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Corpus Christi processions show love



Diane Freeby

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, carrying the monstrance holding the Eucharist, joined parishioners at Corpus Christi Parish Sunday in South Bend, in celebration of their patron feast day. Over a hundred faithful walked with the bishop and Corpus Christi pastor, Father Daryl Rybicki, for a prayerful and joy-filled procession in honor of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Altar servers Johnathon Zmyslo and T.J. Freeby carried the bishop's crozier and the crucifix on a beautiful sun-kissed afternoon. The procession was followed by a parish picnic.

Deacons gather in Rome, share reflections on ministry, challenges

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Thousands of permanent deacons and their wives began their Year of Mercy celebration by cutting straight to the heart of what it means to be a deacon, how the ministry impacts their families and the challenge of explaining their vocation to others, including bishops and priests.

The pilgrims divided into language groups and hundreds of English-, German- and Portuguese-speaking deacons and their families gathered May 27 at Rome's Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva.

Whether alone or with their wives, dressed in clerical collars or T-shirts because of the afternoon heat, they began sharing experiences of formation, homiletics training and ministry assignments even before the formal program began.

The Jubilee of Deacons was to conclude May 29

with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

In the informal conversations and the sharing afterward, the women were active participants. Many of them had accompanied their husbands to formation classes, and all of them are directly impacted by their husbands' ministries.

Deacon James Keating, director of theological formation at the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Nebraska, said deacons are born in families, most of them fall in love and start families before discerning a vocation to the diaconate, and they often are called upon to minister to other families.

Deacon Keating insisted that a deacon who has had proper formation in prayer, theology and the sacraments "will become a better husband," his wife

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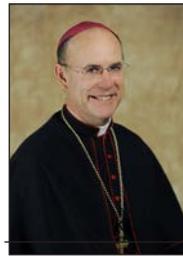
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Bishop shares with graduates lessons from *The Lord of the Rings*



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Following is the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at the Baccalaureate Masses last week at the four diocesan high schools:

In one of my high school visits this year, I met a student who was a big fan of the work of Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien, especially his trilogy *The Lord of the Rings*. Since that great epic story is a favorite of mine, the student and I had a wonderful conversation about the Catholic themes in *The Lord of the Rings*. That conversation gave me some thoughts for this homily as I considered the journey our graduates are embarking on and the parallels between their journey and that of the heroes in *The Lord of the Rings*.

If you've read *The Lord of the Rings*, or seen the movies, you may recall early in the story when the hobbit Frodo was entrusted with the task of trying to destroy the Ring of Power, the symbol of evil. The young Frodo expressed to his friend and mentor, the wizard Gandalf, his fear that he was not up to the task. Frodo said: "I wish the ring had never come to me; I wish none of this had happened." Gandalf replied with some very wise words. He said: "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us. There are other forces at work in this world besides the forces of evil."

I say to our graduates what Gandalf said to Frodo: "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." In *The Lord of the Rings*, Frodo had to decide how to respond to the reality he was faced with. And so must you. Frodo had a mission, a difficult one, and he decided to do it, not alone, but with an amazing fellowship of friends. He drew strength and received help for his mission to destroy the evil ring from these friends who with him were committed to fight the evil forces that rose against them. Their love, their fidelity, and their self-sacrifice, amid struggles, battles, and seemingly insurmountable obstacles ultimately led to victory, even though Frodo would fall along the way.

The Lord of the Rings is a mythological story about the cosmic struggle between good and evil. The heroes of this story persevered on the journey. They walked, they entered into the drama that unfolds between good and evil. They persevered in hope. Courage kept them going in the face of many difficulties.

Graduates, as you go forth from high school, your journey of life continues, the human journey that shows itself to be a struggle, like the journey of Frodo and his companions, a dramatic struggle between good and evil, between light and darkness.

Graduates, you walk this journey and enter the struggle with the virtue and gift of faith, knowing that a Person is with you who has conquered evil. That Person is not the wizard Gandalf. That Person is the Son of God, who became a man and delivered us from Satan and from sin.

Graduates, your journey is not beginning now with graduation. This is an important



Nate Proulx

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses students during the Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Luers High School at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

moment in your journey, but there was a much more important moment, the moment your journey, your adventure, began. It was the moment of your Baptism. We thank your parents for bringing you to the waters of Baptism. At your Baptism, while tracing the sign of the cross on your foreheads, the priest or deacon said: "I now claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of His cross." Later, at another important moment of your journey, when you were confirmed, the bishop again traced the sign of the cross on your foreheads, saying: "be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." So as you walk the journey of life, remember that you are united to Christ, redeemed by His Precious Blood, and sealed with the Holy Spirit. You've probably already faced some struggles in your journey and you will face more. You will encounter temptation and evil, like the heroes in *The Lord of the Rings*.

Now what happens when we succumb to evil? There's a character in *The Lord of the Rings* who shows us what happens. The seductive power of the ring tempted the hobbit Smeagol and he fell. He became Gollum. He lived in self-absorbed solitude, talking to himself, communing with no one but his "precious," as he calls the ring. Evil doesn't free us; it enslaves us. When we sin, we do not become free. We enter into captivity. To do the good makes us free. The imprisoning power of evil can be broken only by the transcendent power of good.

Graduates, I pray that on your life's journey, you will pursue the Good. But you can't succeed in this by yourselves, by your solitary endeavor. So choose your friends and companions well. The Fellowship of the Ring, that wonderful group of friends, embarked together on their perilous journey. They were a radical community of the Good. That band of small and frail friends is like the Church. Like the early Christians, Frodo and his friends dwelt in remarkable solidarity. When one suffered, they all suffered. When one enjoyed a triumph, they all rejoiced. Their weakness became their strength. That's our life in the Church: we're a company of friends who love and support one another. So I encourage you, graduates, to keep this company of friends, to be active in the Church wherever you go.

I also encourage you to be faithful to Holy Mass. When the heroes of the Fellowship needed to restore their failing strength, they ate lembas, the airy bread they had received from the elves. We eat an airy bread too when we need strength. It's not the bread of

elves, but it is the Bread of Angels: the Holy Eucharist. It is the Bread of Life and the medicine of immortality.

Remember the hobbits also found themselves offering prayers of deliverance to a beautiful woman whom Sam called "the Lady." She was Galadriel, a woman bathed in light, a royal woman held in reverence by the elves. She bestowed gifts on Frodo and his companions to help and protect them in their journey. It's pretty obvious who Tolkien had in mind in creating this character. Mary is the beautiful woman who gives us gifts for our journey, whose shining light inspires us, and whose prayers assist us.

In their difficult journey and mission, Frodo and his friends were like sheep led to the slaughter. Their love for each other required them to resist Sauron's evil, even unto death. They repeatedly offered to lay down their lives for their friends. Our Lord says in today's Gospel: "Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The most important thing I can say to our graduates is also what Jesus said in today's Gospel: "remain in His love." Jesus said to the disciples: "Remain in my love.... I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." If we live by these teachings, remaining in Christ's love and loving one another, ready to lay down our life for our friends, we find joy, true joy, everlasting joy.

Graduates, you have learned these truths in your Catholic education. I pray that you go forth with these convictions deep in your hearts, the belief that good conquers evil, that love is more powerful even than death, and that the primal reality is light, not darkness. J.R.R. Tolkien's mythological story teaches us a most profound truth that is revealed fully in the Incarnation of the Son of God, that, as Saint John writes: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." May you go forth in that light, the light of Christ, the source of truth and goodness and beauty! I pray that you will follow Him, within the fellowship of friends that are His Church, that you will continue to mature in faith, hope, and love, and that you will grow in holiness. That's our calling. Never underestimate your dignity and destiny! I pray you go forth with passion and purpose, with faith and with courage. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide, protect, and inspire you always!

In Eucharist, find strength to share bread, faith with others, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME — A Corpus Christi procession should honor Christ's gift of Himself in the Eucharist, but also should be a pledge to share bread and faith with the people of the cities and towns where the processions take place, Pope Francis said.

Just as the "breaking of the bread" became the icon of the early Christian community, giving of oneself in order to nourish others spiritually and physically should be a sign of Christians today, the pope said May 26, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

On a warm spring evening, the pope's celebration began with Mass outside Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran and was to be followed by a traditional Corpus Christi procession from St. John Lateran to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one mile away. Hundreds of members of parish and diocesan confraternities and sodalities — dressed in blue, brown, black or white capes and robes — joined the pope for Mass and would make the nighttime walk to St. Mary Major for eucharistic benediction with him.

"May this action of the eucharistic procession, which we will carry out shortly, respond to Jesus' command," he said in his

homily. The procession should be "an action to commemorate him; an action to give food to the crowds of today; an act to break open our faith and our lives as a sign of Christ's love for this city and for the whole world."

In every celebration of the Eucharist, the pope said, the people place simple bread and wine into "poor hands anointed by the Holy Spirit" and Jesus "gives us His body and His blood."

The people's gifts are an important part of the process, just as they were when Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish, Pope Francis said.

"Indeed," he said, "it is Jesus who blesses and breaks the loaves and provides sufficient food to satisfy the whole crowd, but it is the disciples who offer the five loaves and two fish."

"Jesus wanted it this way," he said. Rather than letting the disciples send the people away to find food, Jesus wanted the disciples to "put at His disposal what little they had."

"And there is another gesture: The pieces of bread, broken by the holy and venerable hands of Our Lord, pass into the poor hands of the disciples, who distribute these to the people," Pope Francis said.

The miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish, he said, "signals what Christ wants to accomplish for the salvation of

all mankind, giving His own flesh and blood. And yet this needs always to happen through those two small actions: offering the few loaves and fish which we have; receiving the bread broken by the hands of Jesus and giving it to all."

Later in the Mass, a couple with four children and a grandmother with her three grandchildren brought the gifts of bread and wine to the pope for consecration.

Pope Francis urged the crowd gathered on the lawn outside the basilica to consider all the holy men and women throughout history who have given their lives, "broken" themselves, "in order to nourish others."

"How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the slices of bread they provide each day on the tables of their homes, have broken their hearts to let their children grow, and grow well," he said. "How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have broken their own lives to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, the marginalized and those discriminated!"

