Catholic Cemetery Association announces plans for funeral home

FORT WAYNE — Following approval at a board meeting of Catholic Cemetery Association Inc. this week, plans were announced for the building of the new Divine Mercy Funeral Home. The 14,000-square-foot facility will be located on the property of Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and will house two visitation rooms, each with a personal family room, a crematorium and embalming facility; and the offices of Catholic Cemetery.

The leadership of Catholic Cemetery hopes that the establishment of a Catholic funeral home will enable them to serve the pastoral care that Catholic tradition, those who have lost someone they love, stated Casey Miller, Catholic Cemetery superintendent. “This funeral home is a natural extension of Catholic Cemetery has offered since 1873.”

An official groundbreaking ceremony is expected to take place in late February or early March, weather-dependent.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, commented on the momentous announcement: “I see the establishment of a Catholic funeral home by our Catholic Cemetery Association as a natural extension of its spiritual and pastoral mission to care for those who mourn the death of their loved ones, as well as to provide for the liturgical rites of the Church for those who have died. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have focused on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which include praying for and burying the dead and comforting those who mourn.”

He continued: “The new funeral home will be named ‘Divine Mercy Funeral Home,’ thus focusing on the merciful love of God, fully revealed in His Son, Jesus. The focus on Divine Mercy will bring consolation to those who are grieving as we entrust the souls of the faithful departed to the mercy of God. I am hopeful that this new ministry of the Catholic Cemetery Association will bear much good fruit in serving the Church’s mission of mercy.”

Bishop Rhoades will celebrate the feast of All Souls with a Mass at Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at noon. All are welcome to attend.

White Mass honors medical professionals

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Medical professionals in the Michiana area gathered on the feast of St. Luke, Oct. 18, to participate in a White Mass celebrated at St. Pius X Parish by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades stated that the Mass was appropriately celebrated on St. Luke’s feast day, since he is the patron of physicians.

“We know from Saint Paul’s letter to the Colossians that Luke was a physician. Paul refers to Luke as ‘the beloved physician,’” the bishop explained. “His medical background and education is seen in his choice of medical language in his writings.”

He went on to make the connection between Luke’s roles as writer and physician, and Christ’s role as healer.

“Of course, Luke emphasizes that the physical healings accomplished by Jesus all point to the healing of the soul, Christ healing us from the disease of sin, from the devil, and from death,” he said. It is God’s mercy that heals us, that frees us from the corruption of sin and death.”

Acknowledging a physician’s role in healing, Bishop Rhoades emphasized that, like Christ’s work, a physician’s career is not simply limited to physical healing.

“You visit the sick to tend to their illnesses and to help them heal. I think also of the spiritual work of comforting the afflicted. The comfort you provide your patients is an important element of their healing and of their wellbeing,” he said.

At the end of Mass, the bishop acknowledged Al Gutierrez for his years of service as president and CEO of Saint Joseph Health System, and he
The upcoming election

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY
BISHOP KEVIN C. RHODES

This election season has certainly been disappointing for many of us, especially for faithful Catholics who hold a high view of public life as a service to the common good. We expect politicians to reflect our best aspirations as citizens. The presidential campaign, in particular, demonstrates that a new politics is needed in America, one that practi-

The fundamental and core principle of Catholic moral and social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of the human person. The common good, properly understood, presupposes this principle. Besides the right to life, the common good also includes concern for other rights connected to human life and dignity, including food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. For the sake of the common good, the rights of the family must be fostered and protected. Also, the common good is threatened and harmed when the right to religious freedom is not upheld. The right to live our faith and values must be respected and not undermined by the government. Religious liberty is part of human dignity and a basic human right.

In sum, I encourage you to vote and to think deeply and clearly before you vote. Study the issues and the candidates in light of Church teaching. Be sure that your conscience is well-formed. Exercise prudence in your choices. Don’t put being Democrat or Republican ahead of your identity as a Catholic, as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us not forget the power and necessity of prayer. Let us pray for our nation and all those who will be elected to public office. May the Holy Spirit inspire all to serve the common good.
Gloves come off at 71st annual Al Smith Dinner in New York

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — When Donald J. Trump stepped over yet another invisible line of the contentious presidential race Oct. 20, many of the 1,500 people at 71st annual dinner of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation broke historic precedent to boo him.

Candidates Trump and Hillary Clinton flanked the host, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, on the five-tiered dais of the Grand Ballroom at the heavily secured Waldorf Astoria hotel for the charitable gala.

The event has been a traditional opportunity for speakers to poke good-natured fun at themselves, one another, and prominent guests from the worlds of politics, business and philanthropy without inflicting wounds.

In 1928, Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York who was raised in poverty, was the first Catholic nominated by a major political party to run for president of the United States.

Despite an introductory warning delivered as a humor-coated reminder of the evening’s ground rules by emcee Alfred E. Smith IV, chairman of the dinner, Trump veered from the safety of chuckle-inducing barbs and zings. He said she is “so corrupt” she was kicked off the Watergate commission. The room erupted in a crescendo of boos and shoutouts, as he lobbed one accusation after another that his opponent is deceptive and a Catholic-hater. “She is here tonight ... pretending not to hate Catholics,” he said.

