trinity Episcopal Church at 611 West Berry St. in downtown Fort Wayne. Parking is available behind the church and is easily accessible from Wayne Street.

The Right Rev. Edward Stuart Little, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, will be the officiant at the service. The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will preach. Clergy from local Christian denominations have been invited as well.



The Conversion of St. Paul

The liturgy will observe the Eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and music will be led by combined choirs from Trinity Episcopal Church and the Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Rhoades greets residents of Saint Anne Communities



Jerry Kessens

After celebrating Mass at Saint Anne Communities on Randallia Drive in Fort Wayne on Jan. 17, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Peg Karst. Saint Anne communities offers 24-hour comprehensive nursing care, rehabilitation suites and services, independent and assisted living apartments, Alzheimer and dementia care and adult day services.

Sister Helen Alford to lecture at the Servus Omnim breakfast Feb. 9

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Dominican Sister Helen Alford, an Ordinary Professor of Economics and Ethics and vice-dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Dominican University in Rome — the Angelicum, is the invited speaker for the University of Saint Francis' Servus Omnim Lecture on Feb. 9.

The 7 a.m. breakfast and talk will be held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday at the University of Saint Francis-North Campus at 2702 Spring St. Tickets, which include a Mardi Gras breakfast, are \$10 each and can be purchased at <http://servusomnium2016.eventbrite.com>.

Sister Helen brings a unique perspective to the lecture. She studied manufacturing engineering at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom and worked at various manufacturing companies including Michelin Tire and British Aerospace.

After completing her doctorate thesis on "human-centered technology," she entered the Dominican Order. As a result, she was sent to teach at the Dominican University in Rome, which is known as the Angelicum. Sister Helen is now an ordinary professor of econom-

ics and ethics as well as director of the master's program in management and corporate social responsibility.

Sister Helen co-authored the book, "Managing as If Faith Mattered" (University of Notre Dame Press, 2001) with Michael Naughton.

Sister Helen's research looks at the role and impact of ethics and Christian social thought in the field of management, especially as it regards Catholic social teaching and sustainability.

She is a consultor to the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace and a senior adviser to the "Blueprint for Better Business" based in the United Kingdom.

In an email interview with *Today's Catholic*, Sister Helen said of her upcoming talk titled, "Have you been served? Human Dignity, the Common Good and the Purpose of Business," that she is planning to focus on promoting human dignity and serving the common good. Defining and living out the purpose of a business could have a transformative effect on business and society, she noted.

The Jubilee of Mercy, she noted, is "a great opportunity for us to think through more deeply what mercy could mean in a business context."

She said in the last Jubilee Year, 2000, Pope John Paul II made strenuous efforts to convince creditor countries to

developed, and many have identified a loss of trust in business at the root of this."

"If this is so," she noted, "tougher government regulation — while there might be loopholes that needed addressing — is not going to put things right (and, if done badly, could make things worse). If we are to rebuild trust between business and the rest of society, business needs to have a purpose that genuinely contributes to society's good."

Sister Helen will talk about how a fairly new initiative from the United Kingdom, called "Blueprint for Better Business" is dealing with this issue by starting from the idea of the human person and the common good in Catholic Social Thought. "We will discuss some examples to highlight what difference this approach can make in practice," she said.

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Elkhart students 'make a difference' at life rally



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forgive the unsustainable debts that many poor countries had contracted, many of them during the oil shocks of the 1970s, which they had never been able to pay off.

In the Old Testament, the Jubilee Year was a time when people who had lost everything could start again; they would be allowed to return to their ancestral lands, which they had lost because of economic crises like failed crops or pestilence.

"In some ways, we could see the idea of mercy in business as an extension of the role of 'gratuitousness' and 'gift' in the economy, about which Benedict XVI wrote in 'Caritas in Veritate,'" she noted. "For now, let's just say one thing: the idea of mercy implies that there is a proper and right way of doing things and that someone has not done that, maybe through their own fault or maybe through no fault of their own. When business people reach out to others in need of the kind of mercy they can give — perhaps by giving poor customers longer to pay their bills, or showing patience and support to employees who are performing badly rather than just letting them go — it does not mean that people shouldn't pay their bills on time, or that failing employees should be able to keep their jobs come what may."

"There is the common good to think about too — if everyone paid late, or if employees in general stopped pulling their weight, then the whole economic system would start to break down," she said. "Again, however, with a bigger vision of what business is for, we can find ways of showing mercy that strengthen the economic system rather than weakening it. I hope that we will have time during the talk to discuss this — although we don't have all day for it!"

"I think we are entering a stage in history where building a business on the basis of Catholic Social Teaching is not only a good and right thing to do but also constitutes a significant competitive advantage," Sister Helen said. "The way CST thinks about the human person is a more advanced form of what is being said in all the business schools now about how we need to involve our people more in decision-making, create the possibility for them to grow in mastery rather than just give them financial incentives to do better and so on."

The whole idea of "shared value" as it is presented by Michael Porter and Mark Kramer from Harvard Business School is a kind of simplified version of the way CST thinks about the common good. "So I would really encourage Catholic business people in the U.S. to study CST and to start thinking practically about how it could be put into practice in their own businesses," she said. "The tools developed by the 'Blueprint for Better Business' can also be helpful in that."

Members of St. Thomas the Apostle School choir, Elkhart, sang "Go Make a Difference" at the Elkhart County Right to Life Rally at the Lerner Theater in Elkhart on Saturday, Jan. 16.

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Seminarian Spenser St. Louis, who is studying in Rome, served Mass for Pope Francis on the feast of the Holy Family. St. Louis then had the opportunity to personally meet Pope Francis. St. Louis, a seminarian for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is attending the Pontifical Gregorian University, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in Rome.

State lawmakers consider expanding protections for the unborn

INDIANAPOLIS — While Catholics around the United States recognize January as pro-life month, members of the Indiana General Assembly begin considering several bills aimed at enhancing laws to protect the unborn.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, who serves as the legislative and public policy watchdog for the Catholic Church in Indiana said, "It's important that the concern for human life is and continues to be a topic of the legislature. Indiana laws in terms of restrictions and limitations on abortion and promoting life are good, but it's always important that we keep finding opportunities to enhance those laws to make them stronger. That's why we are interested in these bills."

Protecting victims of sexual assault is the subject matter of two bills this year. House Bill 1064 is authored by Rep. Hal Slager, R-Schererville, and Senate Bill 82, is authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso. The measures remove the parent-child rights from the perpetrator of a rape when a child is conceived.

"The parent-child termination bill does affirm the child's life and affirms the birth mother by providing a way for her to not be victimized again as it removes paternity rights from the child's father who perpetrated the crime," said Tebbe. "Right now it looks like a version of this bill has a good chance of passing the legislature."

House Bill 1064 received a

hearing in the House Judiciary committee, Jan. 11, and was passed by the panel. Tebbe said he expects Senate Bill 82 to move in the Senate.

The use and sale of aborted fetal body parts, which has drawn increased national criticism of Planned Parenthood, and an effort to defund the group will be addressed by lawmakers in the form of proposals dealing with fetal tissue. Senate Bill 77, authored by Sen. Jim Banks, R-Columbia City, reaffirms the state's public policy that aborted fetal body parts are not for use by a state educational institution or unit of government in the state of Indiana. The proposal prohibits state funding, the use of state facilities or its employees to knowingly participate in research of these parts. Senate Bill 5, authored by Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, increases the penalties for unlawful acquisition, reception, sale or transfer of fetal tissue. Another fetal tissue bill, Senate Bill 314, authored by Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, requires that a pregnant woman be informed

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before her abortion that the fetal tissue will not be used or sold.

Lawmakers will revisit the issue of perinatal hospice care. Senate Bill 313 provides support for parents who receive a diagnosis of a lethal fetal anomaly. In 2015, lawmakers heard testimony from families who decided not to abort their preborn baby, often times going against the medical prognosis and recommendation doctors provided. Senate Bill 313, authored by Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, requires physicians to provide information about perinatal hospice care to a woman considering abortion because the child has a diagnosis of a disability.

Proposals have been filed to enhance and tweak Indiana's

informed consent law and waiting periods before an abortion. Senate Bill 374, authored by Brent Waltz, R-Columbus, extends the waiting period for an abortion from 18 hours to 48 hours and increases penalties for abortion-related violations. A bill to improve informed consent for the parents when a minor seeks an abortion has also been introduced before the Indiana General Assembly. Under the proposal, Senate Bill 392, authored by Sen. Erin Houchin, R-Salem, when the abortion physician receives written consent for the minor to have an abortion, the information must be included in the patient's medical record. The bill also tightens up reporting for termination of pregnancy and attaches new penalties for abortion provider's failure to report suspected sexual trafficking or child abuse. Rep. Casey Cox, R-Fort Wayne, is authoring, House Bill 1337, a bill to provide that informed consent material prior to an abortion be provided

in a private setting.

"While it's too early to predict which bills will pass this year, I suspect many of these pro-life concepts and bills will be rolled into one bill, and move out of the Senate," said Tebbe. "We will be reporting on those aspects in greater detail once we have a handle on which proposals lawmakers as a whole and legislative leaders in the House and Senate want to move forward."

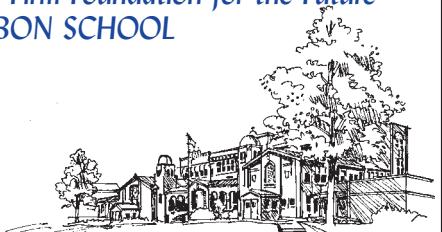
Tebbe added, "The Indiana Catholic Conference will continue to work to promote laws that protect the unborn. And the good news is Hoosier lawmakers also seem to be in tune with advancing more protections for the unborn."

As the ICC tracks bills, the ICC posts legislative update on its Web page. To receive legislative updates via email pushes, join the Indiana Catholic Action Network (ICAN). These and other public policy resources are available at www.indianacc.org.

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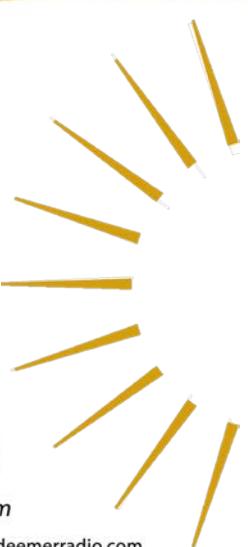
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Marian student Brynn Harty sings joyfully at International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome

BY KAY COZAD

GRANGER — “He who sings, prays twice,” is a renowned quote attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo from the third century and one young Granger woman is taking his thoughts to heart. Brynn Harty joined her rich, melodic voice with 5,000 other youth from around the world to sing sacred liturgical music at the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores in Rome over the Christmas holiday.