The source of strength for such given, he said, is found in "the Eucharist, in the power of the risen Lord's love, who today too breaks bread for us and repeats: 'Do this in remembrance of me.'"



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, June 5, 11 a.m. — Mass with Confirmation of Adults, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, June 6, 11 a.m. — Mass with Blessing of new Women's Care Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Cemeteries, Catholic Cemeteries Office, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, June 7, 11 a.m. — Mass for Saint Anne Communities at Victory Noll, Huntington
- Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Shanahan High School, Saint Elizabeth Church, Upper Uwchlan, Pennsylvania
- Friday, June 10 — Commencement Exercises at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, Pennsylvania



Priest appointment

The Most Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective June 14, 2016:

Reverend Terrance Coonan, Jr., to Assistant Vocation Director of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Priest Moderator of the Inter City Catholic League for the South Bend area, while continuing as Pastor of Saint John the Baptist parish and chaplain of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend.

A Jubilee Year of Mercy event



Holy Hour for Priests

Friday, June 3rd
6-7 p.m.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, adjacent to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

On the 160th anniversary of the Solemnity of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization has called for every Cathedral to offer extended periods of Adoration, by priests and laypersons together, for the intention of the Church's ordained ministers. Eucharistic Adoration will begin following the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel and continue through the Holy Hour.

Confessions will be available from 4:30-6 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m., the Holy Hour will include special prayers for priests, along with the rosary, the Litany of the Sacred Heart and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Priests and the laity are cordially invited to join together in these prayers offered in love and support of all our dedicated priests.



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Children dressed in first Communion outfits hold candles as Pope Francis leads Benediction outside the Basilica of St. Mary Major on the feast of Corpus Christi in Rome, May 26.

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St. Mary's Heritage Fund awards grants totaling \$165,763

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 30 grants totaling \$165,763 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to various organizations throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies.

The \$3 million endowment fund was established in 1997 for St. Mary Mother of God Church to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese.

The St. Mary's Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary's pastor, Father Tom O'Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church.

The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

Parishes

Fort Wayne:

- St. Joseph — \$5,000 subsidy to send eighth- grade students to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
- St. Joseph Hessen Cassel — \$2,000 to support the St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Food Bank
- St. Mary Mother of God — \$2,500 for Ave Maria House supplemental operating costs
- St. Patrick — \$10,000 tuition subsidy to send children to Catholic schools

Schools

Fort Wayne:

- Queen of Angels — \$4,763 tuition assistance to new students who will not receive School Choice Scholarships
- St. Joseph — \$17,500 for transportation so students can attend St. Joseph School
- St. Joseph Hessen Cassel — \$2,000 tuition assistance and scholarships

South Bend:

- Corpus Christi — \$3,000 tuition assistance for families that do not qualify for SGO voucher
- Our Lady of Hungary — \$4,000 tuition for students who do not have SGO pathway
- St. Anthony — \$10,000 tuition assistance for pre-kindergarten for parishioner families
- St. John the Baptist — \$6,000 tuition assistance
- St. Joseph High School — \$5,000 Latino Outreach Program

Area:

- Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$15,000 financial aid for minority students
- St. Aloysius, Yoder — \$2,000 tuition assistance
- St. John the Evangelist, Goshen — \$4,000 to Making Connections through Parents — parent liaison who can bridge connection between home and school
- St. Mary, Avilla — \$6,000 SGO-tuition assistance
- St. Michael, Plymouth — \$7,000 Parent Training Specialist for school

- St. Vincent, Elkhart — \$8,000 financial aid for families in need

Agencies

Fort Wayne:

- Clinica Madre de Dios — \$4,000 for general and diabetic medical care for the poor and uninsured
- Confraternity for Penitents — \$2,500 to help fund Mary's Glen project
- Franciscan Center — \$3,000 for operational funds
- Matthew 25, Inc. — \$5,000 Medications Program
- Miss Virginia Food Pantry — \$5,000 for 2016 Balanced and Nutritional Food Project
- St. Vincent de Paul Society — \$5,000 for gas, insurance and maintenance for their Care-Van
- The Rose Home — \$5,000 to the Resident Assistance Fund — assist residents with two weeks of expenses at the Rose Home
- Vincent Village — \$5,000 childcare for homeless children

South Bend

- Catholic Charities — \$8,000 to the Resource and Referral Program
- Christ Child Society — \$2,000 to Soles for Souls program — Shoes for at-risk children

Area:

- Hannah's House, Mishawaka — \$2,500 to the residential program
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 Abigail Lee Bishop Dwenger Indiana University	 Leah Schroeder Bishop Dwenger Purdue University	

Friends, families, staff, former students, fans and the SJSE Alumni Club congratulate these eight alumni for graduating in the Top 10 of the Class of 2016.

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Lawmakers say Obama's actions in Vietnam ignore human rights abuses

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, said May 24 that President Barack Obama's decision to lift the arms embargo in Vietnam "failed to advance long-term U.S. interests." Smith was joined by Reps. Barbara Comstock, R-Virginia, and Alan Lowenthal, D-California, and Vietnamese human rights activists at a news conference on Capitol Hill. "President Obama gave up one of the few remaining leverage points that the United States has in exchange for vague promises of expanded port use by the U.S. Navy," said Smith. "This was an epic failure of diplomacy." As an advocate for the Vietnam Humans Rights Act of 2015, Smith mentioned that Obama made a "bad deal" with Vietnam, receiving nothing in return for lifting the embargo. "Vietnam would have offered the U.S. Navy port access without condition, given China's advances in the South China Sea," said Smith, who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.

Ecumenical officers hope to enrich the work of Christian collaboration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Ecumenism is meant to be a two-way street — joint declarations between faiths working their way down to the local level, and local initiatives working their way up to the broader church — and one organization wants to continue serving as a bridge between both. The work of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers is to foster and further that kind of exchange. The outgoing president of CADEIO, Father Don Rooney, a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, said that those chosen by their diocesan bishops to serve as ecumenical and interreligious liaisons to their confreres in other faith traditions can be a disparate lot. Some are priests, although laypeople can serve in the role. Some have the task as just one hat they wear in the diocese. Some bishops appoint themselves as their diocese's chief ecumenical and interreligious officer. Moreover, some of those have had training and experience in ecumenical settings, while others have not. CADEIO conducted an introductory-level institute for ecumenical leadership in May at the Theological College in Washington, with an advanced institute slated for early June, to better help those tasked with the responsibility to fulfill that responsibility better.

Corpus Christi in Brazil



CNS photo/Cadu Gomes, EPA

A picture taken with a slow shutter speed shows pilgrims taking part in the May 26 Corpus Christi procession in front of the cathedral in Brasilia, Brazil.

JRS official in Malawi says albino refugees warned to avoid certain areas

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — Albinos in a Malawi refugee camp have to be warned not to walk alone outside the camp, a church official said after a national newspaper reported the May 24 killing of a 38-year-old farmer. The death brought to 18 the number of people with albinism killed in Malawi in the past two years. Believed to bring wealth, the body parts of albinos are sought for use in magical rituals. "Because of these hunters, we warn albinos to stay away from certain areas and sometimes not to leave the camp at all," Rufino Seva, Malawi country director for Jesuit Refugee Service, said in a May 25 telephone interview from Lilongwe. "It is very risky for them to walk alone," he said. Albinism is a genetic condition in which pigment is partially or completely absent from the skin. Symptoms include blindness and greater susceptibility to skin cancer.

St. John XXIII's aide, oldest member College of Cardinals, dies at 100

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The former secretary to a saint and the oldest member of the College of Cardinals died May 26 at the age of 100. Italian Cardinal Loris Capovilla, who served St. John XXIII before and after he became pope, died in Bergamo, near Milan. Cardinal Capovilla was born in Pontelongo, Italy, on Oct. 14, 1915, and ordained to the priesthood in 1940. A journalist before starting to work for the future saint, he was an energetic and eloquent storyteller, drawing on his remarkable and vividly detailed memory. When the freshly named patriarch of Venice, Cardinal Angelo Roncalli, chose 37-year-old Father Capovilla as his private secretary in 1953, a skeptical adviser told the cardinal — who would become Pope John XXIII — that the priest looked too sickly to bear the strain of his new job. But the cardinal outlived his employer by half a century and was a dedicated custodian

of his legacy, running a small museum dedicated to the saint's memory in the late pope's native town of Sotto il Monte Giovanni XXIII, near Milan.

In Lebanon, Muslims and Christians visit Marian shrine at Harissa

HARISSA, Lebanon (CNS) — High on a summit overlooking the Mediterranean, Our Lady of Lebanon stands majestically with her arms outstretched, welcoming her children. Muslims and Christians alike come to the shrine, 16 miles north of Beirut. To Muslims, Mary is known in Arabic as "Seidatna Maryam," Our Lady Mary. Even though Muslims do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, in the Quran, a chapter is devoted to Maryam. In Lebanon, the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, is celebrated by Christians and Muslims as a national holiday. Some Muslims come to Harissa for tourism to enjoy the spectacular views from the shrine's 1,886-foot summit, and some Muslims even visit its churches

to pray, said Maronite Father Younen Obeid, rector of Harissa. "It depends on each person. But for sure, all of them have a big respect for Mary," he said of the Muslim visitors. At times, one can see as many Muslim pilgrims in Harissa as Christian. Thousands of Muslim pilgrims come from Iran each year, for example.

Musician, actor, cardinals, lawyer address Catholic college graduates

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Speakers at commencement exercises at U.S. Catholic colleges and universities this year ranged from musician and composer Harry Connick Jr. and actor of stage and screen Mahershala Ali to cardinals and bishops and a former college president. As commencement speaker at Loyola University New Orleans May 20, Connick both regaled crowds and drew upon his multifaceted career and his Catholic upbringing as he shared advice for a meaningful and successful life beyond graduation. "If you work and pay attention to the smallest details of your work, your relationships, your faith, you'll find that over time, you will have created a lot of great things — things of worth, things of substance and quality," he told the graduates. Connick, a native son of New Orleans, received an honorary doctorate of music from Loyola. In his commencement address he cited the philosophies of Pope Francis, the Jesuits and St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. With self-deprecating humor, he also drew upon his career referencing family life, his upbringing in the Crescent City and past work on the film "Dolphin Tale" and TV shows "Will and Grace" and "American Idol."