Decorum was restored when the Republican nominee recalled past Al Smith dinners as a special occasion to spend time with his father, developer Fred Trump, Smith, a great-grandson of the foundation’s namesake, aimed jokes equally at both candidates and reflected the general discomfort of the electorate with them. He told Trump to watch his language because “even though the man sitting next to you is in a robe, you’re not in a locker room.” He advised Clinton to remain stoic in the face of insults during the evening by considering it a fourth debate.

Noting the proximity on Fifth Avenue of St. Patrick’s Cathedral to Trump Tower, Smith said Trump’s appearance was historic, marking the first time the Catholic Church was not the largest tax-exempt landowner at the dinner.

Smith was greeted warmly with applause. He quipped that the huge event was a small intimate dinner with friends for him, but that it counted as his opponent’s largest crowd of the season.

Trump gave a shoutout to politicians in the room who formerly loved him, but turned on him when he sought the Republican nomination. He said the dinner gives candidates an opportunity to meet one another’s teams and those working hard to get them elected.

As he spoke, he pointed out chairmen of media corporations seated on the dais and among the assembly. As an example that the media is biased against him, Trump said Michelle Obama gave a speech that everyone loved, but when his wife, Melania, delivered the exact same speech, “people got all over her case. I don’t get it.”

Trump said he knows Clinton is very gracious because, if

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applauded Gutierrez for fostering a strong relationship between SJHS and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Following the Mass, Dr. John Rice, president of the Saint Andre Bessette Guild of North Central Indiana, which works to cultivate Catholic ideals within the medical field, gave some brief remarks about medical professionals’ important work and the challenges faced by Catholic doctors today. He encouraged those present to remember that their career is a vocation.

According to Dr. Rice, the Catholic Medical Association is “dedicated to deepening the faith of its members, fostering fellow-

Jubilee for prisoners

Pope Francis will celebrate a Holy Year Jubilee Mass for prisoners on Nov. 6 at the Vatican.

Locally, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will observe the jubilee with a Mass at the Elkhart County Correctional Complex at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. While the public is not permitted into the facility to attend the Elkhart Mass, thoughtful prayers for all those who are incarcerated are welcome.
Nuncio at border Mass prays for an end to barriers

By Nancy Wiechec

NOGALES, Ariz. (CNS) — The apostolic nuncio to the United States celebrated Mass at the U.S.-Mexico border Oct. 23 offering prayers to break down the barriers that separate people.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre faced the immense steel border fence in Nogales as he and the bishop of Tucson and the bishop of Mexico’s Diocese of Nogales, Sonora, concelebrated the liturgy with people gathered on both sides of the border.

The nuncio began the prayer of the faithful with a plea for unity.

“Jesus, we come before you today as your disciples, sometimes filled with fear and doubt, even suspicion,” he said. “We pray to dismantle the barriers within our hearts and minds that separate us, who are all members of your body.”

Following his words, young people led the congregation in prayers for “needed immigration reform,” for humane treatment of migrants who don’t have documents, and for “security and justice for all.” They prayed especially for migrant children, “who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse,” and for all who have died in border violence, including border patrol agents, immigrants and innocent victims.

The Mass was the third such one this year along the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona. The liturgies were organized by Dioceses Without Borders, an effort of the dioceses of Tucson and Phoenix to work collaboratively on issues that affect the church and people in the border region.

During his homily and afterward in an interview with Catholic News Service, Archbishop Pierre echoed the sentiments of Pope Francis in regard to borders and the care of migrants and refugees, who the archbishop said all too often are looked upon as unwanted and as criminals.

“Borders exist all over the world, and borders are not bad, but borders should not be just a barrier — should not be a wall — but should be a bridge between people,” the nuncio said. “Anything that goes in the direction of understanding, helping each other, discovering the beauty of the other is what is necessary to coheart and transform the world,” he said. “It’s time to break the obstacles that exist between people.”

To cheers from both sides of the border, Archbishop Pierre ended his homily with, “Viva Cristo Rey! Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Viva la iglesia Santa!” (“Long live Christ the King! Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe! Long live the holy church!”)

Archbishop Pierre is no stranger to the people of Mexico. He served as nuncio in Mexico for nine years before being appointed as the pope’s representative in the U.S. But he said this Mass was his first visit to Nogales, Arizona.

In what seemed to be a spontaneous moment during the service, five young people tucked under a border fence to hold hands and pray the Our Father with those on the other side in Mexico.

They stayed at the border fence until the sign of peace, offering their hands to those on the other side.

Carlos Zapien, music director for the Diocese of Tucson, said the special Mass was a statement that “faith can unite people.”

Zapien’s original score “Misa de la Misericordia” (“Mass of Mercy”) was used in the cross-border liturgy with choirs on both sides participating.

Faith and music have no borders.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson said he was grateful for Archbishop Pierre’s participation in the service.

“He represents Pope Francis, whose heart is along the borders of our world, caring for immigrants and refugees,” he told CNS.

“The nuncio’s presence is a reminder of our Holy Father’s great love for those who are suffering, for those who are in need. So this was a very special celebration here in ‘ambos Nogales’ (‘both Nogaleses’) as we pray together across walls united in our prayer for one another.”

Among the hundreds of people that gathered for the border Mass were those that serve the Kino Border Initiative, a bi-national migrant advocacy and service organization.

Bishop Kicanas expressed his pride in the group and in a group of young people, the Kino Teens, who work with the border initiative.

“Their enthusiasm, their spirit is a true blessing,” he said. “They believe in the Lord. They believe in the church, and to have these young people participating in our Mass here in ‘ambos Nogales’ was a true blessing.”