The fourth child of Don and Melissa Harty, active parishioners of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, Marian High School freshman Brynn has been singing since she can remember. She recalls with joy performing in musical theater as far back as kindergarten. “Singing has always been my thing. I love it,” she said. By fourth grade, she was asked by her parish music director to participate in the inaugural Pueri Cantores choir performance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and has performed with the choir for five years. “Pueri Cantores let’s me do what I love and praise God at the same time!” said Brynn.

This bright and faith-filled young singer currently serves as cantor and altar server at St. Pius X Parish and is a member of the liturgical choir at Marian High School.

Pueri Cantores, which is Latin for “young choristers,” is a century-old practice established first in France in 1907, when a special boys’ choir was formed there to sing during liturgy, and reestablished in 1944 as an international organization. With the Second Vatican Council, girls’ choirs were permitted to participate and currently there are over 40,000 youth from 37 countries that sing in Pueri Cantores.

Pueri Cantores got its start in the United States in 1953 with the American Federation Pueri Cantores and provides opportunities for school-aged youth choirs from all backgrounds to participate in liturgical music.

Last year the Hartys became aware of the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores and surprised Brynn at her eighth-

grade graduation from St. Pius X School with a book on Rome and the chance to participate. Though there was no choir participating from this diocese, Melissa learned through the American Federation Pueri Cantores that a small choir of girls from Peoria, Illinois, would be traveling to Rome. After learning that Brynn had been involved in Pueri Cantores for five years, the director in Peoria, James Marck, welcomed her to his choir with open arms.

Brynn made the ninth member of the choir of girls ranging in age from first grade to high school. Of the girls there she said, “It was a small choir so I got to know them and bond with them. It was fun to be with them.” They would add their number to the 1,000 Americans who would travel to Rome for the experience of a lifetime.

Rehearsals began in summer of 2015 when the Hartys would drive the three hours to Peoria, and back home again the same day. During the school year, the hour and a half rehearsals were held on Wednesday evenings, calling the Hartys to the road directly after school. It was difficult for the young freshman but “I loved it! I loved the music and bonding with the kids,” said Brynn, who added that her private voice instructor assisted her with many of the pieces she would be singing in Rome over the holidays.

Christmas Eve found the Hartys arriving early in Rome to do some personal sightseeing and by Dec. 27, Brynn met with her choir in anticipation of the opening ceremony on Dec. 28. She recalled with delight the opening ceremony held at Pope Paul VI Hall. “It’s when all the nations were introduced. There were flags of every country with representatives. It was cool. There were 19 countries,” she said.

The next day, Dec. 29, the Pueri Cantores American and English speaking choirs gathered at St. John Lateran, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome, to sing at the Mass of Nations. As Brynn awaited the beginning of Mass she found that her father had been asked to fill in as lector at the Mass. “It was so



Photos provided by the Harty family
Brynn Harty, third from right, is shown singing with her Pueri Cantores choir at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran on New Year's Day. The choir, formed in Peoria, Illinois, was part of the 5,000 member international Pueri Cantores choir that sang over the Christmas holiday in Rome.



Marian High School student Brynn Harty stands in front of St. Peter's Basilica during her visit to Rome where she sang with the international Pueri Cantores choir.

cool. My mom got to say, ‘My daughter is singing in the choir and my husband is the lector,’ said Brynn enthusiastically.

Dec. 30 was a day of rest for the Pueri Cantores choir and the Hartys took full advantage traveling to Assisi to take in the holiness of the place where St. Francis and St. Clare once walked. It was at Assisi that the Hartys celebrated Brynn’s 15th

birthday. Back in Rome the family was inspired to renewed faith as they passed through the Holy Doors of several churches during this Year of Mercy Jubilee.

The Carols Around the World performance in the Pope Paul VI Hall, during which choirs sang carols representing the music of their countries took place on Dec. 31. It was fun during rehearsals with all the nations,

in a written message for the Jubilee of Mercy for Young People, scheduled to be celebrated in Rome and dioceses around the world April 23-25. In his written message, released by the Vatican Jan. 14, the pope said the Year of Mercy is open to everyone so they may experience “a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy.” God invites everyone, he said, because “there are no walls or distances which can prevent the father’s mercy from reaching and embracing us.” While three days in April have been set aside for

those between 13 and 16 years of age, every day of the jubilee year marks “a chance for us to grow in holiness.”

Pope makes ‘mercy Friday’ visit to elderly, infirm

ROME (CNS) — As part of his personal observance of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis made an unannounced, “private” visit to a retirement home and to a group

home for people in a persistent vegetative state, the Vatican said. The visits to the 33 residents of the Bruno Buozzi Retirement Home and the six residents of Casa Iride Jan. 15 were announced with the hashtag #MercyFriday by the pontifical commission organizing the Year of Mercy. The Vatican previously announced that one Friday each month during the Holy Year, Pope Francis would personally and privately perform a work of mercy. The series ended up beginning very publicly Dec.

noted Brynn, when a song was sung in a particular language, the members of the countries who spoke that language would stand. “Then you could see where everyone was from,” she said joyfully.

This of all days was the most exciting for Brynn and her family. During the rehearsal, Pope Francis arrived for the papal audience to greet the chanting mass of young choristers and divine providence would have Brynn in a perfect spot to see the papal shepherd. As Pope Francis approached her area, he reached out to her and took her hand. “After he shook my hand I was trying to comprehend what happened,” said the enthralled Brynn. “He is a great man. He has such a presence of Jesus around him and very inspirational.”

With the arrival of New Year’s day, all 5,000 members of the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores came together to sing in a combined choir for the World Peace Day Papal Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica celebrated by Pope Francis. Following the Mass, the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores came to a close.

When asked about her favorite piece, Brynn didn’t hesitate, “The Hallelujah Chorus. I fell in love with it the first time I sang it.” The choir’s repertoire was sung in English, Italian, Latin, Spanish and German. Brynn noted that Latin is coming easier for her with her studies of it at Marian, but singing “Silent Night” in German “was difficult to learn.”

Now settled back home in Indiana, Brynn confided that the experience has changed her life. “It was a personal and moving experience for me. Being in Rome and feeling the presence of Jesus everywhere just brings you a lot of joy. In the papal audience the pope said something that really stuck with me... ‘Sing and walk,’ which means to be joyous at all moments in time,” she said, adding, “I definitely have more of an optimistic view on life and seeing God’s moments in every way.”

For more information on Pueri Cantoras visit www.pcchoirs.org.

Pope to teens: Don't fall for hate, fearmongers; find nice friends

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Don’t fall for hate and fearmongering from others; make new friends instead and always help and show concern for others, Pope Francis told the world’s teens. “Be brave and go against the tide, be friends of Jesus, who is the prince of peace,” he said

18 when he visited and celebrated Mass at a shelter run by the Rome diocesan Caritas. For the January visit, journalists were not invited or even informed. Even the residents of the two facilities were not told in advance, said a statement issued by the Vatican press office once the pope had returned to the Vatican. Pope Francis was accompanied by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, who is in charge of the jubilee organizing committee; the archbishop’s office tweeted several photos of the pope’s visit.

Evening of reflection to explore Jubilee Year of Mercy

HUNTINGTON — Pope Francis proclaimed a Jubilee Year of Mercy from Dec. 8, 2015, to Nov. 20, 2016. Victory Noll Center will explore what that means with an evening of reflection with Franciscan Sister Jacinta Krecek from the University of Saint Francis. All are welcome Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6-8:30 p.m. for an evening of presentation, discussion and reflection on this timely topic. Light supper is included. The cost is \$20 and those interested should register by Feb. 10.

Sister Jacinta Krecek has been a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration for 29 years. She is currently teaching theology and coordinating the ministry program at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

For more information about Victory Noll Center or the program, call 260-356-0628, ext. 174, or contact the center by e-mail at victorynollcenter@olvm.org. More information is also available on the center's website at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

Ancilla College hosts free 'How-To Fill-Out-Your FAFSA' workshops

DONALDSON — Ancilla College is hosting financial aid presentations throughout the area. A big part of the mission at Ancilla College is to help all students pay for school. Ninety-five percent of Ancilla students receive aid in the form of grants, loans and scholarships.

Parents or guardians of seniors at area high schools are invited to find out if their child qualifies to receive more than \$13,100 annually for college.

Locations, times and dates for Ancilla College-sponsored free FAFSA workshops are: Monday, Jan. 25, at Oregon-Davis High School in Hamlet at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Culver High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 8, in the Argos High School media center at 6:30 p.m.; or at Ancilla College on Thursday, March 3, at Ancilla College, room C146, at 10:30 a.m.; Monday, March 7, at Ancilla College, room C144 at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, March 8, at Ancilla College, room C144 at 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 9, at Ancilla College, room C144 at 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 10, at Ancilla College, room C146 at 8:30 a.m.; or Thursday, March 10, at Ancilla College, room C146 at 1 p.m.

At Ancilla's presentations, experts will assist students and parents in filling out the FAFSA form. All financial aid starts with the FAFSA, which is due March 10.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Blessing renewed at St. Vincent de Paul Store



Provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Store, Fort Wayne

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store manager Tim Fagan in the sorting area where donations are brought to the Fort Wayne location. The bishop visited and toured the Fort Wayne store on Thursday, Jan. 14, and offered a renewed blessing on the store, its staff and the mission to serve the poor.

College uses to ensure its students qualify for as much aid and support as possible for their education. Ancilla's FAFSA school code is 001784.

For more information visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

College student-run Camp Kesem to be held

NOTRE DAME — Camp Kesem, a nationwide community, driven by passionate college student leaders, that supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer, will kick off its 14th annual season of camp in the Northern Indiana/Southern Michigan area.

In the summer of 2015, over 5,000 children ages 6-16 attended free summer camps during over 70 weeklong sessions of Camp Kesem held at sites from coast-to-coast. Dedicated students from the University of Notre Dame organize Camp Kesem locally in the Michiana area. This summer, Camp Kesem at Notre Dame will host 80 campers from July 31 to Aug. 5 at YMCA Camp Storer in Jackson, Michigan.

Camp Kesem helps these children through and beyond their

parent's cancer by providing a carefree and fun environment in which they can interact and bond with peers who face similar struggles at home. Children that attend Camp Kesem Notre Dame will participate in a host of fun activities including sports, drama, arts and crafts, adventurous scavenger hunts and talent shows. Camp Kesem Notre Dame also hosts an annual capture-the-flag game, as well as an empowerment ceremony to reflect on camper's experiences and hardships. Nightly "Cabin Chats" allow campers to open up to their peers and counselors.