Texas couple works to give daughters a future

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (CNS) — Gustavo Rodriguez knew he couldn't study math forever. The impoverished conditions in his town in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas in the early 1980s just wouldn't allow it. And so the story begins of a life abroad. By 1992, after a short construction stint laying foundations in Houston, the 44-year-old said in Spanish that he met his wife, Columba in Brownsville. The couple relied on a heavy dose of Lone Star self-reliance, mowing lawns, cleaning houses and raising three young girls. Some 21 years later, their oldest daughter is in her third year of studies at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and their second daughter, Alejandra, is graduating from high school at Marist-run St. Joseph Academy. "My dad loves math," Alejandra said describing her dad's commitment to helping her finish homework as a child. "And he always wanted to become a teacher. However, the circumstances he lived in didn't allow that to happen."



Living the Year of Mercy

Pray for the Living and the Dead

Most Precious Blood students pray during Lent



Provided by Most Precious Blood School

Students at Most Precious Blood School make prayer booklets to assist in praying for the living and the dead during the past Lenten season.

Prayers rise to heaven



The Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne is a sacred place for personal prayer for the souls of family and friends.

St. Matthew Bereavement Ministry

New to the St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, the Bereavement Ministry reaches out in compassion to families who are grieving. By partnering a Bereavement Ministry team member with a family who just lost a loved one, the parish reaches out in word and deed. They write greeting cards throughout the year, especially at key days and holidays and offer meals during the family's time of transition. They seek to build relationships, educate and support their fellow parishioners, as well as comfort the sorrowful.

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Central Catholic Memorial Plaza to be dedicated

FORT WAYNE — Central Catholic Memorial Plaza will be dedicated and blessed in a ceremony Sunday, June 12, at 2 p.m. The plaza is on the original site of Central Catholic High School at the corner of South Clinton and Lewis Street. Msgr. Robert Schulte will bless the plaza, and speakers will include some graduates from Central Catholic. The site now includes a restored statue of the Christ of Lewis Street, which once stood atop the school building. It also includes new landscaping, lighting, engraved memorial bricks in a pathway that leads to the statue and a memorial to the high school. The public is encouraged to attend the dedication ceremony. For more information contact Leanne Mensing at 260-485-0290 or lmensing1@frontier.com.

School Sisters of St. Francis celebrate jubilee

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — On June 18, 52 School Sisters of St. Francis in the United States will celebrate milestone anniversaries of service as women religious. In addition, two lay women and men in Associate Relationship with the community will celebrate their 40-year jubilee and two will celebrate their 25-year jubilee.

Sister Bernice Gall is celebrating 60 years of consecrated life. Her ministry includes service in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister Bernice (Benigna) Gall was born in Howell, Nebraska. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Alverno College in Milwaukee, and a Master of Science degree in Education from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she was a teacher/organist in Monroeville at St. Rose of Lima School (1962-1968) and at St. Joseph School (1971-1972). Sister is retired and resides in Des Moines, Iowa, where she serves in the ministry of prayer and presence at a local convent.

Live a life of no regrets

NIX SETTLEMENT — Robert Rogers has devoted his life to helping people face life-altering events. His tragedy brought him ever closer to God, who saved him. Rogers will speak at St. Catherine of Alexandria, Nix Settlement, 9989 State Rd. 9 south of Columbia City on Tuesday, June 28, from 7-8 p.m. with light refreshments served afterwards. Contact Doris Seabaugh at 260-248-8666 or email dmseabaugh@embarqmail.com.



SISTER BERNICE GALL

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Thomas students kneel at Notre Dame grotto



Provided by Anne Rice

Twenty-eight fourth grade students from St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart took a field trip to the University of Notre Dame on May 24. They approached the grotto in silence and knelt to pray.

National Award for Architecture given to Duncan Stroik

NEW YORK CITY — The Arthur Ross Award is the oldest award for classical architecture in the United States. It "recognizes and celebrates excellence in the classical tradition." This year, Duncan Stroik, practicing architect and professor at the University of Notre Dame, received the Arthur Ross Award in McKim, Mead & White's historic University Club in New York City.

Stroik received his architectural education from the University of Virginia and Yale University. In 1990, after serving as a project designer for Allan Greenberg, he was invited to help implement a new curriculum in classical architecture at the University of Notre Dame. His work utilizes hand drawing, full-scale details, and watercolor renderings, as well as close collaboration with painters, sculptors and other craftsmen. Learning from the great tradition has led him to visit and study buildings *in situ* throughout Europe, including the opportunity to measure the work of Andrea Palladio in the Veneto.

Stroik's Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Chapel in California was the first classical chapel to be built on a college campus in sixty years. His Shrine of Our

Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is the grandest classical church built in decades. He is also known for the "creative restoration" of Saint Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presently, Stroik is working on a \$28 million, 1300-seat chapel complete with a masonry dome, interior limestone columns, and two world-class organs for a college in Michigan.

The New York Times called Stroik a "Young Old Fogey" in 1994. The Wall Street Journal has said that, "Stroik has labored long and hard to reconnect Catholic artistic patronage with its ancient heritage."

Stroik's efforts to bring beauty back to churches led to the founding of the Institute for Sacred Architecture and its journal, *Sacred Architecture*. He is the author of "The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence and the Eternal." His work is animated by the conviction that beautiful and durable architecture ennobles mankind and honors the Creator.

Capuchin Friars mark 60 year jubilees

MOUNT CALVARY, Wisconsin — Capuchin Friars Ronald Rieder and Bede Louzon are marking their 60 year jubilees as Capuchin Friars. They will be joined by 16 other jubilarians on July 15 at St.

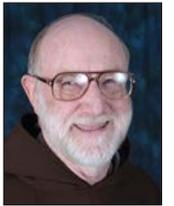
Lawrence Seminary High School, the founding site of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, Mount Calvary.

Father Ronald has served Ss. Peter and Paul Parish since 1984. "I have served as pastor at Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington, for thirty two years," Father Ronald explains.

"I love being a Capuchin, I love Huntington with all my heart, and I love my beloved St. Felix. It's been a wonderful experience!"

Father Bede served Ss. Peter and Paul Parish from 1986-1992. "One of the most rewarding experiences in my vocation has become the ministry of the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we witness

to the profound repentance and the ministry of the Mercy of God among his people," Father Bede explains. "As our anniversary of religious life approaches, the greatest experiences and joys of religious life are the experiences and memories of past ministries, people and places of service among his people, but especially the witness and love of our fraternity. I am so proud of my Capuchin vocation. God is good indeed."



FATHER RON RIEDER



FATHER BEDE LOUZON

Ryan Briscoe ordained to Priesthood



Jaelyn Lippelmann

The Dominican Friars Eastern Province of St. Joseph held its priestly ordinations at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 21. Father Patrick Mary Briscoe was one of 11 men ordained. Briscoe attended St. Charles Parish and Bishop Dwenger High School. Archbishop Augustine Di Noia, OP, was the ordaining prelate.

Father Edward Erpelding observing 50-year Jubilee as priest

BY VINCE LABARBERA

It's unusual for a priest to be identified by name, rank and serial number. But for more than half of his 50 years as a priest, that's how Father Edward E. Erpelding was known. By the time he reached retirement from active military service as a Catholic chaplain in 1996, he had attained the rank of Captain in the United States Navy and earned some 14 awards including a Gold Star and five Bronze Stars.

Born in Fort Wayne, young Erpelding attended McColluch and St. Andrew elementary schools, and Central Catholic High School. He first thought about becoming a Franciscan priest in sixth grade, he said, due to the influence of the Franciscan sisters teaching at St. Andrew and his oldest sister, Sister Cecelia Marie, OSF, with the Mishawaka community. She died last year along with his youngest sister, Marilyn Rose McKee. He has two brothers, Joe, of Craigville, IN and John, living in Fort Wayne.

His next thoughts about a priestly vocation came after high school and were prompted in part by a bet he made with his older brother, John, who said he



FATHER EDWARD ERPELDING

wouldn't stay in the seminary. He won the wager when he earned a minor seminary certificate in 1960 from Our Lady of the Lake Seminary in Syracuse. He continued his studies at Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, graduating with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts in 1962 and completing a master's degree in theology in 1965. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Leo A. Pursley on May 28, 1966, and assigned as associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. The following year he earned a master's degree in education from the University of Saint Francis. He has pursued postgraduate studies at Xavier, Ball State and Chapman

universities, Medical College of Pennsylvania and Catholic University of America.

Before his military career, other associate pastor assignments included SS. Peter & Paul, Huntington, 1970, St. Adalbert, South Bend, 1972 and St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, 1974. Father Erpelding also taught at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, and served as principal of Huntington Catholic and Marian high schools in Huntington and Mishawaka, respectively, and as director of pastoral care at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Father Erpelding received an ecclesiastical endorsement and volunteered for service in the Navy Chaplain Corps. He was appointed a Lieutenant and commissioned in 1970. He completed active duty training at Naval Operation Base, Norfolk, VA and Naval Air Station, Memphis, TN. He graduated from Naval Chaplain School in 1972.

Some of Father Erpelding's numerous assignments during his long military career include: visiting Coast Guard units on the Pacific Coast and serving on Coast Guard cutters; service with the Third Marine Division's Fleet

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Father John Pfister celebrates golden jubilee

BY MARK WEBER

Although he is celebrating 50 years of priesthood, his intentions of living the religious life go back to when he was nine years old and his hero — his father — was killed in a automobile accident. Father Pfister's dad was in the plastic business in Huntington and John was frequently in his shadow at the lab, certain that one day he would be working with his dad full-time. The tragic accident literally crashed those plans and John heard himself telling his sister, "I think I'll be a priest."