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elected, she wants him to be her ambassador to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Trump said the presidential debates were the most vicious in the history of politics. In a rare reflective moment, he turned to Clinton and asked if she was surprised she was so unpopular.

“We need to stand up to anti-Catholic bias, defend religious liberty and create a culture that celebrates life, Trump concluded.

Trump sat down to mixed applause and boos. Retaking the microphone, Smith said, “As Ronald Reagan would say, ‘There you go again!’” He noted the dinner raised a record $6 million.

The Democratic nominee was introduced to a standing ovation. Clinton said the fiery populist Al Smith would be proud of the money raised at the event, but if he saw the “room full of plutocrats” gathered to celebrate his legacy, he’d be confused.

Clinton said she was taking a break from her rigorous nap schedule to attend, but the event was also treat for the guests because she usually charges a lot for a speech. She said she was a little amazed at the opportunity to speak, because she didn’t think her opponent would be OK with a peaceful transition of power.

Clinton said, “Every year this dinner brings together a collection of sensible, committed mainstream Republicans, or as we now like to call them, Hillary supporters.”

She said critics accuse her of saying only what listeners want her to hear. “Tonight that is true. This is exactly what you want to hear. This election will be over very, very soon.”

Clinton said when Trump wanted her to undergo a pre-debate drug test, “I was so flat-footed he thought I used some sort of performance-enhancers. Actually I did. It’s called preparation.”

Trump has questioned her stamina, Clinton said, but over the course of three debates, she has stood next to him for longer than any of his campaign managers. She said Trump is so concerned about her health, he sent a car to bring her to the dinner. “Actually it was a bazaar.” Nonetheless, Clinton said if elected, “I will be the healthiest and youngest woman ever to serve.”

Clinton said one of the things the candidates have in common is the Republican National Committee “isn’t spending a dime to help either one of us.”

Turning serious, Clinton said it’s easy to forget how far the country has come. When Al Smith ran for office, she said there were rumors that he would forbid Bible reading in schools, annul Protestant marriages and make the Holland Tunnel into a secret passageway to the Vatican so the pope could rule the country. “Those appeals to fear and division can cause us to treat each other as ‘the other.’”

Rhetoric like that makes it hard for us to respect each other,” she said.

“We need to get better at finding ways to disagree on matters of policy while agreeing on questions of decency and civility,” she said.

Although the candidates shook hands across Cardinal Dolan at the dinner, he jokingly attributed his nascent cold at the benediction to having spent two hours seated between them, which he said is “the iciest pace on the planet. Where is global warming when you need it?”

He noted the funds raised at the dinner would provide grants for thousands of mothers and children who are most in need and least visible to society.

Dinner guests in formal attire sat elbow-to-elbow at gold-coved tables in the ballroom and its two balconies. The $5,000-a-plate meal included a seafood trio appetizer, tournedos of beef and a chocolate dessert duet. Metropolitan Opera soprano Nadine Sierra sang the national anthem from the dais, set against the backdrop of a huge American flag.
Leading with beauty to ‘instruct the ignorant’

BY EMILY MAE SCHMID

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nstructing the ignorant is likely not the first (or second, or third) work of mercy that comes to mind when thinking about how to live out your faith during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The “ignorant” are a harder group to identify than the “hungry” or “sick.” This work of mercy comes from this passage in Matthew’s Gospel, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). The “ignorant,” then, are those who need to hear of God’s love (and mercy) for His Church.

For the first Christians, this meant walking from town to town and telling people who Jesus was and that He rose from the dead. But what does that mean for the faithful today? Most people have heard of Jesus, but fewer and fewer know the truth. And while nothing is stopping you from walking from town to town proclaiming the Gospel, it may not be the most effective way to “instruct” those in need of Christ’s love.

One of the great evangelizers of our time, Bishop Robert Barron, explains how to share our faith with others. “Begin with the beautiful, which leads you to the good, which leads you to the truth.” Now, more than ever, it is important to show the beauty of the Church to others. God is beauty itself; His mercy is beautiful. The faithful have a duty to evangelize their family, co-workers and others that they encounter. We are called to bring people out of the “ignorant” secular world and into the beautiful, good and true world that is a life in Christ.

The Office of Communications aims to “instruct the ignorant” by sharing the beauty of the Church using the tools of new media. The goal is to support the faithful and engage those on fringes of faith; one way the diocese has been doing this is through sharing beautiful images on social media. Faith must impact every dimension of our lives, including our “online” presence. Most of us know the beauty of the Mass, but how do we share our faith outside the walls of the church? Do people know you are Catholic? Do you know what it means to live your faith?

Following the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram will show you another side to the Church—one that is ready to be shared with the world. The Church understands that “instruction” must be through means other than our words. One especially effective tool has been creating “memes” of a saint of the week or a quote for the Gospel. The diocese invites people to encounter their faith beyond Sunday Mass, and live it in a way that authentically demonstrates a life in Christ to others. Every encounter with others is an opportunity to share one’s faith.

Before anyone can “instruct the ignorant,” we must first instruct ourselves, and make sure we are living our faith in an authentic way, and in every part of our lives. The diocese invites you to look for ways to live your faith throughout the week and share them with others by leading with the beauty that is God’s mercy.