Dedicated students at University of Notre Dame work yearlong to organize, plan and fundraise for an impactful week of camp. Student volunteers and counselors experience leadership development and undergo 20 hours of extensive training prior to camp. Camp Kesem is provided free of charge to all participating families and is therefore supported by private donations and community support.

For more information about the camp and how to register, visit www.campkesem.org/notre-dame.

Three-day Eucharistic retreat to be held

SOUTH BEND — A three-day Eucharistic retreat with the Franciscan Brothers Minor will be held for eighth graders and high school teens at Holy Family School, 56407 Mayflower Rd., in South Bend, from Feb. 19-21, starting on Friday at 6 p.m. and concluding on Sunday at 2 p.m. Cost is \$25. Register by Feb. 1 to Linda Lagodney at 574-289-7375 or llagodney@hfssb.org.

Upcoming USF event to examine the Syrian refugee crisis

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is hosting an event that will examine the issues surrounding the plight of Syrian refugees. The event will be free and open to the community at the USF North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

"The Syrian Refugee Crisis — Facts vs. Fiction" will be presented on Feb. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the current crisis and its his-

torical context amid the flood of information and misinformation in the media. Hear the accounts of three Fort Wayne men, Sam Jarjour, Amar Masri and Caleb Jehl, along with their friend Troy E. Spier, an activist and doctoral student whom they met on the ground in Eastern Europe while working with Syrian refugees. Attendees will hear personal stories of Syrian families and those trying to help them in their perilous escape from a war-torn homeland to places of safety in the West.

Ed and Paula Kassig, parents of American aid worker Peter Kassig, who was taken hostage and slain by ISIS in November, 2014, will also be present to discuss how they have continued their son's important work in serving Syrian refugees.

Glon to take new role at Marian High School

MISHAWAKA — At Marian High School, athletics is an integral part of the Catholic education and the rich athletic tradition has produced outstanding men and women over the past 51 years. Reggie Glon has been a strong part of that tradition for 22 years.

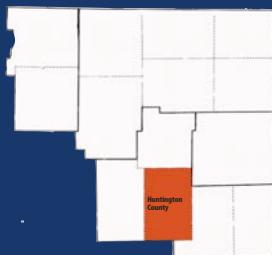
Effective July 1, Glon will assume a new role as the director of operations for Marian High School. He will also continue his career as the varsity football coach.

As the director of operations, Glon will oversee the use of the grounds and facilities, as well as the staff that maintains the two gymnasiums and athletic fields on Marian's 72-acre campus. Glon will also continue teaching classes in the physical education department.

Glon says he is looking forward to working a little less than 24/7 as the athletic director for 25 varsity sports. More importantly, he wants to have more time for his family. He and his wife would like to travel more, especially to visit their son Gavin who is in the Marines and their daughter Holly who recently joined the Navy. Their oldest daughter Rachael lives and works in the area, and the Glons' youngest son Connor will graduate from Marian in 2017.

Before coming to Marian, Glon coached at South Bend Washington High School for eight years. His coaching duties at Washington High School included football, wrestling, track and swimming. Prior to coaching, he served his country in the Marine Corps.

Principal Mark Kirzeder is beginning the search for a new Marian High School athletic director. Information is available at the website of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at www.diocesefwsb.org.



In MY diocese

Huntington County

St. Joseph extends a welcome to the Roanoke Community

BY TIM JOHNSON

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, located in the fast-growing hub of Roanoke in northeastern Huntington County, extends a hearty welcome to the community. This is evident by the parish ministries that extend beyond the church and pour out into the community.

Father Dale Bauman, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, is also pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, south of Columbia City, in nearby Whitley County. Both parishes are known for their full congregations and each is thriving.

St. Joseph opens its doors each Tuesday to those at the parish and area churches that enjoy knitting and crocheting. The group, Knit Chicks, does various knitting and crocheting projects, as well as quilting, for people in need in the community. Their hats, afghans, chemo hats, mittens and more are given to shelters that care for the homeless or those dealing with chemotherapy and the sick.

Yarn and material are donated, but the ladies raise funds each year at a silent auction where one can purchase a quilt. This quilt auction provides additional funding for needed supplies.

The parish opens its doors to seniors of the community every Thursday from mid-February through mid-November for the Senior Meals. Seniors of the community sign up for a Thursday lunchtime meal that includes "really good food," according to Valerie Frantz, the parish secretary. The dinner includes meat, vegetable,



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mashed potatoes and "wonderful desserts," prepared by the ladies of the parish. Seniors sign up ahead of time so the cooks have an idea how much food to prepare. And often-times, a meal will be sent to a sick or homebound senior.

Twice a year, the parish sponsors a St. Vincent de Paul Society truck pickup. Father Dale tells *Today's Catholic* that the parishioners and the town fill the truck each time the drive is offered to the community.

The spirit of helping a neighbor in need is strong at St. Joseph. Last summer, when rains caused flooding in the town, members of the parish's Men's Club helped flood victims haul furniture and remove water-soaked carpets. Father Dale visited flood victims and offered assistance from the parish.

Other active ministries include the Rosary Sodality, the youth group and Knights of Columbus and their wives. The Knights gather three times a year and dine at a restaurant together.

The parish combines efforts with St. Catherine to offer the Three Kings Dinner, a Holy Week Seder meal, board game nights, ARISE, Together With Christ and coming soon the Why Catholic? initiative.

Meanwhile, Father Dale is immersed in the Huntington County community. He serves as chaplain for the Roanoke Fire Department, and helps with the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in Huntington. He is very involved in all aspects of the many meetings at both parishes.

St. Mary Parish offers an Open Door to Huntington

BY TIM JOHNSON

OFTENTIMES, MEMBERS of St. Mary and Ss. Peter and Paul parishes combine efforts to minister to those of the community. The Open Door program is a perfect example. Originating first at the home of Joan McClure, then moving to Ss. Peter and Paul kitchenette before being housed at the St. Mary cafeteria, the program goes beyond the two parishes and welcomes volunteers from other churches in the community and even Huntington University students.

"It allows quite a few people involved to feed those in need in Huntington County," said Mary Ehinger, who with Leo Clor, is in charge of the kitchen.

According to Dan Delagrange, pastoral associate at St. Mary, Open Door is for anyone who needs a meal in Huntington County. Families take turns in preparation of the meal, which usually includes a soup in the winter months and sandwiches in the warmer months. Parishioners bring in desserts.

And then starting at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, meals are delivered to homes.

"Last week we fed 457 people, one of the highest," Ehinger reported.

Open Door receives calls from those who would like to receive the Sunday meal. They leave a message with the number of meals they would like delivered. Often the meals go to the elderly, the sick or those recovering from illness.

The food is delivered with "The Open Door Saint Note," that tells about the menu, such as the St. Peter Canisius Minestrone Soup, the Blessed Jacopone da Todi yeast rolls, and the St. Stephen banana bars, as well as a brief description of the saints.

Volunteers form 19 routes to deliver the meals.

Traveling vocation chalice, Adoration mark a legacy

With the support of Father Stephen Colchin, pastor, St. Mary Parish has a chalice that travels to parishioners' homes for a week to promote family prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

The late Dick Ehler, who



Tiffany Albertson

The Albertson family of St. Mary Church, Huntington, prepares the soup and meal to be delivered through the Open Door program on a recent Sunday morning.

helped begin Eucharistic Adoration at the parish 20 years ago, saw a similar program in his travels and was eager to bring the concept to St. Mary.

Families sign up for the chalice. It is sent to the family with a commissioning blessing for the family with suggested daily prayers. The Traveling Chalice program has been successful for over 10 years at the parish.

The faithful of St. Mary have logged in 40,000 hours through the history of Adoration according to Kathy Van Gilder, the St. Mary parishioner who records hours. She makes sure the chapel is opened and closed on Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and ensures adorers present at all times.



The stained-glass windows of St. Mary Church in Huntington date back to when then-Father John F. Noll was pastor of St. Mary. He commissioned the Royal Bavarian Art Institute in Germany to provide the artistic glass-work. One of the unique pieces is the Blessed Mother receiving Communion from St. John. St. Mary is only one of two churches in the world to show this artwork. The other is in Europe.

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Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters motherhouse resides in county

BY TIM JOHNSON

FATHER JOHN JOSEPH SIGSTEIN, founder, was a man of prayer, vision and action with great love and compassion for poor and oppressed peoples. He was driven by his sense of being part of God's mission, and by his devotion to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Victory.

While visiting in the Southwestern United States, he was distressed by the poverty and by the many problems and needs of people that were not being addressed by any existing religious congregation. Father Sigstein founded Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters to meet some of those needs in the areas of religious education, social services and health care among the poor from a personal non-institutional perspective. This ministry called for creative, daring and innovative women who knew how to translate dreams, prayers and visions into actions.

It all began in 1922 with Julia Doyle and Marie Benes, the first two members. Growth of the new congregation was advanced by Archbishop John Francis Noll through the national publication he founded and published, *Our Sunday Visitor*. Through his generosity the Central House, Victory Noll, was built in Huntington, and named for Our Lady of Victory and Archbishop Noll.



Kay Cozad

Archbishop John Francis Noll is buried on the grounds at Victory Noll.

Both Father Sigstein and Archbishop Noll shared responsibility for the founding and growth of the community of the Victory Noll Sisters.

Since working with the poor was a priority of this congregation, Father Sigstein set up a network of associates across the country who were to raise funds that would help the sisters with their own survival needs. These groups of associates would also send food, clothing and religious goods to be distributed among the families and children in need.

Over the years, Victory Noll Sisters have served across the United States and in South America. Their strength is in their diversity — as women religious they have lived counter-culturally and serve in multi-faceted ministries including parish ministries, education, social work, Hispanic ministries and spiritual direction. They advocate for peace and justice, however, their ministries are not

limited to these areas.

Father Sigstein and Archbishop Noll are buried in the cemetery at Victory Noll. Usually bishops are buried in their cathedral but Archbishop Noll felt that he would get more prayers at Victory Noll.



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remarks before the Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. He thought, "Well, I'd like to go to Huntington Catholic." Bishop Rhoades said he was happy to be there and asked for the prayers of all gathered.

Capuchin Franciscan Father Ron Rieder, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, and the parochical vicar Father Sebastian Twinomugabi, as well as Father Stephen Colchin, pastor of St. Mary Parish concelebrated the Mass marking the feast of St. Hilary, a bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Bishop Rhoades concentrated his homily on the day's first reading from 1 Samuel. Young Samuel was a minister to the Lord under Eli. Three times the Lord called Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." After the third time, Eli instructed Samuel to answer, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

"That's a great prayer," Bishop Rhoades said. "When we pray, it is important that we listen," rather than do all the talking.