After six years at Our Lady of the Lake seminary on Lake Wawasee and seven years at Catholic University in Washington, D. C., he was ordained a priest by Bishop Leo A. Pursley on May 28, 1966 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

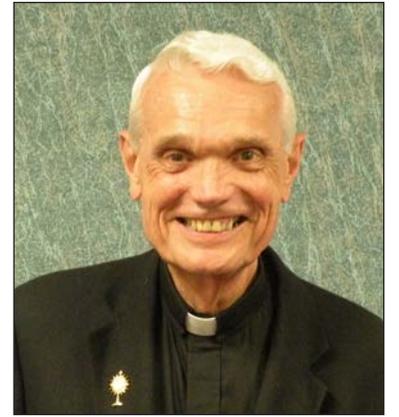
Father Pfister's first assignment was as an assistant at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne and as a faculty member at Bishop Dwenger High School where he taught English and Religion to seniors, the school's first graduating class.

He was also chaplain of the athletic department and after five years became guidance director at Bishop Dwenger High School.

On July 1, 1969, Father Pfister was appointed diocesan director of religious vocations, a post he would hold for a number of years and a cause he continues to hold close to his heart.

In relation to his work with vocations, on March 29, 1973, Father was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Athenaeum of Ohio which comprised the minor and major seminaries, St. Gregory's and St. Mary's, Cincinnati, Ohio. On July 6, 1978, he was appointed chaplain of the Serra Club of Fort Wayne.

From 1974-76, Father was State Chaplain for the Indiana Knights of Columbus and eventually served as a council chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in South Bend.



FATHER JOHN PFISTER

Next came Father Pfister's first pastorate: On July 7, 1980, he was named as pastor of St. Jude parish in Fort Wayne by Bishop William E. McManus, where he served until July 26, 1988 when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in South Bend by Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

It was back to Fort Wayne on January 11, 1994 as Father became pastor of Queen of Angels parish where he stayed until August 10, 2005 when, after nearly 40 years he returned to where he started, his hometown of Huntington and became pastor of St. Mary parish. He served there until June, 2015 when he retired and moved to Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Declining health has been a serious problem for Father Pfister. He has difficulty walking which has limited his activities to a high degree. His dreaded walker is a cross in disguise. Slowly he makes his way through the halls, his agony masked by a smile and his encouraging words for others. Those who knew him "in the day" remember his hearty thumbs-up victory salute and his "we're gonna win" persona; it's still there, in a quiet way. What isn't there, and never was, is bitterness, self-pity or a litany of sorrows. He forgets rather than regrets.

Father Pfister's jubilee is golden, but his character, example and determination is unalloyed stainless steel.

Holy Cross Father Charles Lavelly celebrating 50 years of Priesthood

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Ordained a Roman Catholic priest on December 18th, 1965 in Rome, Italy, Holy Cross Father Charles Lavelly is celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Father Lavelly is the eldest of three boys born to Clara and Charles Lavelly. He credits his mother especially with encouraging and fostering his education. Both parents were important examples that inspired Father Lavelly in his vocation and spiritual life. "They gave us great love and models of service. I find myself today visiting shut-ins on Sunday ... why? This is what my parents demonstrated. I recall my father doing the same when I was a boy on Sundays."

Father Lavelly also remembers "the priests of our parish coming over to our home" on a regular basis. His father, Charles Sr., was also a member of a men's group in their parish and good friends with a Holy Ghost priest who was very kind to the boys growing up. He remembers going to Sunday evening benediction with his whole family and going out for ice cream afterwards if



FATHER CHARLES LAVELLY, CSC

he and his brothers behaved well. These seemingly everyday, small choices and gestures had a strong impact on Father Lavelly, impressing upon him the goodness and appeal of the priesthood, as well as the love and faithfulness given to the Church by the lay faithful.

His loving, Catholic upbringing amplified the Holy Spirit's calling to the priesthood. The call came early in his life. At age 13, Lavelly answered an ad in his Catholic Boy magazine, for the Congregation of Holy Cross' vocations at Notre Dame. He soon became a student at Holy Cross College, formerly a

high school seminary on Notre Dame's campus. Later, he continued to the Novitiate and Moreau Seminary. He then continued his studies in Rome, where he was ordained.

Father Lavelly was a student at the Gregorian University in Rome, studying moral theology, at the time of Vatican II. World-famous theologians would visit and stay at the Holy Cross house and discuss the exciting events and topics of the day. He clearly remembers the day when Jesuit Father John Courtney Murray spoke to them. In the middle of his talk the rector of the seminary, Holy Cross Father Bob Nogosek, politely interrupted him and announced that President Kennedy had just been shot. Father John Courtney Murray immediately asked everyone to kneel and pray for Kennedy. He then left, never finishing his talk.

For the start of Father Lavelly's active ministry, he served as chaplain at the Congregation's international school in Rome. He then spent 12 years at Notre Dame High School in Chicago, teaching theology.

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Father James Stoyle to observe 25-year jubilee as priest

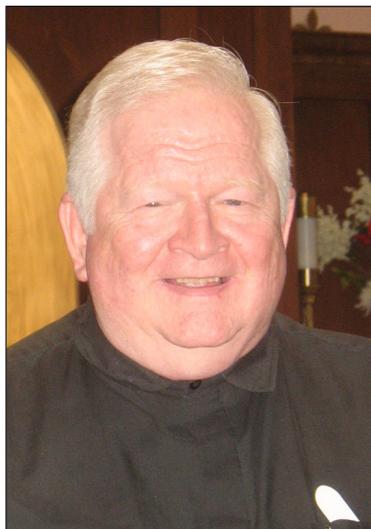
BY VINCE LABARBERA

Like Mary in St. Luke's Gospel who decided to listen to Jesus speak rather than help her sister, Martha, serve, Father James F. Stoyle eventually followed his heart and chose the priesthood over a promising secular career.

"I am definitely happy about the decision I made," said Father Stoyle in anticipation of his 25-year jubilee of priesthood this coming November.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1944, he was the youngest child of David and Catherine Stoyle. A sister, Anne Doyle, 85 — who Father Stoyle lovingly calls "Stoyle Doyle" — and a brother, Lawrence, 73, still reside in the Pittsburgh area. A brother and two sisters have died.

Father Stoyle attributes the fact that his parents were both daily communicants, along with the teachings of the Sisters of Charity at Resurrection School and the presence of four priests at the Pittsburgh parish, all as influential in his desire to become a priest as early as second grade. His high school and college studies were at St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology in Indiana, then a minor seminary. He studied theology and philosophy, minoring in English, history, social studies, French, classic languages and education. Prior to being



FATHER JAMES STOYLE

ordained, however, he had some doubts about committing to the priesthood and he asked to take two years off. But, the decision demanded an immediate "yes" or "no" answer, so he chose the negative.

He taught English and history, served as a training director and an operational manager, all in the Pittsburgh area. Later, he began working in Chicago as an executive assistant to a corporate president and as a general manager. He then started his own consulting business and sought out a smaller town near an airport. He chose South Bend and began attending Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral. That's where

he met Bishop Joseph R. Crowley, auxiliary bishop and rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, who became his spiritual advisor and asked him if he was still considering the priesthood.

The two-year absence from pursuing his ordination had grown to 21 years, but he felt the call was still there. So, at age 42, he enrolled in Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary near Boston, again studying philosophy even though he had earned a master's degree in the subject from Duquesne University. He was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Crowley and a week later to the priesthood by Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Nov. 16, 1991, in St. Matthew Cathedral.

Father Stoyle's initial assignment as associate pastor was at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart. Eighteen months later he was appointed pastor at St. Jude, South Bend, and also served at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville. During his stay, he oversaw major repairs to the church and school, and the school reached its capacity of 254 children. In 2001, he was named pastor of St. Monica, Mishawaka, where he was instrumental in obtaining a gift to add air conditioning to both the church and school. He began serving as an associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, in 2005, where he taught a weekly adult Scripture class

during the day and an evening theology class.

Since 2010, Father Stoyle has served as pastor of Immaculate Conception, Kendallville. Again, he arranged for needed repairs to the church and basement, repainted walls, redecorated the Stations of the Cross, raised-up the main altar and erected reredos behind it, and many other improvements for just \$75,000. And, he has a few other liturgical ideas in mind to enhance the beauty of the 149-year-old worship space.

He also had a new Allen organ installed equipped with a synthesizer-like device that

enables him, as the church organist, to record/play the organ music for weekend Masses. He began playing an organ in church when he was 13 and studied piano at the Chicago Musical College which later merged with Roosevelt University's School of Music.

Father Stoyle does have some health concerns, but when his feet hit the floor every morning he immediately says, "Deo Gratias" ("Thanks be to God") for another day, whatever happens. "As St. Paul said, 'In all circumstances give thanks'" (1Th 5:18), he concluded.

Holy Cross Father Robert Nogosek offers 60 years of service

BY JENNIFER MILLER



FATHER NOGOSEK, CSC

"It is not a choice. It is a calling from God." With these words, Holy Cross Father Robert Nogosek spoke of his vocation. "You really need to know that God called you." Nogosek answered God's call 60 years ago, when he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on October 28, 1956.

Originally from North Dakota, Father Nogosek literally grew up "close to the Church." Raised by his aunt and uncle, he lived right across the street from their parish church and would walk to serve as an altar server. His Catholic family was active and faithful, which offered him a positive, loving example of God.

It was this strong faith foundation that supported him while at the University of Notre Dame in 1948, studying as a lay student through the ROTC program. "The religious atmosphere caught me and I met other students considering too the priesthood," he said. Also "many excellent priests" told him, "We need you." Initially he considered first finishing his time in the Navy as an officer. However one summer during ROTC, he was out in the Pacific Ocean on a cruiser, looking up at the thousand of stars in the night sky and wondered what he should do with his life. He prayed for God's will for an entire year and continued to know God's call for him, a call that he first felt as a child. He joined the Congregation of Holy Cross that year.

After seminary Father Nogosek was sent to Paris, Jerusalem and Rome for further academic studies in the New Biblical Theology and was ordained in 1956. He taught first (in Latin) as a seminary professor, but in 1962, he was called back to Rome to be the Rector of the Holy Cross House. This

was also the year in which the Second Vatican Council began.