Emily Mae Schmid is the social media manager for the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
Memphis bishop urges new flock to 'love others as Jesus has loved us'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (CNS) — Bishop Martin D. Holley, a former auxiliary bishop of Washington, was installed Oct. 19 as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Memphis. “With faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the love of God in my heart, I do accept the pastoral care of the people of God in the Diocese of Memphis,” declared Bishop Holley after the papal mandate appointing him to Memphis was read. “I resolve to faithfully serve the Church in this diocese.” After making his pronouncement, Bishop Holley was presented with a crozier, his shepherd’s staff, and escorted to his cathedral, his bishop’s chair — the symbols of his authority. The crowd of nearly 3,000 who attended the Mass burst into cheers and gave a standing ovation as the new bishop of Memphis assumed his post. He was then welcomed by representatives of his new diocese, and by members of other faiths in the city of Memphis. In his first homily to his new flock, Bishop Holley urged them to “love others as Jesus has loved us. In God’s love, we find the fullness of grace, life, peace and joy,” he said. The solemn installation of Bishop Holley was celebrated in Memphis’ Cook Convention Center to accommodate the large numbers who attended the liturgy.

Heavy damage makes assessment tough after Haima slams Philippines

TOKYO (CNS) — Heavy damage was reported to homes and farmland in the northern Philippines Oct. 20 after the strongest storm to hit the region struck overnight. Typhoon Haiyan barreled into northern Cagayan and Isabella provinces, ripping the roofs off homes and flattening crops. By late Oct. 21, 13 people had been reported dead, and Haiyan hit southern China. Nearly every building in the city of Tuguegarao was damaged, Philippine media quoted officials as saying. The city’s communica- tion links were down Oct. 20, and phone calls to the archdiocesan office in Tuguegarao did not connect. Across the district, many roads were flooded or blocked by fallen trees. Aid groups said the disruption made it difficult to assess the extent of damage, with one aid official calling it “a communications black hole.” Thousands of people in neighboring Isabela province spent the night sheltering in public evacuation centers such as schools and churches. “Most of the time, the churches serve as evacuation centers if the government evacuation centers cannot accommodate some of the people,” April Ann Abello-Bulanadi, a spokeswoman for the Catholic aid group Caritas Philippines, said by phone from Manila.

For expectant parents, miscarriage can be 'loss of a dream'

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — Immaculate Conception parishioners Kayla and Matt Boesch had planned to welcome their first baby this fall. Instead, they will be visiting the cemetery plot where they buried their baby’s remains last spring. When Kayla suffered a miscarriage around the 11-week mark of her pregnancy, she and her husband were devastated, but determined to honor the life that existed, however briefly, inside of her. During National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, observed each October, the Boesches shared their story to help break the silence that often surrounds miscarriage. Miscarriage, the loss of a pregnancy during the first 20 weeks of gestation, occurs in about 10 to 20 percent of all known pregnancies, and the vast majority of these are early term miscarriages, occurring before 15 weeks. Often, women who experience a miscarriage unjustly feel ashamed and don’t speak up or reach out. Kayla Boesch told the Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Nashville Diocese. “It’s like this quiet, private, sad group.”

Once Iraq recaptures Mosul, people will still need help, says archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The military operation to liberate the Iraqi city of Mosul from the Islamic State group is not the only solution needed to get life back to normal, said Iraqi Archbishop Bashar Warda of Irbil. The Chaldean Catholic archbishop, who has called for such intervention in the past, said the solution was a package. People must “think again about the education, about the curriculum, about all the violent acts that happened during the last years. Where is the possibility of creating of building bridges of reconciliation among the divided community?” he asked. Archbishop Warda spoke to Catholic News Service Oct. 20, the fourth day of the U.S.-backed operation in which Iraqi and Kurdish forces fought to free Mosul, Iraq’s second-largest city, from Islamic State. He said troops would not find any Christians in and around Mosul, because they fled in 2014, when Islamic State militants gave them a choice to convert to Islam, pay the Islamic jizya tax, or be killed. Many of those Christians fled to Irbil, where the church has been caring for them. Just within the city, the Irbil archdiocese is providing housing to more than 10,000 internally displaced families, but many more live in trailers or open buildings.

Bishops to vote for USCCB president, vice president at general assembly

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. bishops are scheduled to elect the next president and vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their upcoming fall general assembly taking place Nov. 14-16 in Baltimore. Each bishop is elected from a slate of 10 candidates who have been nominated by their fellow bishops. Released by the USCCB, the slate of candidates for president and vice president are as follows: Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami and Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The president and vice president are elected to three-year terms, which begin at the conclusion of the general assembly. The current president, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, and the current vice president, Cardinal DiNardo, will complete their terms.

Papal summer residence opens to the public for the first time

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Francis is throwing open the doors to the papal apartment — including the bedroom where popes have slept, in the Apostolic Palace at Castel Gandolfo. The palace was for centuries the summer residence of the Roman pontiffs, but Pope Francis decided in 2013 to live there full time. Instead in 2014, he opened the palace gardens to the public and last year opened a portion of the Apostolic Palace as a portrait gallery. Pope Francis “wanted this place — so rich in history and so significant — to be a gift for people,” Amuccia Paolucci, director of the Vatican Museums, said Oct. 20 at the grand opening of the papal apartment. “Moreover passes through the gate of the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo will find pure beauty,” Paolucci said. Among the rooms open to the public are the Room of the Throne, the Consistory Room, the pope’s bedroom and private study.
Parish mission planned for Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish, 125 N. Harrison, will have a mission Nov. 7-9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The mission titled “Church of Mercy: The Vision of Pope Francis,” will be presented by Father Ed Ruane, a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Albert the Great, and presently pastor of St. Dominic Church in Denver, Colo. On Monday evening, the topic will be “Mercy Received and Accepted; Tuesday evening, Mercy Extended and Offered; Wednesday evening, Mercy Exercised and Enjoyed. Social to follow in the church gym. Transportation and childcare will be available.