The bishop said God calls us, like He called Samuel, and spoke of this calling as vocation. "He has a plan for every one of us," the bishop said.

"When we are open to God's call, then we find our happiness," Bishop Rhoades noted.

After Mass, Principal Woolard escorted the bishop first to the primary building where he met with the first-grade students of Rachel Nelson's classroom and prayed the Angel of God, which he recited again with kindergarten students of Julie Ramp's class.

Meeting with Amber Neivius' preschool class, the bishop learned the students were studying about Lazarus.

The fourth-grade students of Lea Howard were quizzed on the Ten Commandments. Tricia Dolby received kudos from the bishop for her topnotch catechetical instruction and he proceeded to discuss the forms of prayer — praise, petition and thanksgiving — with the third-grade students.

In Pam Rorick's second-grade class, the bishop learned the students already made their first Reconciliation and were preparing for first Communion. After reciting the words of consecration a priest says at Mass, Isaac Scheiber was called to the front of the class as Bishop Rhoades placed the zucchetto on Isaac's head and said, "Maybe you'll be a priest — or a bishop?"

The entourage then traveled one block away to the middle school building at St. Mary's. Bishop Rhoades met Martha Bickel, who has been the school secretary for 36 years.

At Scott Foster's fifth-grade science class, the students told Bishop Rhoades they were studying the Paschal Mystery. At Michelle Kindle's seventh-grade classroom the bishop discussed the Baptism of the Lord and how the Trinity is

revealed.

Eighth graders in Ingrid Mattes' class were beginning their Confirmation preparation. Bishop Rhoades offered the first lesson on "matter" — the chrism oil mixed with balm — and on "form" — the words "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop's last classroom visit, before having lunch with the staff, administrators and parish priests, was at Denise Zahm's sixth-grade class. The sharp class answered many of the bishop's questions about Samuel, from the day's first reading.

Huntington Catholic is an all inclusive school that works with the local school system for direct and consultative services to address any special needs any student might have utilizing instructional aides to provide direct services to those students.

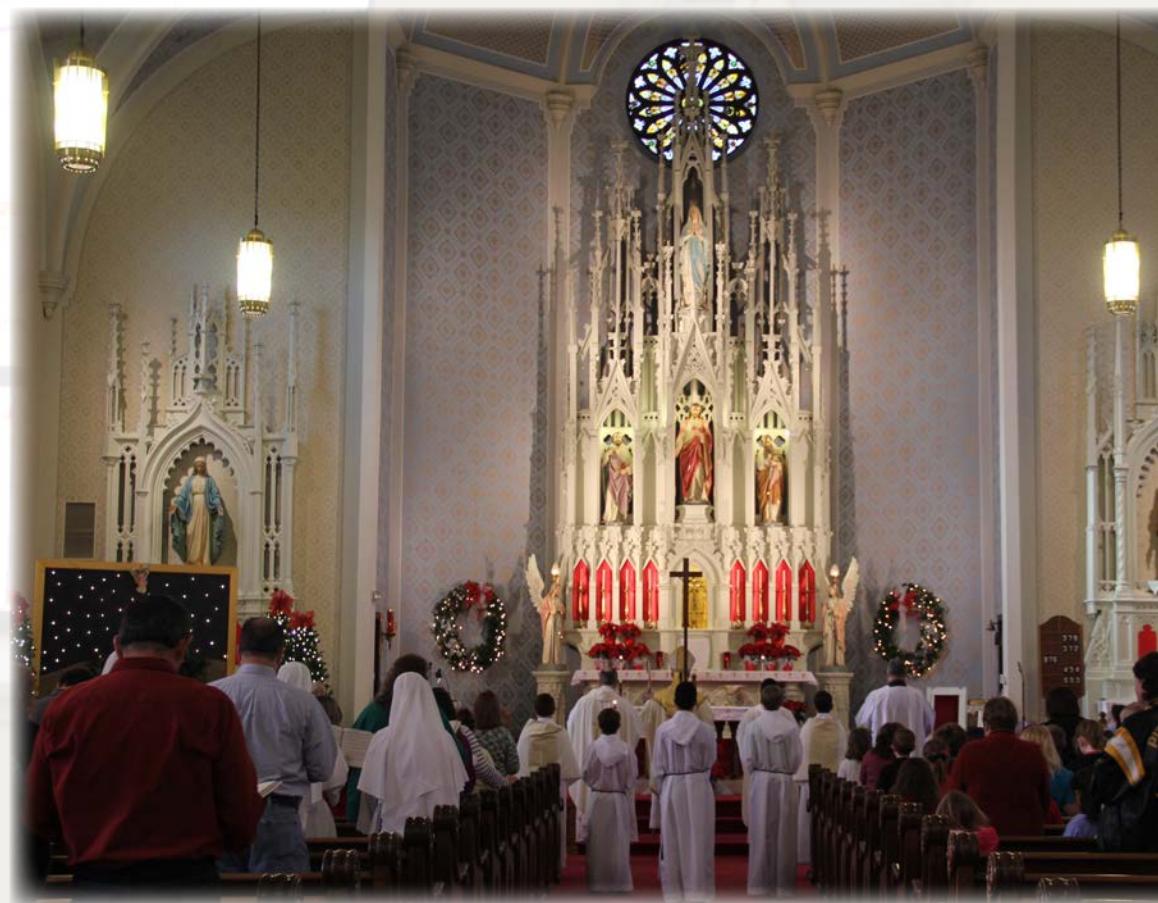
In addition to the exemplary education and faith formation offered, Woolard is clear that the school engages the whole student, along with his or her family. "Being a smaller school, we have made sure that our school has a feel of a family. We are constantly planning activities that include the entire family throughout the year," he said, adding that strong parent support and volunteer service helps maintain the school's mission.

Denise Zahm, sixth-grade teacher at the school agrees and said, "Our parents are first and foremost the greatest strength. They are our students' first teachers and are very supportive of all of the faculty and staff. ... We are truly a family; everyone gets involved in all school, church and community related activities."

Principal Woolard believes his school is focused on the students' welfare and ensures that he is present in both buildings each and every day. He said, "I really enjoy seeing the growth each student makes over the course of the year and how they have used the guidance that was given to them during our meetings."

As for the school's Catholic identity, Woolard oversees events that bring both buildings together for prayer, activities and service projects, especially, he said, in the liturgical seasons of Lent and Advent. Zahm added that Christ is the focal point of the school. "Christ makes it possible for us to all strive to do our best academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually every day."

Two schools



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington for students and staff of Huntington Catholic Middle School to begin his pastoral visit there on Jan. 13.



Huntington Catholic Middle School houses grades 5-8 and is located near St. Mary Church.

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Huntington Catholic School educates youth of Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Mary parishes



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, poses with Father Sebastian Twinomugabi, parochial vicar at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Father Stephen Colchin, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Father Ron Reider, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul, and Huntington Catholic School's principal Jason Woolard during his pastoral visit to Huntington Catholic on Jan. 13.



Students in Michelle Kindle's seventh-grade classroom engage Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in a question-answer period during his pastoral visit Jan. 13.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prays with students in Lea Howard's fourth-grade classroom during his visit to Huntington Catholic on Jan. 13.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to students in Julie Ramps' kindergarten classroom during his visit to Huntington Catholic School on Jan. 13.



Huntington Catholic Primary building houses pre-kindergarten through fourth grades and is located near Ss. Peter and Paul Church.

Our Sunday Visitor is headquartered in Huntington

BY TIM JOHNSON

IN THE EARLY 1900S a bankrupt publisher in Huntington offered young Father John Noll a printing press for a single dollar.

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Today that enterprise he launched has 380 employees. Our Sunday Visitor has tripled in size in the last 10 years. It has 1,800 textbooks, parish resources and trade books in print. Father Noll's weekly newspaper, *Our Sunday Visitor*, is now available on Kindle and on the web. His successors publish apps and e-books. Our Sunday Visitor is one of the largest English language Catholic publishers in the world.

Our Sunday Visitor is also the largest manufacturer of church offering envelopes in the world. It prints several hundred million offering envelopes a year and has resources to help parishes and dioceses launch websites, capital campaigns and stewardship programs. As a not-for-profit organization, it gives \$2 million a year to Catholic organizations throughout the country through the Our



Our Sunday Visitor is based in Huntington County.

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Sunday Visitor Institute.

What Our Sunday Visitor is about these days is still the same as what Father Noll was about: responding to people's needs. Our Sunday Visitor is about helping people to bring their Catholic faith to life. OSV is about helping people to see what is real and important in this life, and how it will connect them to the next.

There is an overarching mission statement that is etched into the exterior of their building: To serve the Church. Each generation working at Our Sunday Visitor has to make this their own, articulating it in a way that makes sense to the world of the day. Looking back to the early 1900s, no one saw this coming. No one imagined it possible. And yet it did and it was. And most importantly, that same hope and sense of responsibility exemplified by Father Noll in 1912 continues to resound today; hope born of that trust in a God who sustains and protects.

St. Felix Catholic Center



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BY TIM JOHNSON

ST. FELIX FRIARY, now St. Felix Catholic Center is one of Indiana's greatest hidden Catholic treasures. Like most storybook treasures, St. Felix Friary was lost to the Catholic Church in 1980 when the Capuchins closed it and sold it to the Church of the Brethren. The Church of the Brethren kept it in excellent condition.

This treasure was re-discovered only a short time ago when, in 2010, John Tippmann purchased the 83-bedroom friary and its 30-plus acres of land. Over the past 12 months Tippmann's team has been working around the clock to restore this 85-year-old antique to its pristine condition.

St. Felix Friary is no ordinary Capuchin Friary. It was built in 1928 and it gave home to a number of famous friars. Many are familiar with the popular preacher Father Benedict Groeschel, a priest of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal, Father Benedict made his entrance into Franciscan life

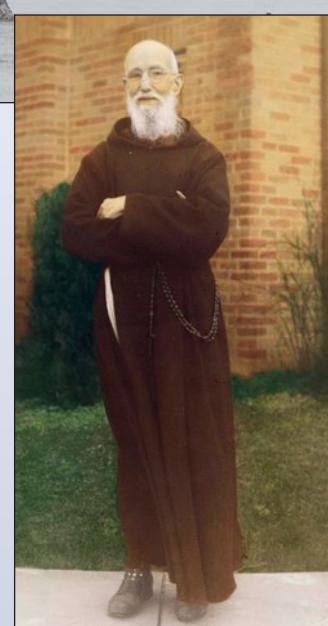
through the days of St. Felix. He is just one of the hundreds of friars who first learned the ways of St. Francis at St. Felix.