"We had followed the debates and issues of the Council. I studied in Paris under the professors of the New Theology, Biblical and Patristics and they were the ones now writing many of the documents of the Council, so I was ready for understanding the change.

Rome was all excited. I was not expecting much. I was involved in the discussion with the Protestant observers because that was easier to join in. Each of the fall sessions, we would follow along daily. Father Heston stayed at our house. He was head of the English press. He would meet the press at 2:30 p.m. and he loved to tell secrets.

After Vatican II concluded, Father Nogosek returned to the United States to a serve in a parish, Sacred Heart in New Orleans. He thought he had been in seminary stuff too long, but he was trying to get people interested in Vatican II and they weren't very interested in it. So that — Vatican II — was always a part of him. The provincial assigned Nogosek to the faculty at Notre Dame, teaching first for undergraduates and then in the seminary. He then decided that

Nigerian priest has special devotion to Our Lady

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

AVILLA — Father Daniel Chukwuleta, who is celebrating his 25th Jubilee Year, says that he has a personal devotion to Our Lady and the rosary.

This devotion, along with celebration of the Holy Eucharist, are the things he enjoys most about being a priest.

Father Daniel is a native of Ihiala, Anambra State, Nigeria. He grew up as one of 10 children and the only one of his siblings to enter religious life. He says his "life changing moment" came when he was a 12-year-old altar server at St., Martin's Church, Odoata, Ihiala, and realized he had a vocation to the priesthood. When he told his parents of his desire to be a priest, they were very supportive.

His beloved mother, especially, encouraged him and prayed for his success. Father Daniel calls her his mentor, along with the late Father George Akanigwo, CS, Sp, who inspired him through his own spiritual life and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

During his seminary formation Father Daniel studied philosophy and theology at



FATHER DANIEL CHUKWULETA

Bigard Memorial Seminary in Nigeria and taught as a senior seminarian at All Hallows Minor Seminary. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology at Pontifical Urban University, Rome, a master's degree from Indiana University, and his doctoral degree in pastoral counseling at the Graduate Theological Foundation in Mishawaka.

He was ordained on July 13, 1991, at Holy Trinity Cathedral Onitsha by the late Archbishop Stephen Ezeanya, and belongs to the Onitsha Archdiocesan Presbyterium.

Father Daniel is considered to be in this country on a "mis-

sion," so "they expect you back," he says. After early pastoral assignments in Nigeria, he was sent to this country in 1998 to serve as chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in downtown Fort Wayne, then was assigned as pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Avilla, where he remains today in his fourth year. He also serves as chaplain of the Fort Wayne Catholic Medical Guild.

Father Daniel speaks highly of St. Mary Parish. "This is a lovely community — small but nice. I love the school," says the friendly, affable pastor. "And I am very grateful to Bishop Rhoades." He and Msgr. Robert Schulte have been "very, very supportive," he adds.

He says he thinks often of his mother's advice to him as a young man. She said, "No matter how successful you may be in life, do not claim the world to be your own. So be humble, honest, kind to your fellow human beings." Father Daniel tries to follow that advice, as always, as he enters his next quarter-century of service to God and his fellow man.

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“will actually fall more in love” because he will be converted to a closer relationship with Jesus and a greater availability to others.

However, he said, that availability is not so much about time and activity, as it is about “being” a deacon. It’s about “relationships, not ministries,” Deacon Keating insisted.

Kimberly Norman, whose husband, James, is a deacon at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago, said Deacon Keating was right. Speaking of her husband, she said: “Yes, he is a better man. Yes, he is a better husband.” The preparation and ministry “has strengthened our marriage.”

Deacon Norman said his wife has changed, too, and is a particularly good example and reminder to him to make more time for prayer.

The jubilee for deacons



CNS/Paul Haring

Permanent deacons and their wives attend a conference at the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome May 27. Attendees were participating in the Jubilee of Deacons, a celebration of the Holy Year of Mercy.

began just two weeks after Pope Francis told members of the International Union of Superiors General that he thought it was a good idea to establish a commission to study the role of New Testament deaconesses and the possibility of women serving as deacons today.

The Normans said that was

a great idea. “I’m very hopeful,” Kimberly Norman said. Deacon Norman agreed, saying, “Clearly, women have had leadership in the church, but it’s not recognized by ordination.”

Deacon Anthony Gooley of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia, and a lecturer in theology at the Broken Bay Institute,

told the crowd that deacons were instituted in the early Christian community to minister to people whose particular needs were not being met by the disciples.

They have the same mission today to reach unserved or underserved populations, he said. In fact, their potential contribution to the new evangelization “is limited only by imagination and by the will of those who engage in placements and pastoral planning in the dioceses.”

“Too often a deacon is left to work out the details of his own pastoral ministry,” Deacon Gooley said, and arrangements are made with “a handshake deal with the parish priest.”

His remarks led to a ripple of agreement around the basilica.

Deacon Greg Kandra of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, a popular blogger and multimedia editor for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, focused on the ministry of deacons in the workplace. Many of the almost 45,000 permanent deacons in the world continue to work in secular jobs to support their families even after ordination.

But a deacon is a deacon no matter where he is, Deacon Kandra said. He is called by the church to be on the “front line,” wherever he is.

“The deacon is called to be a witness to compassion,” helping those who are hungry or poor, whether materially or spiritually. “They might work in the cubicle next to yours,” he said.

As a witness to the dignity of work, Deacon Kandra said, the deacon is called to stand up for just wages and decent working conditions, but also to improve the workplace environment by “quieting gossip,” listening to grievances and speaking up for those without a voice.

“Some of the most important missionary activity in the world today may begin in unlikely places, not in a jungle or desert of some far-off country, but around the water cooler, or on a bus, or over coffee in the company cafeteria,” he said.

“What began on the altar on Sunday,” Deacon Kandra said, “continues in the world and in the workplace on Monday.”

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Marine Force, Okinawa, Japan; writing curriculum modules in leadership and management, and teaching classes at Officer Candidate, Officer Indoctrination and Naval Chaplain schools; deployment to Korea with Fourth Marine Regiment on USS Denver; assignment to USS Guam and duty on USS Guadalcanal and a couple amphibious units; participating in several operations in the Persian Gulf, Haiti and Adriatic Sea; appointment as Command Chaplain aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and Commander Eisenhower Battle Group.

“It’s a privilege to be endorsed by the bishop as a representative of the diocese to provide religious ministry to our Catholics in the service and provide for the free exercise of religion,” said Father Erpelding.

Pastoral assignments after his military career were St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse, 1996; St. Joseph Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, 2002; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla, 2006. In 2012 he requested an assignment as priest chaplain of Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, which was granted by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. He continues in this ministry even though he reached retirement age last July. When *Today’s Catholic* asked him how long he plans to continue ministering to about 25-50 patients a day, he answered, “We’ll see.”

When he’s not ministering at Parkview, Father Erpelding enjoys drawing and painting. Many works include buildings, scenes and people he experienced during his long and varied priesthood.

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His next ministries were at various parishes in South Bend, including St. Therese Little Flower, St. Patrick, St. Joseph, Holy Cross and St. Augustine. When he first began parish ministry, Father Lavelly recalls, “I was scared to death,” but remembers hearing interiorly God’s voice speaking to him, “Don’t worry, I’ll be with you.”

This is one of two themes that Father Lavelly has discerned during his priesthood, “I will be with you.” The other is “The road not taken.” (from the Robert Frost poem) “As I look back, those themes have been present in my life.”

Today, Father Lavelly is officially retired. He feels that “the secret to retirement is to volunteer.” He divides his time between life at Our Lady of Fatima House and service with the archives of the community, St. Augustine soup kitchen and visiting Hospice clients. Father Lavelly also enjoys his community at Our Lady of Fatima House, with their morning prayer and daily Mass.

“The Spirit is very active in my life. I know of the concern of the Father and see the person of Jesus in interacting with folks,” he said.

He hopes for the future “that I keep doing God’s will, that I see and hear what God calls me to do and to go this way (hand pointing to the side) that I follow.”

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he was best at doing — where his greatest talent lie — was in doing retreats that involved spiritual life and renewal.

Constantly lead by the Holy Spirit, in prayer with Jesus and following God the Father, Father Nogosek found himself leading retreats with the Fatima Renewal Team with the “Better World Movement.” They hosted parish retreats that began in 1973, with a goal of building community through small groups inspired by Vatican II renewal. They started in Indiana, but found themselves asked to speak at parishes around the Midwest region. From Nebraska to Ohio and Kentucky, they reached over 51 parishes, with retreats for hundreds of laity.

Father Nogosek found these programs of renewal blossoming and in 1986 began serving with the Cursillo movement in the Coachella Valley of California. There was a need for the spiritual care of many Spanish-speaking farm laborers, but no official program existed. The retreats were fruitful but needed to be connected to a parish to continue to flourish. He was often “giving advice of how to run parishes, and then the superior said to me, ‘How about being pastor?’ As far as the Spanish goes, I said, ‘God if you want me to do this, you got to teach me Spanish.’ It is a great place and we worked on the development and ministry of lay people for the next 12 years.”

The Bishop of San Bernardino, California then asked Father Nogosek to become

the Director of Permanent Deaconate Formation, which was an excellent blending of his many talents and academic work. After seven years, he was called back to South Bend to serve in St. Adalbert and Casmir Parish as associate pastor, continuing to work with Hispanic ministry. All the while, his ministry was very much marked by Vatican II and developing active Christian communities.

The nature of Father Nogosek’s spiritual life still and always has been shaped by the Eucharist. Jesus in the tabernacle is central in his life. He began the practice of daily meditation on Holy Scripture for an hour each day when he was first ordained, and still continues this 60 years later. The community of Our Lady of Fatima House prays morning and evening prayer together, which Father Nogosek enjoys. “(It is) really wonderful. ... Life is simpler and community and prayer creates the shape of things,” he said.

His hopes for the future are to continue to live for a purpose, and for peace on earth and among humankind. He thoroughly enjoys his vocation as a priest, saying, “I love people!” and clearly demonstrates God’s love to them. Father Nogosek also looks forward to doing more theological writing.