Sankofa

SOUTH BEND — Close out the Year of Mercy and kick off November Black Catholic History Month with Sankofa 2016: “Black Lives and Church Matters: Moving From ‘Lord Have Mercy!’ to ‘Thank You Jesus!’” Sankofa will occur Saturday, Nov. 12, at Saint Joseph High School, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The $15 fee includes light breakfast, African drum, keynote speaker, prayer, breakout sessions, lunch, panel discussion, diverse fellowship, and a spiritually uplifting closing service. The day concludes at 3 p.m. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. ET, includes refreshments and lunch. Participation is intended for believers of all ages and walks of life. For more information, call 260-422-4611. To register go to www.diocesefwb.org/sankofa or contact Mary Glowaski at 260-422-4611.

An Evening of Prayer and Unity offered

DONALDSON — In closing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, everyone is invited you to join hands in “A Community Gathering: An Evening of Prayer for Unity and Dignity,” on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Ancilla Domini Chapel, 9601 Union Rd.

In this ecumenical gathering, representatives from the interfaith community, will experience God’s unending love and mercy through music, art, prayers of petition and wisdom inspired writings. The service will also feature musical reflections by the Ancilla Community Choir and the Ancilla Children’s Choir, both directed by Andrew Jennings. Refreshments will be served following the service. The event is free.

Lindenwood announces upcoming retreats

DONALDSON — “Unwrapping the Christ Within,” an Advent retreat, facilitated by Father Jerry Schweitzer comes to Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Participants will gather to reflect on seasonal Scriptures and anticipate Christ’s birth. In reflecting on these Scriptures, participants will unwrap the Christ within, discovering and understanding the true self. It’s a day intended to refresh and prepare participants for a meaningful and intentional Advent season.

The retreat costs $50, and includes refreshments and lunch. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. ET, and the retreat begins at 9 a.m. The day concludes at 3 p.m.

Prepare for Advent 2016 in a Medieval, yet modern way by attending “Quenching the Thirst: The Spirituality of Hadewijch of Brabant,” a retreat exploring the human heart’s thirst for happiness by exploring the reciprocating love between God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit through the spiritual gaze of Hadewijch of Brabant, an early 13th Century Catholic Beguine and Mystic.

Friesen, of South Bend, a spiritual companion and director, makes the Medieval mysticism of St. Hadewijch of Brabant come alive in the modern, often hectic world. Friesen is of Mennonite origins, and entered the Roman Catholic Church in 1991.

On Oct. 4 Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed and dedicated the Women’s Care Center-Northeast Indiana, located on West Seventh Street in Auburn. During the blessing, he spoke of his joy at seeing another Women’s Care Center open in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. A public open house followed, and Bishop Rhoades accepted handmade blankets from seventh-grade students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Fort Wayne, for WCC clients. Pictured, from left, are WCC Northeast Director Anna Fisher, WCC President Ann Manion, Bishop Rhoades, volunteer Becky Davis and nurse Heather Hunter.

2013 he has taught courses in Medieval Mysticism at the Forever Learning Institute, a program for seniors in South Bend. The cost of the retreat is $150 for commuters, or $300 including overnight lodging and meals. Register by Nov. 16.

For more information, visit Lindenwood.org or call 574-935-1780. Lindenwood is located at 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, Indiana. Lindenwood is a part of The Center at Donaldson, sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Sister Elise Kriss celebrates golden jubilee

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is hosting a golden jubilee Mass and reception for university President Sister M. Elise Kriss on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in the USF North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring Street.

Sister Elise Kriss is celebrating her Golden Jubilee this year, which commemorates 50 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. During those 50 years, Sister Elise has served as a Catholic educator and administrator at the grade school and college levels. USF students, faculty, staff and friends of the university are invited to attend the special Mass.

Following the Mass, all in attendance are invited to a reception in the historic Brookside building on the USF Main Campus.

Blessing of new Women’s Care Center

Provided by Claire Freddoso

Go Irish!

Provided by Margaret Cabanis

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades donned his Notre Dame gear to support the Fighting Irish of the University Notre Dame on Saturday, Oct. 16, before the football team met Stanford. At the tailgate for the Center for Ethics and Culture are Bishop Rhoades with center Director Carter Stead, center, and members of the NDCEC Executive Advisory Committee.
Bishop blesses two new St. Joseph Health System facilities

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On the feast day of St. Luke the physician, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the Paqui and Brian Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center and the St. Joseph Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Center, both part of the St. Joseph Health System. They promise to provide patients with the highest level of service in keeping with the rich tradition of Catholic health care.

The CBC, as its known, is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the latest technology for early detection of breast cancer in a calming, care-filled space. Located at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, it also offers support resources throughout the medical journey as well as space for survivors to meet and heal.