One of the most noteworthy friars that hallowed the halls of St. Felix for 10 years was the Venerable Solanus Casey.

Father Solanus was sent to Huntington, in order to rest and get away from the throngs of people that would come to see him. Because of the power of his prayers, his union with God and his reputation for working numerous miracles, the crowds just kept coming and following Father Solanus from Detroit to Huntington. In the very halls of St. Felix Friary, particularly in the visiting parlor, Father Solanus worked a multitude of miracles. Also in the sanctuary, he prayed long into the night before the Lord in the tabernacle.

Besides being a place where a saint of this time walked, worked and prayed, St. Felix Friary offers a true retreat from modern culture. The grounds that surround the friary provide a perfect place of prayer.

St. Felix Friary is a gift that has finally returned to the Catholic Church. It is a place where heaven and earth meet and a place where one can enter into a deeper relationship with God.



Father Solanus Casey stands on the grounds at St. Felix Friary. The Capuchins lived at St. Felix from 1946-1956.

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Father Ron and the ministries of Ss. Peter and Paul

BY TIM JOHNSON

HUNTINGTON — Capuchin Franciscan Father Ron Rieder is the longtime pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington. In his 32nd year as pastor, one will receive an honest response from Father Rieder who wholeheartedly says, "I love this parish."

Ss. Peter and Paul is a stewardship parish of about 1,000 families. Father Rieder says the parish is "well organized" and blessed with "good people."

Besides the good parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul, another joy of Father Rieder's is the renovation of the Capuchin monastery in Huntington, the St. Felix Catholic Center, which is now a retreat center and the home to postulants or novices of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

In the 1940s, the monastery was the residence of Venerable Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, whose sainthood cause has been opened by the Vatican. Father Rieder, at St. Bonaventure Novitiate in Detroit, personally knew Father Solanus, who would sing as Father Rieder played the organ.

"One of the greatest graces in my life was to live with Father Solanus one year," Father Rieder shared.

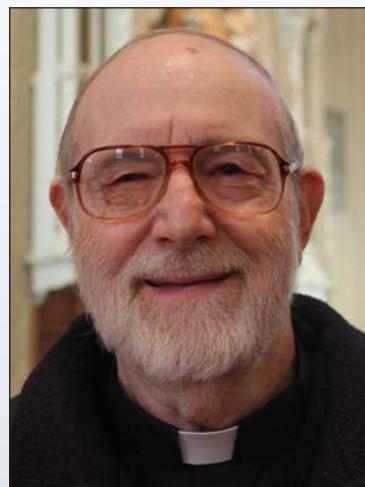
Another important piece of Father Rieder's life is Matthew Kelly, the director of Dynamic Catholic in Cincinnati. Father Rieder is Kelly's close friend and advisor and has brought the Catholic writer and speaker to the diocese on many occasions.

The fledgling Jail Ministry Team, comprised of members of Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Church, is using a Matthew Kelly book, "Beautiful Mercy," in a series that studies the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

"These spiritual sessions are for all parish members who are interested and especially for victims of crimes, as well as former offenders or those who are affected by loved ones who are facing incarceration or have loved ones in prison," reported Dawn Frecker, one of the parishioners spearheading the formation of the team.

"This ministry allows us to continue the great history and work with the imprisoned that Father Ron has offered throughout his long legacy in the Huntington area," Frecker said. "I was inspired by the shelves and shelves of letters that he's shown me in the rectory that he has received from prisoners over the years."

She added, "The personal stories we are hearing from our own parish members and members of our own team are



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Capuchin Franciscan Father Ron Rieder is the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. Stained artwork from the church is at right.

testament to the need in this area."

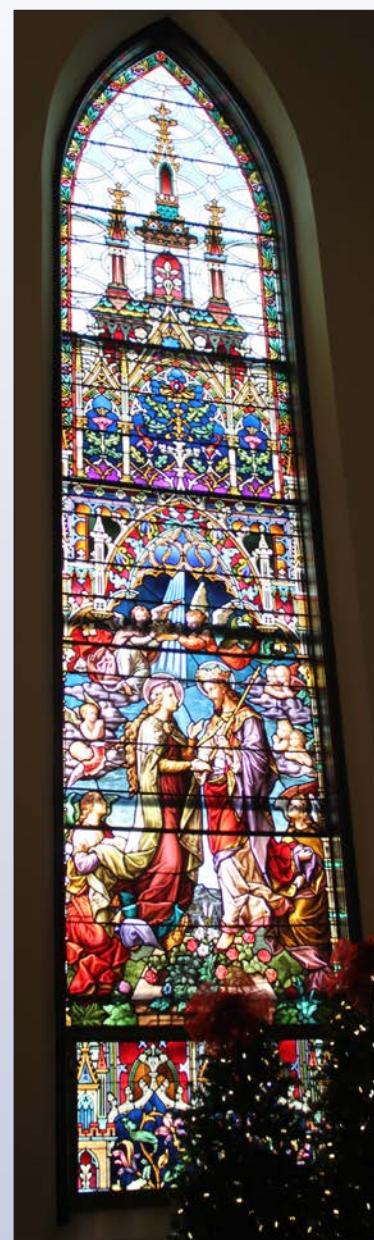
Another group based at Ss. Peter and Paul is the Widows of Prayer, who gather for a monthly Mass to pray for priestly vocations and their deceased spouses. They also accept additional prayer requests. The apostolate can also be found at Adoration at both Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Mary.

"We are prayer warriors," said Cathy Fitzgerald, the local servant leader.

Capuchin Franciscan Father John Guimond founded the Huntington group in the 1990s. Its success has spurred Father Sebastian Twinomugabi, parochial vicar of Ss. Peter and Paul, to take the apostolate to his native Uganda.

Prayer and Adoration are part of parish life at Ss. Peter and Paul. On Wednesdays, the parish has Adoration in the Adoration chapel in the church basement from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Another longstanding tradition is the Sunday Night Rosary where the faithful gather in the church every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. for rosary.

From the Christ Renews His Parish group arose three active



small faith-sharing communities. They too are quick to lend a hand when disaster strikes the community and benefits are needed to raise funds.

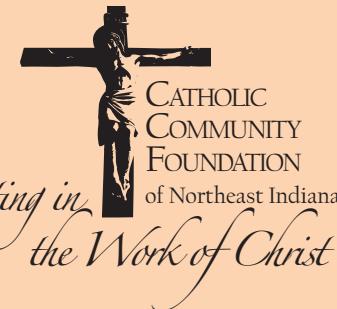
The parish has active volunteers who assist with funeral dinners as well.

A very strong active youth ministry called CIA, Catholics In Action, is offered for the teens who do service projects, such as raking leaves for the elderly, or caroling at nursing homes.



Tim Johnson

Ss. Peter and Paul Church offers Adoration every Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel located in the lower level of the church.



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Area pastor sees Pope Francis during papal trip to Africa

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

ARCOLA — Each year Msgr. Thadeus Balinda, pastor at St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, makes a trip to his native Uganda, in east Africa. The two weeks in his home country are generally spent relaxing and visiting family and friends. But this year his vacation was highlighted by Pope Francis' papal trip to Uganda at precisely the same time. The pope also visited Kenya and the Central African Republic during his first official trip to Africa.

Pope Francis' papal visit was a "big blessing" and both the African government and the public were well prepared for the pope's arrival, said Msgr. Balinda. A national holiday was declared in Uganda so that pilgrims could make the long and arduous journey to see him. Hundreds of thousands converged near the Uganda Martyrs Shrine in Namugongo, just outside the Ugandan capital of Kampala where Pope Francis offered Mass on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015.

The Uganda Martyrs Shrine is dedicated to a group of Christians who were murdered on the orders of a local king who wanted to thwart the spread of Christianity in the late 19th century. The 22 African Catholics who were persecuted were canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1964 and the entire past year has been a golden jubilee celebration of that event, capped off by the pope's visit.



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Relics of the Ugandan martyrs are carried in procession at the start of Pope Francis' celebration of Mass for the martyrs of Uganda near the Catholic shrine at Namugongo in Kampala, Uganda Nov. 28, 2015.

"We invited the pope to celebrate with us the 50 years since the canonization of the Uganda Martyrs. This is a top priority for which he accepted our invitation," said Archbishop John Baptist Odama, the head of the conference of local bishops in Uganda, according to the *Catholic Herald* in a Nov. 24 story. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said in a news release, "The pope's compassion for the poor and his frankness of spirit

is an encouragement to all of us who live in the light and stand for the causes that matter to humanity."

Msgr. Balinda said that so many priests were invited to participate that they had to be separated into two groups, but he was fortunate enough to be part of the group at the Uganda Martyrs Shrine, which he called "special to us." Though he had to walk two miles to the site due to the heavy traffic, he said that

was a short distance compared to the thousands who walked for days to see the pope and to worship at the shrine.

"I'm a lucky priest," said Msgr. Balinda. His bishop, Bishop Robert Muhiirwa, pastor of Fort Portal, Uganda, had sent him to study in Rome in 1986, and he saw the pope frequently at his outdoor audiences. Then he was the only priest from Uganda ordained in 1993 when Pope John Paul II came to the

country. But "it's exciting. This is a new pope," he said of Pope Francis. "Witnessing Christ in him is quite special."

"Uganda is a lucky country," too, said Msgr. Balinda, because it has hosted three popes. Pope Paul VI visited in 1969, Pope John Paul II came in 1993 and now Pope Francis has made it the middle stop on his first African trip. It was a blessing from God for the Ugandan people, who are very proud of their faith. There are "many priests, many religious, many faithful," he said, and fully 48 percent of the population is Catholic.

Uganda has been victim to religious violence in the form of terrorist attacks claimed by the Shabab, a militant Islamist group. Many were killed in bombings in 2010, claimed to be acts of revenge against Ugandan troops who have been part of the African peacekeeping force in Somalia.

But the pope's message centered on his signature themes of concern for the poor and the need for greater dialogue between adherents of different religions, not on the need for political or social change. His was a message of hope for the future of the African people.

Upon his return to St. Patrick's Parish, Msgr. Balinda said his message to his own parishioners is the same as that which Pope Francis brought to his native Uganda. It is the message of Christ, a message of hope and a beautiful witness to the Gospel of Christ.

Papal nuncio, visiting South Bend, recalls Pope Francis' visit to Uganda

BY JENNIFER MILLER

SOUTH BEND — From growing up across the street from Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend in the 1940s to currently serving as papal nuncio to Uganda, Archbishop Michael Blume has always lived in community with the Roman Catholic Church. His life has been blessed with inspirational and fascinating moments, from joining the Divine Word Missionaries to planning Pope Francis' recent papal visit to Uganda.