MSGR. OWEN CAMPION

Msgr. Owen Campion celebrates 50 year jubilee as retirement nears

HUNTINGTON — Msgr. Owen Campion will celebrate 50 years as a priest this year and is preparing to retire at a later date this summer. A larger story on Msgr. Campion will be featured here in an upcoming issue.

Thoughts at a high school graduation

Last night, my husband and I gathered with our daughter and many other graduates and families at St. Matthew Cathedral for the baccalaureate Mass of Marian High School. Since my daughter sings in the choir, we got to sit up in the choir loft with her, a first for us, although she is our sixth Marian High School graduate.

Perched up top with a bird's eye view of the beautiful Mass, I could easily see all the graduates with their families. Some came with young children. Others were seated with older people, presumably grandparents. Some, like us, came just with their graduates, no doubt enjoying the special Mass and time with one another that this event afforded.

As I looked out over the group I felt a deep appreciation for our shared Catholic faith, and that my daughter had the opportunity to spend the last four formative years with others who also value our faith so deeply and strive to make it a priority in every day life. I thought of the unique gifts and talents of this particular group of graduates, many with their remarkable gifts and talents already being developed and shared.

More important than the accomplishments in academics or athletics, awards, recognitions, and appointments, however, is the development of virtue and character. As I looked at the graduates I know personally, it occurred to me that many of those exceptional young men and women are well on their way to developing that, and I was so proud of them, even though they are not my kids.

Some of them I have watched grow for years. What a gift.

Then I began to ponder the characteristics of parents who raise such kids. In having watched graduates for more than ten years now (an advantage of being an "older" parent who has been at many graduations), I've come to notice a pattern of parenting that has pretty good results. The following is not an exhaustive list, of course, but it is my opinion that parents who raise exemplary kids share some if not all of the following characteristics:

Parents of exemplary young people gave their attention and time to their kids but did not do everything for those young adults; they taught them then stood back. These parents made their children earn their grades, their money, their own reputations. They let them live with the consequences of their actions, which sometimes meant a short-term fail, but which gave them the best opportunity for long-term success.

These parents taught their children to serve others, not just in clubs and associations and things that "counted" for a college resume, but in real life situations when someone was hurting and needed them. They learned, as St. Francis de Sales said, "Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily."

The parents of remarkable children gave those children time to explore and develop their interests and talents. They encouraged them to try new things. They supported them in their endeavors. They



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told them not to give up when things didn't go as planned and reminded them that they didn't have to be the best but to simply do their best.

Most importantly, the parents first and foremost valued their faith and brought their children to God — at Mass, in their Catholic school, and in their daily lives. They demonstrated, through their actions, that putting God first is a priority that supersedes all others. "Seek first the kingdom (of God) and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." (Mt 6:33) In a society that values self-gratification, these parents often sacrificed much to offer their children an opportunity to know truth, beauty, and goodness Himself.

As I looked out of the choir loft last night, I also thought of the tumultuous times, and the sometimes-dark world, that meets the graduates of 2016. But Bishop Rhoades put my thoughts where they needed to be regarding that. In his beautiful homily, he quoted J.R.R. Tolkien from the Lord of the Rings. Frodo said, "I wish it need not have happened in my time." To which Gandolf answered, "So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But

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To bake is to believe: a convert in the kitchen

Staci Perry bakes like she lives. She doesn't measure. She works with what's already in the fridge. And she scrapes every last bit out of the bowl.

"I don't do anything fancy," she says, sitting in the kitchen of her century-old farmhouse two miles north of Verdi, a tiny, windswept town by the Minnesota-South Dakota border. "It's very church potluck-ish — bars, brownies, pies — just your home made kind of food. If a recipe calls for a candy thermometer, I turn the page."

So when a crack appeared in the dark-chocolate cheesecake she made last month for an intern, Staci recognized it for what it was: "the perfect cranny for the ganache to nestle into like a silk scarf tucked into a cashmere coat," she wrote on her blog. "I see my life as a work in progress, so I see baking that way too. It's been a ride!"

That ride brought her to this year's Easter Vigil at St. Thomas More in Brookings, South Dakota., where she joined thousands across the country entering the Catholic Church. She cried when she received her first Communion from Father Andrew, who welcomed her with radiant joy. "I felt like God was standing in front of me, looking at me," she says.

The 44-year-old communications specialist had attended Mass with her boyfriend for years but was turned off by what she saw as the church's many "rules." Then she learned Catholicism is the first Christian



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faith, and her mind was opened. By the time she'd begun attending RCIA last fall — meeting every Tuesday evening for an hour-and-a-half session that challenged and enlightened her — she knew she had found the answer to a deep void. "I came to the realization that I was missing something."

It wasn't lost on her that Catholicism is centered on an altar, a table of plenty that feeds the weary. She found Mass to be sweet and unrushed, like her time in the kitchen, where she lets things mix and melt. Baking is a spiritual exercise, she says, "To me, it's an act of thanksgiving."

Staci feels so blessed that she's compelled to pour that love in and back out. Scalloped potatoes for the neighbor who broke her leg, key lime pie with pretzel crust for her boyfriend's birthday, smoky deviled eggs flecked with bacon every 4th of July. If she can make someone's day so easily, why wouldn't she?

That's what it all boils down to, the parallel Staci sees between her longtime passion for baking and her new love

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God's love gives eternal life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary time Luke 7:11-17

The first reading comes from the First Book of Kings. As would be assumed, this book, and its companion, 2 Kings, are Old Testament writings about the kings of Israel. The kings certainly are mentioned, but these books are not political histories. In a way, the kings are not the principal figures.

The books are religious texts, so very prominent in these books are prophets. The prophets made the presence of God better known to the Hebrew people.

In this weekend's reading, Elijah, the prophet, visits a home. He meets a woman, the mistress of the house, whose son has been very sick and now has stopped breathing. The mother is desperate. Elijah prays over the young man, and the young man recovers. He lives.

This miracle confirms that Elijah indeed is a man of God, who speaks God's word.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Galatians. The Galatians lived in the area now known as Turkey. They were converts from paganism. They were not Jews. As time passed, however, Christians of Jewish origins arrived, and they demanded that the Galatians follow the rituals and practices of Judaism.

Paul writes to establish that once he was second to no one in the most intense Jewish fervor. Since being called by Christ, however, he preaches a Gospel that is the Lord's gift to everyone, irrespective of nationality or ethnicity.

For the Gospel reading this

weekend, the Church presents, from St. Luke's Gospel, the familiar story of Jesus at Nain. There he encountered a grieving widow whose only son had died. Immediately the scene was set, a scene hardly beyond our ability in this era to see.

Given the customs of the day, the woman had good cause for grief and anxiety, not simply because of the usual sense of loss at the passing of a loved one, a child. She was a widow. The dead man was her only son. With his death, she lost all security.

Understandably, the reading states that Jesus was "moved with pity for her." As the story unfolded, Jesus touched the corpse. This hardly would bother people alive today. In the time of Jesus, however, such a gesture defied Jewish laws of purity.

The event revealed basic facts about Jesus. All the ritual laws, such as touching the dead, were open to the Lord's amendment or definition. These laws came not from a prophet, such as Moses, but from God. Jesus is God and

He has control over the law.

Secondly, the outreach of Jesus to the grieving woman, without any appeal from her, illustrated the overwhelming love of God for us, especially in our need.

Reflection

Sustaining life, and even restoring life after death, are the strong features of the readings from First Kings and from Luke. More than anything else, death represents the ultimate helplessness of mortals. No human being escapes death in the long run. Death is so final, as many who grieve after a loss will be quick to say.

In First Kings, and in Luke, God comes as the supreme authority over death. Acting through the prophet, in the first reading, God restores life. In the third reading, from the Gospel of Luke, acting through Jesus, God restores life.

It is a study in the power of God. It is awesome to behold. Consoling, these

readings reveal the love of God for humans, for us. In each instance, a grieving mother is in the story. In ancient times, women were very vulnerable. Secondly, for mothers, the pain of losing a child always is acute.

With great love, God restores these sons to life. God extended divine love to these women visibly and tangibly, giving earthly life. He gives eternal life to all who love God.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13 Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-17

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1b-8 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-6 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2b, 4-5b, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:33-37

Healing the Body (of Christ): TOB and your Protestant friends

October 31, 2017 will be a big day in the Protestant world, especially my Lutheran world. It will mark 500 years since a young priest named Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany, the event considered to be the start of the Protestant Reformation. But it's hard to call such an anniversary a "celebration." True, reform was needed and certainly much good came of it, including the Council of Trent. But the splintering of western Christianity — these divisive wounds in the Body of Christ — are now a half of a millennium old. So could Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body play a role in healing those wounds? Could the Theology of the Body help to heal the Body of Christ?

"You're the Lutheran guy, right? How did you learn about TOB? What do you think about it? How do you use it?" I am asked that a lot when I am at one of the Institute's classes. The seeds were planted years ago when I read "Humanae Vitae," then took NFP classes with my wife, and once heard Christopher West give a talk. And now I use TOB all of the time in my preaching, Bible classes and pastoral care. But why am I studying TOB? Because I am searching for answers.

And I don't think I am alone. In this sexually charged, crazed and confused world in which we live, Protestants of a historic and biblical faith want to know how we can respond. The TOB is what we are looking for. It is a gift to ALL Christians.

At the time of the Reformation the question being debated was, "How am I saved?" Now the

issues are, "What does it mean to be human . . . male, female?" I believe John Paul II has given the most compelling, cohesive, and comprehensive vision of our humanity and sexuality. Rather than trying to respond to every issue (new ones seem to emerge every day!), the TOB gives the kind of framework, that, if you have it down, all of the issues fall in place. But even more, the TOB is Good News. It's about Jesus who has done more than give us moralisms and rules about sex. In his gift of self to his bride, the Church, he has redeemed us and healed us.

My Catholic brothers and sisters: do you know the gift you have in the TOB? If you do, then please share it with your Protestant friends. We are hungry for it. And as you do, I believe there will be a "bonus" gift. I believe TOB can be the bridge we need.

Many of your Protestant friends have some unfair perceptions of you. Maybe you've heard a few. Things like, "Catholics have all of this other stuff: Mary, saints, popes. But we are about Jesus." Or how about this one? "Catholics don't read their Bibles."