During the CBC blessing, Al Gutierrez, CEO emeritus of Saint Joseph Health System, as well as Paqui and Brian Kelly, spoke of their joy that the center was opened and was receiving Bishop’s blessing. Next, Father Henry Byekwaso, chaplain of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, read one of the healing miracles of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. Bishop Rhoades shared how Jesus’ ministry was essentially where Catholic health care first began. He encouraged the medical professionals gathered there to continue to perceive the patient as a whole person, body and soul.

With holy water and aspergillum in hand, Bishop Rhoades sprinkled and blessed all who were present, including a generous amount on Head Notre Dame Football Coach Brian Kelly, who chuckled. He then processed, sprinkling holy water, through the rooms of the CBC.

From state-of-the-art 3-D mammography and hydromassage to molecular breast imaging and bone density testing, the Kelly CBC offers a comfortable and relaxing space during what can be a stressful and tense time. The new 10,000 square-foot facility was created in part by a generous donation from the Kelly Cancer Foundation, begun by two-time breast cancer survivor Paqui and her husband. Paqui stressed that early detection was critical with the type of breast cancer she had, and explained that even now she has a mammogram or MRI every six months. Ninety-five percent of breast cancers can be caught with early detection, which is why this is a cause supported by the Kelly Cares Foundation.

“No one wants [cancer] in their house. No one signs up to be on that team,” Paqui passionately stated. “We need to stay ahead of it. Denial doesn’t work.”

She credits God for her healing, and said “faith has gotten me where I am today.” Raised in a family of faith, she was confirmed with name of St. Francis of Assisi. Paqui added that her daily prayer life is of gratitude. “My prayers are of thanks. ... I get to see my family every day.”

She also explained how “talking and sharing about it is part of my healing.” She was a mother with three young children when she was first diagnosed, and she soon realized she was on this track for a reason. Paqui speaks as a survivor in a real and genuinely caring manner toward other women in need.

“I was blessed with a support system, financially, with insurance, and with my family,” she said. But she realizes that this is not always the case, which is why the care of the whole person is vital at the Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center.

“The staff here is very in tune with patient’s needs.” Paqui is grateful for the “auxiliary angels” or people who care and help in the everyday, small ways such as sitting and being present with patients as they receive chemo treatment.

Her hope now is for continuing successful research. “I would love that (we) eradicate this one!” she said. Paqui encourages women to receive regular mammograms as well as donate healthy breast cells for research.

The bishop later visited and blessed the new St. Joseph Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Center, called PACE, located about four minutes away from the Kelly Comprehensive Breast Center, on Day Road in Granger. The PACE Center opened in September with four participants, and is an initiative of Trinity Health. This is the 13th program of its kind, now found in nine states. They are also referred to as “Living Independently For Elders,” or LIFE, Centers.

Participants generally come two or three days per week to receive rehabilitation services, see their primary care providers, share meals, socialize and take part in activities. Upon enrollment, participants must agree to receive all services and medications through the PACE provider network. The program offers essentially that which, traditionally, a family would have taken care of in the American society of generations past.

At PACE, an interdisciplinary team of professionals work together to daily assess and care for the individual participant. The IDT includes the primary care providers or doctors, nurses, homecare aides, nutrition specialists, social service providers, transportation guides and essentially everyone who interacts with the patient on a regular basis. They create a specialized life plan of care that is regularly updated.

The main goal is to keep the participant at home or in the community for as long as possible. The IDT also can recommend nonmedical services such as a ramp or handle that should be built in the participant’s home. The PACE program receives funding primarily from Medicare and Medicaid, although private pay is possible as well.

Bishop Rhoades met with Norma, Shirley, Helen and Joe, the first four participants of the PACE program. Al Gutierrez, as his final act as CEO of St. Joseph Health System before retirement, also spoke. Kelly Hopkins, president and CEO of Trinity Health, offered remarks explaining the PACE system. Stacey Newton, St. Joseph PACE executive director, next introduced and thanked the entire staff of the PACE Center, from the transportation driver to the nutrition specialist and highlighted their team approach to helping each individual participant.

After a reading from the book of Isaiah, Bishop Rhoades reminded the staff of the first tenet of Catholic social teaching: the inherent dignity of each human person. When they serve each patient, they serve the face of Jesus Christ, he said. Then he blessed all present and walked room to room in the renovated space and blessed each office, desk, meeting room and kitchen with holy water. This act sanctified the secular space, reminding all of God’s power and healing.
Christ the King alumni become Eagle Scouts

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

This month, three alumni of Christ the King Grade School in South Bend achieved the Boy Scouts of America’s highest rank, Eagle Scout. Travis Kirkman, Jake Snyder and James Elliot of Troop 451 were honored at the Isaac Walton League in South Bend on Oct. 11, during their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. All three graduated from eighth grade at Christ the King in 2013, but were able to stay close while participating in Scouts. Through this, they have also been able to further their faith.

“Once you reach the older ranks in Scouting, a large part of advancing in rank becomes service,” said Jake Snyder, a senior at St. Joseph High School. “So participating in other Scouts’ Eagle projects helped me see the values of serving those in need, which is part of the corporal works of mercy. Some of the projects were for religious institutions, which kept my faith nearby even when I wasn’t at Mass or in school.”