Raised by loving parents, taught by the Daughters of Divine Charity, the eldest of three, Archbishop Blume grew up in "a culture that supported vocations. There was the idea that people can make decisions before they are 30. The Catholic culture in Uganda today resembles what I grew up in." The archbishop joined a minor seminary at 14 and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1972.

Three years later, "Evangelii Nuntiandi" came out and "I ate it up," the archbishop recalled, smiling. The words by Pope Paul VI echoed in the archbishop's heart and resonated with his living experience in Ghana. He has served in a variety of fascinating

offices, currently as papal nuncio to Uganda. Since February 2013, he has been serving as the pope's "ambassador" to the predominantly Catholic East African country.

Remembering the 50th anniversary of the canonization of the Uganda martyrs was the main focus of Pope Francis' visit to Uganda. Both Pope Francis and Archbishop Blume in meeting found a "a uniqueness of the holy martyrs."

"I could not imagine Uganda without the martyrs," Archbishop Blume said. "It would be a very different country. They have shaped the whole history of the Church there." And there is a very particular thing about the martyrs too — that is the group that died in 1886: 46 martyrs — 22 were Catholic and 24 were Anglican.

The site of their martyrdom, Namugongo, near Kampala, immediately became a place of prayer and pilgrimage.

"In your veins the blood of martyrs flows," the pope told the young people when he visited. "That is why your faith is so strong."

"The Holy Father essentially followed their route of martyrdom when visiting Uganda.

The first place he went was Munyonyo, where the martyrs were first condemned and tied and marched off together," Archbishop Blume said.

Next he visited the Anglican Shrine and Catholic Shrine. The latter is built over the site of St. Charles Lwanga's grave, a tree to which he was tied and burned. Immediately news of his martyrdom spread and it became a place of devotion, other people came looking for his ashes.

Preparations for the papal visit began about five months before, with five advanced teams from the Vatican visiting, meeting with government and Church authorities. "You deal with the realities of the time that is available and the realities of what human beings can endure," Archbishop Blume explained of the organizing.

Pope Francis, "had incredible stamina," Archbishop Blume noted. "You could see he was tired; but when he was with people, he was just energized!"

Archbishop Blume, who had visited the pope's pilgrimage sites in the past, said what surprised him was what "happened when you put people there. It just changes. It is another experience. And people are waiting for

Pope Francis ... and then Pope Francis comes! It is electrifying!"

Archbishop Blume traveled with Pope Francis in Uganda, as well as hosting him. The pope received many thoughtful gifts, including a goat (which he contributed to the local community) and two cakes decorated with his favorite soccer team and a pizza pie.

Mission was the pope's central message. "From the very beginning, the Church has a great example in Charles Lwanga and his companions," Archbishop Blume said. "At the same time, this is not a memory, which is to be kept in a museum. But the same Holy Spirit, which worked in Charles Lwanga and his companions, is at work in us today. And the Church is made not by closing in on ourselves but by mission." The pope repeated that message in a number of ways throughout the visit.

Archbishop Blume felt inspired as well. The pope reminded the clergy and religious they are not there just to be in "their institutions but they have to go out, they have to go out."

Outside of Africa, the pope reminded people of their responsibility to evangelize. He explained this evangelization as "a dynamic movement that

carries us out of ourselves." Archbishop Blume explained this means "reaching out, going beyond what is familiar, whether that is in one's own home or diocese. Perhaps the Lord is asking me to maybe make a contribution in another country."

When discerning such things, Archbishop Blume remembered Pope Francis' words to religious and the clergy: "Always keep looking for 'Where are the challenges?' If you look for that, you will not settle down."

For readers local to South Bend, Archbishop Blume connected the themes. "In the context of the Year of Mercy, looking out for all of those places for people who need to experience the mercy of God. You look outside, all around us. This is not exclusively a priestly function, not the domain of simply the religious. Everybody is called to that. Your next-door neighbor who has the flu and maybe needs a bit of help to do the dishes is a person in need of mercy. There are countless cases like that. Where is a person in need of mercy? You can find them in Uganda or you can also find it here (in South Bend). It is just a question of opening up our eyes, right? And going out."

Rise and walk

It is Dec. 7, 2015, and I am sitting in a darkened room about five feet from my firstborn daughter. Ten feet from me sits a nurse closely watching my daughter's vital signs, which include blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation and CO₂ level. My daughter is receiving her first of 10 daily infusions of ketamine at a clinic in Indianapolis.

Ketamine is an old anesthetic agent that is rarely used in humans anymore. It is actually what is frequently given to horses when they need sedated for a procedure or surgery. By medical standards this infusion is considered investigational and not approved for use by our FDA. Standard treatments have stopped working for my daughter. This is the only medical treatment center in Indiana that offers ketamine infusion therapy and there are not many clinics across the country that offer this.

My daughter has CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome), previously known in the medical literature as RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy). This is a neurologic disorder that affects the sympathetic nervous system. It is a relatively rare disease with bizarre manifestations. In my experience, the majority of doctors know either very little or absolutely nothing about the diagnosis and treatment of this condition. My daughter has done extensive research on this subject and almost always knows more than her caregivers. She introduced me to the ketamine option, and after researching for myself, and talking to the team

in Indy, we decided to give it a go. Ketamine blocks the sympathetic nervous system and has been shown in small trials to successfully treat CRPS.

The disease usually manifests itself after a minor injury. At age 15, my daughter was volunteering at St. Joseph Hospital and a patient's chart fell on her right hand. Over the next several days the hand became cold, painful and swollen like a giant marshmallow. There was also paralysis. This was the beginning of her sympathetic nervous system going crazy. A year or so later she slipped and fell on ice and the disease moved into her right leg. Her foot became cold, cyanotic, swollen and paralyzed.

Eventually with sympathetic blocks and physical therapy, both the right hand and foot recovered, but CRPS never really goes away. It eventually moved into her internal organs including her bladder and intestines. I have witnessed my daughter suddenly have abdominal distention to the point of looking seven months pregnant only to return to normal in several days. Over the last 20 years there have been remissions and exacerbations, but in the last year it has progressed, and affected her right hand and right leg again. As I write this, she can no longer walk and has been in a wheelchair now for about three weeks. Having a two-year-old daughter in addition to an 11-year-old son has been a challenge, especially for a single mom. It was time to try something different in hopes of improvement and maybe even a remission.

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DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

As the ketamine infuses she first begins to lose vision. She can still tell I am sitting close to her but she cannot focus at all. She suddenly sits up anxious and scared, and motions with her right index finger to come closer. I tell her I am here and will not let anything bad happen. I realize she cannot hear me. Ketamine causes sensory deprivation and she can barely hear now. I crank up the volume and speak to her about one inch from her right ear. I think she heard me this time. The nurse quickly draws up some diazepam and pushes it IV to settle my daughter down. Ketamine also causes vivid dreams and nightmares and benzodiazepines are usually given in conjunction with the drip to provide a calming and amnestic affect. She finally drifts off to sleep.

As I settle back into my chair I begin to do my daily reading in "The Word Among Us." The Gospel reading for today is Luke 5:17-26. The story is about a group of men who are carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher and trying to get close to Jesus. "But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and

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God's gift of salvation unfolds through Jesus



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 1:1-14, 4:14-21

The Book of Nehemiah furnishes the first reading for this weekend. As is the case in all the Old Testament books, this book has as its chief concern the reinforcement of the people's fidelity to God. In this reading, Ezra, who was a priest, called together men, women and children old enough to comprehend. He admonished this gathering to listen carefully to the Scripture.

After hearing the reading of the Scriptures, the people in this audience affirmed their faith. Ezra continued by interpreting

what he had read.

Finally, Ezra and Nehemiah, called the people to rejoice. God had spoken to them. God was guiding them.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Corinth provides the next reading. Always in reading the epistles to the Corinthians it is important to consider the atmosphere in which the Christians of Corinth lived. Corinth was an important commercial center and meeting point, a very large city.

Even in the empire, in which vice and greed reigned supreme, the inhabitants of Corinth had the reputation of being exceedingly licentious.

This was the atmosphere. In many respects, the evils in this atmosphere were contagious, drawing to them many Christians. Paul mentions this fact in these two epistles.

Paul constantly had to call the Corinthian Christians away from the temptations the pagan environment surrounding them pressed upon them.

He also had to contend with the competitiveness among the Christians. They vied with each

other, even in the Church. They quarreled with each other. They schemed against each other. They gossiped about each other.

In this reading, Paul insists that all the baptized are in the Body of Christ. However, the Body has many members. Each has a vocation. There is no place for competition.

Finally, St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. Midway in this reading, the Gospel directly addresses Theophilus, using the honorific "Your Excellency." Luke's Gospel seemingly was written for one person and to one person.

Scholars debate if this person had the name of Theophilus, or was it the Gospel's title, since "Theophilus" in Greek means "friend of God." In any case, the person apparently enjoyed some prestige, hence the use of the words "Your Excellency."

In this reading, Jesus appears in the synagogue of Nazareth to explain the mission of salvation. It is clear. Salvation, a gift from God to people who had lost all by sin, was unfolding in Jesus.

God's mercy is everlasting.

hope. The congregation's amazement at hearing Jesus in the synagogue is a good reminder that the Lord also has the advice humans need to reach eternal life. The people that day saw that salvation was fulfilled in the Lord. This acknowledgement is the beginning of the faith that all must possess if they truly unite with Jesus.

Politics of mercy:

'Pope knows welcoming the stranger' is controversial

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Italian comedian talking about a new Pope Francis book was not joking when he said being a minister of God's mercy can have social and political implications.

The corporal works of mercy of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked might not be controversial, but they are socially relevant actions. None of the corporal works, though, is as politically charged in the West today as "welcoming the stranger," particularly if that stranger is a Muslim.

"We are called to serve Christ the crucified through every marginalized person," Pope Francis said in the new book, "The Name of God Is Mercy."

"We touch the flesh of Christ in he who is outcast, hungry, thirsty, naked, imprisoned, ill, unemployed, persecuted, in search of refuge," the pope continued. "That is where we find our God, that is where we touch our Lord."

The U.N. Refugee Agency reported last June that at the end of 2014, the number of people forcibly displaced because of persecution, conflict and violence reached the highest number ever recorded; it had grown to "a staggering 59.5 million compared to 51.2 million a year earlier and 37.5 million a decade ago." The U.N. estimated the number had surpassed 60 million by the end of 2015.