Of course not all Protestants say these things and to be fair Catholics can have unfair perceptions of Protestants, too. But my point is that, of course, those misconceptions aren't really true about you, and the TOB proves it. Is anything more biblical or more Christ-centered than the TOB? So when you share the TOB, the more you show its biblical teaching and how Jesus is the center of it all, the more likely your Protestant friends will listen.

like a beginning. My eyes have been opened to the possibilities."

For cradle Catholics and converts alike, that is the power of faith and the invitation of summer: to slow down enough in order to create something. Bake or build or braid. Write something, record something. Sew, sing. Plant a flower, paint a room, fill a bird feeder. Find a new use for an old object. Leave something better than it was before. Create and live out the faith that is ever ancient, ever new.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

REV. SPENCER MIELKE

And maybe ask questions about your Catholic faith. And you can ask us some. And then we can talk some more. Maybe even pray together. And discover that we have more that we share in common than the things that divide us. We might find that we still have some disagreements. But we may also find out that we have been talking about each other and past each other for 500 years, instead of to each other.

In my own experience at the Institute I love that the people I have met are unapologetic for their Catholic faith, yet equally gracious, welcoming and engaging. After my first course, on the last night when we "shared graces," I couldn't help but say this: "If this is the heart of the Catholic Church, I have great hope for the healing of our divisions. I only hope my tradition will respond in the same way." This Lutheran guy, at least, wants to try.

Living the TOB means the "sincere gift of self," right? You have such a gift, my friends. Share it with us . . . please.

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that is not for them to decide. All we have to do is decide what to do with the time that is given us."

God has chosen the time in which each of us is born and will live. For the graduates of 2016, it is the perfect time for which to begin their adult lives in the world, bringing their gifts and their goodness. They are ready.

Theresa Thomas is the wife of David and mother of nine children.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 5, 2016

Luke 7:11-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the widow of Nain and her dead son. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

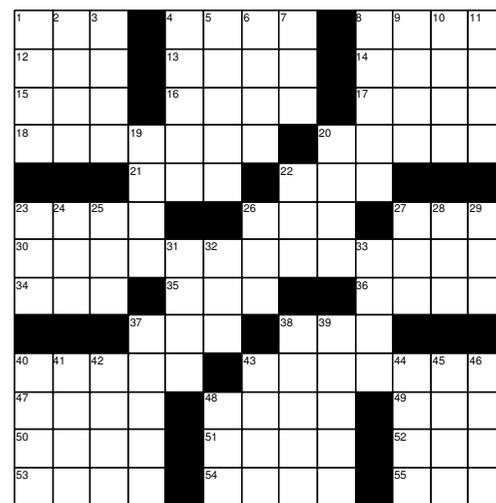
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture readings: 1Kg 17:17-24; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17 and 2Sam 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36-8:3

ACROSS

- 1 Resort hotel
- 4 Small break in a cup
- 8 Satisfy
- 12 Women's Air Corps
- 13 Yokel
- 14 Rule with an ___ rod
- 15 Military mail address
- 16 Give off
- 17 Christ did for us
- 18 North of Babylon
- 20 Cargoes
- 21 Long time
- 22 Judge title (abbr.)
- 23 Woman used to dry Lord's' feet
- 26 Atmosphere

- 27 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 30 15th century painter of "Praying Hands"
- 34 Male parent
- 35 Pod vegetable
- 36 Not well
- 37 Papal name
- 38 Lout
- 40 Times Elijah called on God for dead child
- 43 Elijah accused God of doing to widow's son
- 47 Soybean
- 48 Type of student grant
- 49 Large weight unit
- 50 Alack's partner

- 51 ___ of Life
- 52 Certified accountant
- 53 Temple veil, was when Jesus died
- 54 Andrew's nickname
- 55 Chop a log

DOWN

- 1 Cotton ball
- 2 "Pope" in Italian
- 3 Part of a gear (2 wds)
- 4 Latin for "Creed"
- 5 Gospel not of ___ origin
- 6 "As previously cited"
- 7 Cat
- 8 Zarephath was in
- 9 Opera solo
- 10 Three-___ sloth
- 11 Terminates
- 19 Frau's husband
- 20 "O ___, my God"
- 22 Strike
- 23 Once owned
- 24 Wing
- 25 Bowl disease (abbr.)
- 26 Eureka
- 27 Last day of work week
- 28 Nativity month
- 29 Noah's boat
- 31 Fencing sword
- 32 Chief executive officer
- 33 Defunct football league
- 37 "Whatever you did for the ___ of these."
- 38 Anointed
- 39 Tight lane
- 40 Russian ruler
- 41 Sock's wound
- 42 Irish name for "Little king"
- 43 To adjust type spacing
- 44 Scratch
- 45 No
- 46 Chew on
- 48 School group

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of Catholicism: "the sharing part," she tells me, cracking an egg and wiping her hands. It's Saturday afternoon, and she's making Reese's Peanut Butter Poppers for a nephew who was in a 4-wheeler accident. Her blue eyes sparkle when she looks around her kitchen filled with object lessons: an antique scale, the pantry made of barn wood, embroidered flour sack towels, Grandma Janet's Sunbeam electric mixer. "Everything has a story," she says.

The Catholic faith that has given Staci a sense of home is also propelling her to pursue bold dreams. She's drafting a book proposal to write a cookbook, one that would satisfy an un-met niche and advance her baking ministry. "It sort of feels

Sports

NORTHEAST INDIANA CONFERENCE NAMED MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS Saint Joseph High School announced the following students as the Northeast Indiana Conference (NIC) Most Valuable Players in their respective sports: Thomas Pries, tennis; Madelyn Yergler, tennis; Cali Topolski, volleyball; and Samantha Kambol, soccer.

CYO City Meet results

BY RON BUSCH

The CYO track and field City Meet took place this year in less than ideal conditions. The temperature was estimated to be 45-50 degrees. As if that wasn't enough, it was windy with occasional drizzle throughout the meet. However, that didn't seem to bother the student-athletes. Competition was fierce as three individual records were set this year. Those records are shown with former records listed first.

In girls' action:

100 meter hurdles

Former record: 2008 Courtney Heddens (St. John New Haven) 17.66 sec.

New record: 2016 Rachel Landstoffer (St. Jude) 17.50 sec.

In boys' results:

100 meter dash

Former record: 2014 Colin Stroud (St. Vincent) 11.76 sec.

New record: 2016 Patrick Finley (St. Charles) 11.74 sec.

400 meter dash

Former record: 2012 David Tippmann (St. Charles) 56.07 sec.

New record: 2016 Patrick Finley (St. Charles) 55.62 sec.

These new record holders also led their respective teams to first

place finishes. First place in the girls' team action was taken by St. Jude. The St. Charles Boys' team, led by Patrick "Flash" Finley, ran off with top honors.

Team finish results:

Girls' teams

1. St. Jude (109 points)
2. St. Charles (107 points)
3. St. John (85 points)
4. St. Vincent (81 points)
5. St. Elizabeth (49 points)
6. Queen of Angels/Precious Blood (28 points)
7. St. Aloysius (19 points)
8. St. Joseph (3 points)

Boys' teams

1. St. Charles (119 points)
2. St. Vincent (102 points)
3. St. Elizabeth (87 points)
4. St. Jude (60 points)
5. St. John (45 points)
6. St. Aloysius (27)
7. Queen of Angels/Precious Blood (9 points)

Highlights and individual results will be featured in an upcoming issue.

Softball championship

St. Jude 3, St. Rose/St. Louis 0

More information will be provided at a later date.

ICCL championship game

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — A perfect evening was the setting for the enchantment that is baseball as the Inter-City Catholic League was to crown their 2016 Champion.

The Saints of Mishawaka Catholic, behind the golden arm of Thomas Egan, faced off against the upstart squad from Corpus Christi that was pieced together using bubble gum and shoestring at the beginning on their campaign.

Both teams had navigated through the regular season facing typical ups and downs and then a post season that tested guts and resolve as they performed their swan song in front of 200 plus cheering fans.

Mishawaka Catholic's right-handed ace and Cougar Matthew Jacobs engineered nearly perfect opening innings against the meat of their respective opponent's order until Derek Durda's seeing-eye single found the edge of the Saint's outfield in the top of the second. After a couple of stolen bases, Jared Megyese's squibber plated Durda giving the game it's blemish on the scoreboard.

After a recorded strike out in the top of the third the bats again came alive for the Cougars as Braden Kaniewski doubled under the tag of Mason Wetty, setting the table for a two out base hit by teammate Connor Litka pushing the margin another run.

As the shadows of neighboring trees crept across the diamond in the bottom of the fourth inning, the once-dormant bats of the Saints jumped to attention as Hunter Renner started a rally with a leadoff double.

Mishawaka Catholic's Egan drew a base on balls, and then a big blow from Ethan Allen jettisoned the purple and gold into a tie. He scored as Wetty's nubber rolled safely in the infield.

The inning wouldn't be over as the bases were loaded, thanks to a couple of free passes, and Corpus Christi went to a lefty in their bullpen and reliever Kaniewski did what was expected and struck out the only batter he faced ending the rally.

The Cougars didn't get down on themselves, they got hungry as they bounced back by drawing a walk followed by consecutive hits from the heart of their order by Kaniewski and Ayden Clark — scratching themselves

back into the lead by a run.

The Saints looked a bit rattled in the bottom of the fifth but a couple of walks and stolen bases later, with one out left no other than Wetty struck again as he drove in both runners reshaping the contest going into the final inning.

The Saints fate rested in the faithful arm of Egan as the fans stood and cheered as Corpus Christi's players took their turn at the plate, one by one as the last batter drove a bouncer into the waiting glove of Josh Gill, his throw true to first basemen Allen, ending the contest 5-4.

"First our congratulations go to the Saints, but I'll tell you I'm so proud of how our kids battled all season and where we started and where we ended up" commented Corpus Christi Skipper, Dave Johnson. "I look around and see the great fan base, kids that competed with all their might and I'm just so happy I can be a part of youth sports."