Many of Troop 451’s activities involve Catholic organizations, because Troop 451 is chartered by Christ the King parish. The Boy Scouts organization has no specific religious affiliation, but it does hold that the “belief in a higher power” is important for the development of young men. In addition, part of the Boy Scouts oath is “to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.” The troop also has a chaplain’s aide who says a prayer before camping meals and at ceremonies recognizing rank advancements and earned merit badges.

To achieve the rank Eagle Scout, one of the requirements is to earn 21 merit badges. However, this is not the most difficult part of the process. “I think the biggest challenge in earning Eagle is the service project that they have to complete,” said Joel Snyder, the Leader of Troop 451. “They have to find a project, figure out how to do it, then lead the people working with them until the project is completed. This takes the most time, and they have to use everything they have learned from Scouts to show the leadership skills that they have learned.”

“Now that the boys have become Eagle Scouts, it does not mean that their journey is over. It means the opposite. When a Scout achieves the rank of Eagle, he figuratively gets his wings. “The wings don’t mean that I can fly a plane,” said Jake. “Instead, they mean that I live the Scout Oath and Law out even when I’m not wearing the uniform: that I have proven I am trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent, and that I can do my best to do my duty to God and my country, obey the Scout Law, help other people at all times, keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

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Religious life is not the only vocation

BY SISTER MARIA GEMMA, OSF

Often visit schools as part of my vocation work for our community. When I visit I ask the students, “How many of you in this room have a vocation?” Then I ask those who have a vocation to raise their hands. Usually there are one or two students who have the courage to raise their hands. Occasionally there will be a student who sees through my question and encourages the rest of the class to raise their hands also. I love asking this question, because the truth is that each and every person has a vocation. This is good news! It means that God is calling each person to love Him in a specific way. This means that God loves each of us so intimately and uniquely that he has something in store for our lives that will make us infinitely happy!

So, why has the word “vocation” become such a frightening word that people seek to avoid? Why is it that today we tend to look at a vocation more like getting the plague than receiving a beautiful gift? Often people associate the word “vocation” with priesthood and religious life, and rightly so because those are vocations; but they are not the only vocations, nor are they the only paths to holiness. There are three reasons why the word “vocation” seems to be taboo in our world today: We don’t know God, we don’t know ourselves and, because of the first two, we are unable to make a sincere gift of ourselves.

Discerning a vocation in today’s culture is difficult, because we tend to see God as a taskmaster who can never be satisfied. Our relationship with Him consists in doing what we think He wants so that maybe He will leave us alone and let us be happy. We tend to focus on doing His will, rather than on loving Him and letting ourselves be loved. If we shift our gaze to contemplate His face, we will find a merciful Father who loves us dearly; a Father who will do whatever it takes to be with us.

It is also difficult to discern a vocation if you don’t truly believe that you are good and worthy of love. This is a very difficult truth to accept, because a love that is unconditional is hard to imagine. Yes, we all sin, but no sin is outside the Father’s gaze of mercy. God manifests His power in showing mercy. His love is absolutely without conditions. What then keeps us from this love? We keep ourselves from it. We don’t believe that we could be loved in such a magnificent way, so we close the door. God will never force His love upon us. He will wait patiently until we are ready to receive it.

Human beings are not created to live in isolation. We are created for communion with God and each other. This is difficult to realize today, because we are inundated with the idea that our purpose in life is to satisfy ourselves, and that doing this will lead to happiness. The Church has a different answer and beautifully lays this out for us in her writings: “man ... cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.” (Gaudium et Spes, 24) We were made to look outside of ourselves and towards the other. It is only through sacrifice that we are truly fulfilled.

If we can let down our guard with the Lord and allow Him to show us who He is, if we can receive His love and begin to share that with others, then a vocation is not frightening but beautiful. Once this happens, our vocation becomes not a life plan that we ourselves did not choose for ourselves, but rather a beautiful flower that has actually been blossoming in our souls from the moment of our baptisms. Our Father knows our heart better than we do, and He knows what will make us infinitely happy. We must be grounded in our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the merciful Father, and then anything will seem possible.

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The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, enjoy time with friends during a recent visit day at the convent.

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WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 6-12. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his homily at the final Mass of the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, encouraged the youth of the world to open their hearts to Jesus. “Don’t be afraid to say ‘yes’ to Him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow Him!” said Pope Francis. “Don’t let your soul grow numb but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice.”

National Vocations Awareness Week, sponsored by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: “To what vocation in life is God calling me?” Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

“Prayer for vocations is the responsibility of the entire Church. Often times we think that vocations will come from somewhere else, and yet God invites us to consider that He is raising up vocations to priesthood, consecrated life and the permanent diaconate from within our own communities, even our own families,” said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, bishop designate of Arlington, Va., chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. “Our willingness to invite those within our own communities and families to consider that God may be calling them to Priesthood or consecrated life will bear abundant fruit in the Church and bring great joy and happiness to those called. We want what is best for our children; even more so does God desire their happiness.”

Research suggests that community encouragement plays an important role in the discernment process. “Following God's will is the greatest adventure any person can experience,” said Father Luke Ballman, USCCB associate director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. “Fear of losing something holds many people back from responding generously to God, and yet it is when we embrace the adventure wholeheartedly for ourselves or those whom we love that we experience joy unlike anything we have known thus far in our lives.”

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

More information and resources for National Vocations Awareness Week, including a prayer card, suggested prayers of the faithful and bulletin-ready quotes are available online at: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm.