The chief cause of the increase

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was the conflict in Syria, a conflict that is ongoing and continues to send people fleeing.

In 2015, the U.N. reported, 244 million people, or 3.3 percent of the world's population, lived outside their country of origin.

The plight of migrants and refugees has been at the heart of Pope Francis' concern as pope. Soon after his election in 2013, he went to the Italian island of Lampedusa to pray for migrants who had drowned attempting to reach Europe and to meet those who made it safely and those who have welcomed them.

Meeting Jan. 11 with ambassadors representing their nations at the Vatican, the pope made his concern for migrants and migration the key focus of his speech.

While acknowledging the social and political challenges that come with welcoming migrants, Pope Francis insisted on the human and religious obligation to care for those forced

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Reflection

The Church has celebrated Christmas, the feast of the birth of Jesus, and the feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord, and of the Baptism of the Lord. In the lessons of these great liturgical events, the Church has introduced us to Jesus. It has identified Jesus. He was the son of Mary, therefore human. He was the Son of God. He was the Redeemer.

Now the Church begins to tell us about salvation. It comes only from Jesus. To know it, humans must repent.

First Corinthians sets the stage. If we have accepted Christ into our hearts, we belong to God. Each of us has a personal vocation, because each of us is part of Christ, if we truly are true to the Gospel. God provides for us in our individual vocations.

Union with Christ is the only

READINGS

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

A Ukrainian Christmas-at-the-crossroads

When Ukraine celebrated Christmas two weeks ago, there were ample reasons for pessimism about that long-suffering country's future.

The national parliament is often dysfunctional, even by Washington standards. Corruption remains rampant throughout society and government. The Russian *Anschluss* of Crimea is, for the moment, *a fait accompli*, and Russian troops and their local hoodlum proxies continue to occupy significant parts of eastern Ukraine. The economy is a mess, real purchasing-power is down, fuel prices are up, and the oligarchs who control much of Ukraine's wealth have not shown themselves overly enthusiastic about economic and political reform. Ukraine has absorbed 1.5 million displaced persons fleeing Crimea or the war-zones of the Donbas — the rough equivalent of the United States being suddenly confronted with about 12.4 million internal refugees. The West has been largely supine in the face of Russian aggression in Ukraine; the West remains helpless in the face of the barrage of lies and propaganda the Russian media and Russian-paid internet trolls spew around the world.

Yet confronted daily by this long menu of distress, the people of Ukraine have remained remarkably faithful to the 2013-14 Maidan revolution of integrity: the self-liberation of a people who braved the bullets of Russian-supported murderers and swept a new government into power almost two years ago. The Ukrainian leaders with whom I'm in regular contact give the post-Maidan government grades ranging from B-minus to C-minus; they give Ukrainian civil society an A, for both its steadfastness and its patience amidst sluggish reform, Russian aggression and a massive refu-

gee crisis.

This patience, which is complemented by a gritty determination to see real legal and economic reforms take hold, is all the more striking in that Ukraine must confront daily the cultural and social deterioration created by the sad reality of *Homo Sovieticus*: men and women who grew up under a brutal political system that was built on falsehoods, that maintained itself through terror, and that taught everyone that trust in another human being can be very costly. The lessons driven home between 1932 and 1945 — the years of the Soviet-managed terror-famine, the Holocaust and the Second World War; the years when Ukraine was arguably the most dangerous place on earth — remain toxic to the third and fourth generation: truth is dangerous, trust is dangerous, solidarity is dangerous.

Homo Sovieticus remains a great obstacle to fulfilling the promise of the Maidan revolution in Ukraine. But those who bet that the reflexes of *Homo Sovieticus* would extinguish the flame of moral conviction that was the core of the Maidan in 2013-2014 were proven wrong then. Why? Because another idea of the human person — free in the truth; responsible; capable of fellow-feeling and solidarity; willing to sacrifice for the common good — made the Maidan revolution in Kyiv and throughout Ukraine possible.

Many communities of faith and conviction helped challenge *Homo Sovieticus* in those stirring days. Indeed, one of the most under-reported aspects of the Ukrainian revolution of 2013-14 was its intensely religious character, which reflected an intensity of ecumenical and inter-religious cooperation that was unheard of, previously, in Ukraine's history. That inter-

embrace her other two children, who are now in a refugee camp in awaiting the completion of family reunification procedures. In the meantime, the woman is hosting another Eritrean woman and her child in the apartment.

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican observer at U.N. agencies in Geneva, said the corporal work of mercy of welcoming strangers is "very political" and people's fears are natural. "It's something unavoidable that when you come into contact with the unknown, you are frightened."

"When we are detached, when we don't know them, we fear them and they fear us. The first reaction is suspicion," he said. To overcome fear and fulfill the Christian obligation of welcome and care, "the first step is to get to know each other."

Setting aside policies and procedures for determining how many refugees to accept, from where and how to vet them,

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

confessional solidarity continues today; it is one of the signs of hope during Ukraine's 2016 Christmas-at-the-crossroads; and at the center of that solidarity are the leaders, clerical and lay, of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC).

Two of those leaders, Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk and the UGCC's "foreign minister," Bishop Borys Gudziak, are the heirs, by episcopal consecration and conviction, of the heroes of the UGCC in the 20th century: the Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky; Cardinal Josyf Slipyj; Cardinal Lubomyr Husar. One of the Church's principal lay leaders, Dr. Myroslav Marynovich, is both a veteran of the Soviet Gulag and a world-class scholar. If Ukraine's political leadership mirrored the courage and insight of its Greek Catholic leadership — whose influence is considerably greater than Ukrainian demographics might suggest — a country at the crossroads would, in the year ahead, find itself pointed in the right direction.

The UGCC's efforts to deepen and extend the revolution of integrity that triumphed on Kyiv's Maidan in 2013-14 deserve the support of fellow-Catholics throughout the world: not least in the Vatican.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

Archbishop Tomasi said governments and politicians must pay greater attention to concrete steps for integrating newcomers. "That is what determines how people will react."

"We must say to migrants, 'You are in need. You are welcome here. We will give you housing, education, security. But there are values you must accept: the separation of religion and politics; respect and equality for women; respect for differences,'" he said.

In Europe and North America, integration is not adequately addressed, the archbishop said, "so it leaves room for misunderstanding, fear and is a way of justifying the rejection of persons who have a right to protection."

Speaking to the diplomats at the Vatican, Pope Francis said an exaggerated concern for oneself leads to indifference toward others and, worse, to "fear and cynicism."

But those forced to flee their

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 24, 2016

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LUKE	WRITE	GALILEE
POWER	SABBATH	TO READ
SCROLL	PROPHET	ISAIAH
ANOINTED ME	THE POOR	SENT ME
SIGHT	THE BLIND	OPPRESSED
FREE	LORD	EYES OF ALL
TODAY	SCRIPTURE	HEARING

TODAY



DOCTOR

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lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. ... He said to the one who is paralyzed, "I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

I just read this and smiled. Another God thing? I continue to be amazed at the gifts we receive through Our Savior Jesus.

This is the perfect reading for today. I am hopeful that with grace from above my daughter will walk again in several weeks. More importantly, I also pray

homelands are the ones who have the most legitimate fears: Will they and their families survive? Which borders will be open to them? Will they be accepted? Will someone reach out a helping hand as they try to re-establish themselves?

Pope Francis insisted that people are the "paramount value to be cared for and respected." A lack of concern for migrants, he said, stems from the same sense of self-preoccupation and fear of change that views some human beings as "not yet useful" — like the unborn — or 'no longer needed' — like the elderly."

Welcoming the stranger is not always easy, the pope said. "The massive number of arrivals on the shores of Europe," for example, "appears to be over-

that my daughter will return to Church and walk down the aisle to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the near future. As Jesus says in today's reading, "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them in reply, 'What are you thinking in your hearts?' Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?'" Right now I am hoping for both.

Written with permission from my firstborn.

Dr. David Kaminskas is a board certified cardiologist and member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

LETTER

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to flee in search of safety or a dignified life.

The pope's concern for refugees is not just talk.

In September, the Vatican's St. Anne Parish welcomed a family of four from Damascus, Syria, providing an apartment, food and other assistance because under Italian law, asylum seekers are not allowed to work for the first six months they are in the country. The parish of St. Peter's Basilica is hosting Eritrean refugees. A woman, whose husband is missing, gave birth to her fifth child shortly after arriving in Rome. She, the newborn and two of her other children are living in a Vatican apartment; she hopes soon to

burdening the system of reception painstakingly building on the ashes of the Second World War." In addition, large numbers of newcomers with a different culture and religious tradition leads to obvious questions about respecting differences while preserving a nation's traditional cultural and religious values.

"Equally significant," he said, "are fears about security, further exacerbated by the growing threat of international terrorism."

Politically, Pope Francis said, nations must "find the right balance" between two serious and binding obligations: protecting the rights and safety of one's citizens and ensuring assistance to and acceptance of migrants.

Sports

SMALL'S BIG PLAYS LEAD NO. 5 COUGARS TO UPSET OVER NO. 2 IWU Right before the start of the second semester, the University of Saint Francis aced one more final on Jan. 16, an 82-67 win over second-ranked Indiana Wesleyan University at Hutzell Athletic Center before more than 1,200 fans. The Cougars outscored the Wildcats, 24-3, after trailing, 45-40, with 17:04 to play in the second half. The Cougars (17-3, 7-1 CL) increased their Crossroads League lead to two games with the win, which was their seventh consecutive win in CL play. It was USF's 12th consecutive win overall.

ICCL hoopsters battle on the hardwoods

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY —The Inter-City Catholic League was in full swing again despite chills, spills and Mother Nature as all the teams braved the climate and competed at Saint Joseph and Marian high schools this past weekend.

The game of the day featured big boppers from the St. John Bosco Division as Holy Cross and Christ the King played in an overtime affair that had the Crusaders prevail, 40-37. Both teams boasted 22-point scorers — Jaden Ivy for Holy Cross and Adam Wozniak for the Kings.

The Lions of St. Pius X, Granger, used a trio of double-digit scorers — Carter Ryan, Paxton Campbell and Reegan Jackowiak — to dispel their southern opponents from St. Michael, Plymouth, 48-18.

St. Thomas, Elkhart, torched the Falcons of St. Jude, 49-12, behind 21 from Matthew Early and 12 from Aaron Fuller.

The tandem of Tommy Garnett and Brady Gumpf was too much for Holy Family as the Eagles of St. Joseph triumphed, 38-25, in another St. John Bosco battle.