"I've been fortunate to coach these boys over the last four seasons, I'm a bit sad it's over," remarked Saint Manager, Paul Allen. "What a game, they gave us everything they had, we hit and fielded well, but we leaned on the arm of Egan tonight."

A perfect season for Luers tennis



Provided by Gerald Rahrig

The Bishop Luers Girls Tennis team finished their 2016 campaign with a perfect 7-0 record in the Summit Athletic Conference to take home their first championship since 2013. The team was 16-5 overall for the season which ended with a loss in the sectional final. The Knights are coached by Jerry Rahrig in his sixth year with the program, along with veteran assistant coach Jimmy Brown and first year assistant coach Jimmy Klinger. The team was led by freshman, first team all-conference, Caroline Rahrig at No. 1 singles, who finished at 7-0 in the conference and 18-2 overall, with the two losses coming against the same opponent. Senior co-captains Emma Eckert and Katie Klinger played the No. 1 doubles spot and achieved second team all-conference status with their 5-1 record. Other varsity spots include, senior Josie Burton at No. 2 singles (4-2); senior Kayla Knapke at No. 3 singles; Kayla was a perfect 7-0 in the SAC and 17-0 overall; senior Sarah Braun and sophomore Gabby Buday (6-0 and 13-3) at the No. 2 doubles spot. Two other varsity players, sophomores Carla Choka and Casey Woodfill, saw limited play this year.

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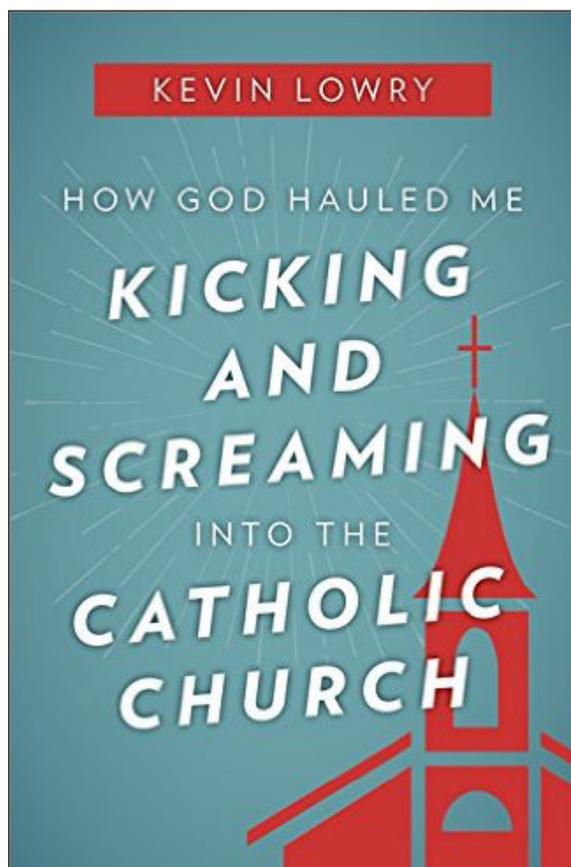
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REVIEW BY THERESA THOMAS

Sometimes a parent just has to drag a kid where he doesn't want to go: the grocery store, swimming lessons, the doctor's office, even church. The parent does this because they're not short-sighted like a child might be. The parent knows what the child needs long-term: food, life skills, a check-up and in the case of church, spiritual direction and faith.

Like the good Father He is, God also leads His children where they need to go, even if they fight Him the whole way. He is a relentless pursuer, bent on giving the best. Kevin Lowry knows this first-hand.

How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming into the Catholic Church by Kevin Lowry is the story of how a troublemaker, smart aleck kid and unlikely candidate for any religion was pursued quite sneakily by God, became a devout Catholic and developed gratitude for the push of a loving Parent. The book is



thoughtful, funny, informative and inspiring.

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"...To put it mildly, I was as cocky as they come. Since the time I'd been a small child, I'd been considered gifted; by the time I was sixteen, I thought that meant I was extraordinary. Not

in Catholicism.

"...What I thought I knew could probably be boiled down to this: Catholics, generally speaking, were a superstitious and backward-looking bunch who thought they knew everything and wanted to control every-

only that, I was running amok in the manner of many teenaged boys: having a good time, not caring about...the future, driving everyone crazy with my world-class self-centeredness and devil-may-care approach to life..."

Lowry ran with the wrong crowd, drank too much and swore like a sailor. He describes events in his young life that may be all too common to the modern secular American guy (although he's Canadian). And he absolutely had no interest

one..."

When I read this passage from the book, I thought, "Uh oh. God is about to change things."

And He did.

Lowry experienced a pivotal moment, which slowly began to awaken his conscience. I won't give it all away but it had to do with mouthing off, and being on the receiving end of a ginormous, literal slap in the face. From there, God's plan continued to unfold. Part of that plan, it seems, was the presence and influence of a cute, blonde college girl and her semester's choice of classes. Unexpected turn after unexpected turn, Lowry eventually finds himself not only smack in the middle of the Catholic Faith, but on fire for the love of God and for the first Christian Church.

This is Part I of the book: Lowry's personal journey. I actually found myself wishing the chapters were longer. I love that Lowry is honest about his shortcomings, at times being self-deprecating and humorous. Yet, the book contains wisdom and deep reflection that goes far beyond an entertaining narrative.

Part II of the book addresses a non-Catholic's potential stumbling blocks to the faith, and offers perspective and answers to those topics. These potential stumbling blocks include the Eucharist, confession, the

Mystical Body of Christ, Mary, faith vs. works, authority, the Church's imperfections and what Lowry categorizes as "The Worst Stumbling Block of All: Me."

How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming into the Catholic Church would be a great Father's Day gift. It's a faith booster for a faithful, cradle Catholic or new convert, and a gentle read for the guy struggling with religion. I could even see it being used in faith formation classes like RCIA. Certainly, every parish needs a copy.

God is sneaky. He takes us where we may not want to go. He takes us where we can have Real Food, learn life's lessons, be inoculated against dangerous things and find Truth. Sometimes, yes, as Kevin Lowry shares in his book, God even hauls us kicking and screaming, right into what we directly need and have been yearning for all along.

Five stars for this outstanding book.

Theresa Thomas is a mother of nine, a family columnist for Today's Catholic News, contributor to several books, and co-author of *Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories from Every Day Families* (Scepter Publishers)

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Newman Connection offers transition help
Fort Wayne-South Bend — The goal of the Newman Connection is to help high school graduates stay connected with their faith as they transition to college and university. They collect names and contact information for graduating seniors and relay that information to college campus ministry departments or Newman Centers. For more information visit www.newmanconnection.com.

Germanfest to begin at St. Peter
Fort Wayne — Germanfest will begin with Mass on Sunday, June 5, at St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St., at 11 a.m. Celebrant Father Charles Herman will be joined by the Fort Wayne Mannerchor and Damenchor who will provide music for the liturgy. Following Mass a German dinner will be served in the Pavilion. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

Sack lunch ministry in need
Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Sack Lunch Program is in need of donations and volunteers. Donations of brown paper bags, sandwich bags, napkins, potato chips, pretzels, fruit snacks, and granola bars

are needed. A continuing need is for route drivers who deliver sack lunches to the poor in our community on Saturday mornings. Opportunities for once per month or once every other month are available. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Contact Sony Laisure at 260-744-3977 or contact@thefranciscancenter.org for details.

Polish dinner to help fund World Youth Day pilgrims
Angola — To immerse themselves in the Polish culture, and to raise funds for travel, members of St. Anthony Youth Ministry will have a Polish dinner consisting of kielbasa, kapusta (sweet and sour cabbage), stuffed cabbage, pierogi and mashed potatoes. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 4, in the St. Anthony Parish Hall, 700 W. Maumee St. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling Laurie at 260-665-2259, or Marilyn Karpinski at 260-667-8829.

Forty hour devotion planned
Warsaw — Sacred Heart Parish, 125 N. Harrison St., will offer 40 hour devotion of the Blessed Sacrament June 3-5 beginning Friday at 9 p.m. A Corpus Christi

feast day procession will follow the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass with closing benediction. A carry-in meal will end the festivities. Weekend speaker will be Deacon Jim Tighe.

Faith and canvas
Fort Wayne — Paint the Sacred Heart and take home your creation with instruction by artist Tim Luncsford. Participants will create an 11x14 inch acrylic painting, learning how to work with symmetry in a painting. Complimentary cheese, summer sausage, crackers, and wine served. The event will be Friday, June 10, from 6:30-9 p.m. at

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Anne Jones, 59, St. Vincent de Paul

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Jeanette Buda, 84, St. Joseph

Helen L. Hay, 94, Queen of Peace

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1702 Lombard St. Cost of \$45 includes instruction, snacks, and all materials. Advance Registration required by calling Sandy Seyfert at 260-433-1236. Proceeds benefit Mary's Glen Development Fund. Visit www.FrancisLittleAssisi.com and click on the Faith and Canvas link for more information.

Fun Fest planned
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barthold St., will have a Fun Fest, Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Games, food, Bingo, silent auction, books, kid train, bounce house and more. Beer tent, dinner and music in the evening. Raffle tickets available.

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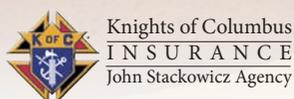
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Father Andrew Budzinski reads devotional prayers from the porch of a parishioner where an altar which holds the monstrance was set up for a stop during the procession through the neighborhood of St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.



Diane Freeby

Following the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the grounds of Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend, Bishop Kevin Rhoades leads the faithful in Benediction inside the church. He is flanked by altar server Zachary Zmyslo and Deacon Bob Garrow.



Diane Freeby

Bishop Rhoades prepares to lead the faithful of Corpus Christi Parish in a Eucharistic procession. Parishioners Bill Green, Dennis Zmyslo and Rodney Green are shown holding the canopy, with altar server Anthony Nemeti and Deacon Bob Garrow assisting the bishop.



Jerry Kessens

Procession leaving St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, to process through the neighborhood. Father Andrew Budzinski, Pastor, carries the monstrance holding the Eucharist.



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The faithful make the final stop at the Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, at the conclusion of the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the neighborhood.