The Panthers of St. Anthony snuck by the Pumas of Queen of Peace by the score of 39-31. Philip Robles netted 15 and his teammate Peter Royeca added

John Bosco Division

Team	Division				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Corpus Christi	2	0	0	1.000	6	0	0	1.000
Christ the King	2	1	0	0.667	4	2	0	0.667
St. Joseph	2	1	0	0.667	4	2	0	0.667
St. Pius X	2	1	0	0.667	5	1	0	0.833
Holy Cross	1	1	0	0.500	5	1	0	0.833
Holy Family	0	2	0	0.000	2	4	0	0.333
St. Michael	0	3	0	0.000	0	6	0	0.000

Martin De Porres Division

Team	Division				Overall			
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
St. Thomas	3	0	0	1.000	3	3	0	0.500
St. Anthony	2	0	0	1.000	5	1	0	0.833
Mishawaka Catholic	2	1	0	0.667	3	3	0	0.500
Our Lady of Hungary	1	2	0	0.333	2	4	0	0.333
Queen of Peace	1	2	0	0.333	2	4	0	0.333
St. Matthew	0	2	0	0.000	1	5	0	0.167
St. Jude	0	2	0	0.000	0	6	0	0.000

12 for the Panthers as Johnny Wang scored in double digits in the loss.

The Saints of Mishawaka Catholic celebrated Sunday with a victory over the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary by the score of 39-25. Saint Josh Gill

was the leading scorer of the contest as he knocked down 18. Hunter Renner and Bulldog C.J. Njuguna both tossed in 12 and 11 respectively.

Derek Derda kept his Cougars of Corpus Christi undefeated by scoring 23 against the Blazers of

St. Matthew making the margin, 38-28. Bryce Martens dropped in 10 in the loss.

For more scores, highlights and a complete schedule visit [www.icclsports.org](http://icclsports.org).

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CYO teams swing into New Year action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams are back in full swing in the New Year, with just a few weeks until tournament time.

At St. Vincent on Saturday, Jan. 9, several teams saw action. The host boys' team beat St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 54-36, while the girls went the other way with the Eagles downing the Panthers, 30-24.

In other games, the boys' squad from St. Rose-St. Louis came up with a big 34-31 win over league foe, St. Mary, despite Ryan McNutt's three pointer at the buzzer for the Carpenters to tie things up at 26-26 and send the game into overtime. Payton Love scored 17 for the Twins, including seven crucial points in the fourth quarter and free throws in overtime.

In his rookie season with the Twins, a pleased Coach Tom Whitaker detailed, "Our team is improving every game. We are starting to understand the offensive plays and different defenses we concentrate on in practice."

He continued, "Our team's two main goals remain having fun and getting better each game."

The Twins' girls also came up victorious over the Carpenters. Morgan Castleman and Abby Sheehan each scored eight points and Morgan Saalfrank chipped in seven.

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Ben Downey steps down as head football coach at SJHS

SOUTH BEND — Ben Downey, head football coach of the Saint Joseph High School Indians since 2010, is stepping down. Under his leadership, the Indians were sectional champs in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015; regional champs in 2010, 2011 and 2015; semi-state winners in 2010 and 2011; and state runner up in 2010 and 2011.

Downey's constant encouragement of the students, on and off the field, is one of the many things that made his program a success. He is a great leader of young men, always encouraging faith and family in his football team.

"When at halftime of your first game you're losing so badly the refs ask if you want a running clock (absolutely not!), and when in your first season you're the first head coach in school history to begin 0-3, you learn to remind yourself that the game of football is about more than wins and losses," said Ben Downey.

"Football at Saint Joe is about (in order of importance) relationships, lessons learned and championships," he said. "We didn't win championships every year, but we certainly built meaningful relationships and learned, often the hard way, our share of lessons. It's the relationships forged



that I cherish the most from my six years as head coach at Saint Joe."

He added, "I loved coaching the players, and I loved coaching with my staff, but more importantly, I love the players and the staff; they are my second family. Together we won, lost, laughed, cried, picked up championship trophies and picked each other up after painful defeats. This was our right of passage into the Saint Joe football brotherhood, where forever we'll be linked."

"I fully intended to be the head football coach at Saint Joe for the next 20 years," he said. "As my kids got older putting the team first meant missing more and more activities."

"If I've earned a place in heaven years from now when I pass, every day will consist of me being huddled together in the corner of an endzone with Saint Joe players and staff after a victory," he said. "After a few

comments about our performance, and after a prayer and a Saint Joe break, players will go sing the school song to our fans, and I'll work my way to my wife Lindsey to give her a long hug. At some point in the process my kids will have either joined the team huddle, or they'll be running around on the field playing catch with their friends."

He added, "Thankfully Coach Carrier will be there, the only person who remembers that, even after a victory, there is equipment to put away."

"This is my heaven, and because of the efforts of more people in the Saint Joe community than I have room to name, I was able to experience this 52 times ... I am blessed. Thank you," noted Downey.

Saint Joseph High School administration and athletics will conduct a thorough search for a new head coach in the upcoming weeks.

"Norm of the North"



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Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Spiritual Works of Mercy." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by Jan. 29 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

Bishop Dwenger High School Trivia Night

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will host a Trivia Night on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. Additional information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.bishopdwenger.com/trivianight or call Molly Schreck at 260-496-4775.

Bishop Luers Trivia Knight

Fort Wayne — A Trivia Knight will be Friday, Feb. 5, from 7-11 p.m. in the Bishop Luers gym.

Tickets are \$125 per table, maximum of 10 adults per table — seating is limited. For reservations or sponsorships call 260-356-1588 or email at Trivianight13@gmail.com. The theme this year is, "Decades." Decorate your tables and dress in your favorite get up from years past.

Hungarian goulash and langalo dinner planned

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a Hungarian goulash and langalo dinner Saturday, Jan. 30, from 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per dinner, \$4.50 for children 6-12 and children under 6 free. Additional goulash \$7, additional Langalo \$2. Carry-out available. Call 574-287-1700 for information.

Catholic schools and colleges fair planned

Angola — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will host a Catholic education fair Sunday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Benefit dinner for refugees

Notre Dame — The University of Notre Dame Knights of Columbus College Council No. 1477 will host a Christian Refugee Benefit Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in Carole-Sandner Hall. Visit www.nd.edu/~knights for information.

Knights to host Sunday Breakfasts at Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — The St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 will have breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St., and in the Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. to support Catholic Schools Week. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and \$20 per family. \$5 carry-out packs will also be available. All proceeds this month will benefit the Roth Memorial Educational Fund.

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Theology on Tap announces winter series
 Granger — The winter series theme #LentIsComing, will help to prepare for a fruitful Lent and take place at Villa Macri in Granger on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Jan. 26 — "Suffering: Drawing Us Closer to God" with Phil and Claire Hayes.

Square Dance at St. Louis
 New Haven — St. Louis, Besancon will have a square dance Saturday, Feb. 13, and March 12, in the hall, 15529 Lincoln Hwy. East. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Children under 5 are free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., dance from 8-11 p.m. Music by Bill Werling. Contact Stacey Isenbarger at 260-414-1757 for information. All proceeds benefit St. Louis Academy.

CASA Knight at Bishop Luers
 Fort Wayne — A CASA dinner will be Friday, Feb. 12, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Bishop Luers cafeteria. Pre-sale tickets are \$8 per adult and \$4 for children 10 and under. Tickets at the door are \$2 more. Contact Judi Mathieson at 260-415-4387 for information.

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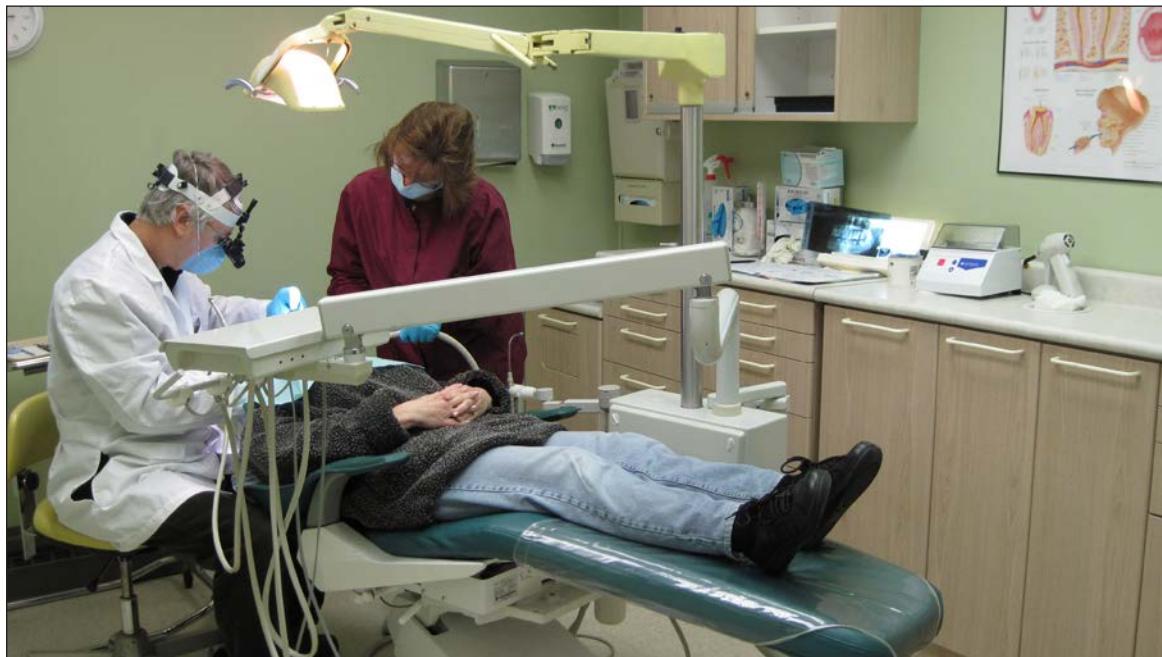
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Betty Lomont of St. Louis Besancon, New Haven, is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and visits the sick. She is also an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Visiting the sick to give Communion in nursing homes can be very enlightening. I remember entering a code to the dementia unit, going to the first room and greeting a very old woman that was bedridden. She said, 'Come closer, I am hard of hearing.' As I leaned over she grabbed my hand and pulled me awkwardly close. I asked, 'Can you hear me now?' She suddenly smiled, said 'yes,' and asked me to pray. As I was praying she closed her eyes squeezing my hand tightly praying the Our Father with me. As I gave her Communion it became clear she had a spiritual inner peace that we should all yearn for."

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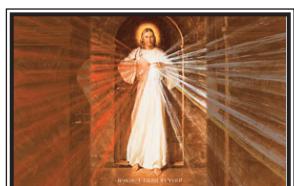


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