Prayer for Vocations
God Our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
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View from the Mount

BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

I

arrived at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary on Aug. 2, with a suitcase or two of clothes and about 40 boxes of books (and the words of the Gospels bearing around the back of my mind: “Take nothing but a staff: no bread, no bag, no copper in your belt.”)

I spent the first week or two settling in. I was given a lovely suite of rooms on the third floor of McSweeney Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus. It was a corner room with south and east exposure; as a morning person, I was delighted. Further, taking four flights of stairs multiple times daily has been good for me (my cardiologist and physician will be pleased!)

Mount Saint Mary’s was founded in 1808, as the second oldest seminary in the nation; it is but 15 minutes south of the Gettysburg battlefield in Pennsylvania and about an hour northwest of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

It is set in the beautiful Catton Mountain range, on the northeastern edge of the Appalachians. The seminary is situated on the campus of a small Catholic university, so there are undergraduate and graduate students who share the campus. The seminary itself is a set of independent, freestanding buildings: McSweeney, Keating, Gallagher, and Mulcahy Halls.

There are two beautiful chapels: St. Bernard, a larger chapel (English Gothic) in McSweeney Hall, and the larger, Immaculate Conception Chapel (Romeranesque), which serves the entire campus. Our own Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as rector here and is still remembered with great affection by many on the staff and faculty.

There are over 40 men who were new to the seminary this year, including three new men from our own diocese, and orientation was almost a week-long affair. Much of that was spent introducing the new students to seminary life. The life here is structured around four pillars of formation — human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral — as has been laid out in ecclesiastical documents since the landmark encyclical of St. John Paul II, Pastores Dabo Vobis, in 1992, which transformed the way seminary formation is done. The end goal of seminary formation is to produce priests who have integrated these aspects of their formation, allowing them to serve God’s people with energy, integrity, pastoral prudence and devotion. It aims to make them humanly balanced and accessible, pastorally sensitive and wise, intellectually sharp and spiritually deep. In addition to plenty of talks and opportunities for prayer during orientation, there were of course also lots of social and recreational events.

Including the returning seminarians, there are 120 men in residence here, representing the dioceses of Harrisburg, Baltimore, Arlington, Washington, Hartford, Peoria, Wichita, Lincoln, Colorado Springs and Fargo; there are also two Oratorians, a Franciscan and a seminarian for the Congregation of the Resurrection. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is well represented, and along with Harrisburg, they form the two largest contingents here. There are about a dozen diocesan priests who live and serve here as well, and they too are from all over: Washington, Baltimore, Arlington, Allentown, Metuchen, Harrisburg, Hartford, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as a Capuchin Franciscan and a priest from the Brotherhood of St. Charles Borromeo (the clerical branch of Communio and Liberation).

The primary faculty members have a dining room and we eat together almost every evening. Thursdays we eat dinner with the seminarians in their dining room. There is a lounge with a television for the seminarians, and frequently there are sporting events and movies on weekends available for them to watch in common. In addition to the reading room at the seminary, there is a very good collection of theological works, the university has a library with a special Catholic Studies Room, a non-circulating room with an excellent collection of theological and philosophical works, as well as large windows gazing out over the campus and beyond to the mountains.

This semester, I am teaching Patrology (early Church history and theology) and Introduction to the Liturgy for the first-year theologians, as well as Christology to the third-year men. Next semester I will teach the capstone seminar for the formation advisor, something like the role of mentor and guide, for six men and am spiritual director to 12 others.

I must say that I can deeply edified by the wholesomeness, decency and devotion of the fine formation here, and I am very grateful and privileged to work with them. Seeing in the early morning or afternoon, anywhere from 30 to 100 seminarians kneeling in silent prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, is deeply inspiring,” said professor Msgr. Michael Heintz.

For vocations, one must go out, listen, call, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In its ministry to young people, and especially in vocations promotion work, church workers must step out of the sacrality and take seriously the questions and concerns of the young, Pope Francis said.

Young people are searching for meaning, and the best response is to go out to where they are, stop and listen to them and then call them to follow Jesus, the pope said Oct. 21.

Meeting participants at a vocations promotion conference sponsored by the Congregation for Clergy, Pope Francis emphasized the need for church workers to be on the move and to echo the vocations call Jesus used with the disciples, “Follow me.”

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O n Sunday, Oct. 16, Pope Francis canonized seven new saints. One of them, St. José Sánchez del Río, was celebrated in a particular way in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw, hosted a remembrance of the 14-year-old Mexican boy who, in 1928, gave up his life for his faith.

St. José, or “Joselito” (Joey), was a heroically courageous young boy who embraced the consequences of his strong faith in the midst of a time of brutal Church repression in Mexico. He felt called to fight for the right to practice and profess Catholicism, even though Catholics were being actively persecuted in the 1920s by the Mexican government.

Originally from the state of Michoacán, he was in school when the fighting first began. St. José’s brothers joined the rebellion, but due to his age his family wanted him to stay home. He persisted, and they finally relented and gave permission for him to join the cause. Soon Joselito found himself on the front lines, as flag bearer for the “Cristero” fighters.

Eventually, he was captured by government troops and tortured in order to force him to renounce his faith. St. José could have chosen to preserve his life, but he refused. Just before he was shot he was heard to cry out, “Viva Cristo Rey!” or “Long Live Christ the King!” This is why St. José is often depicted holding a palm branch, a symbol of martyrdom or dying for one’s faith, as well as a bullet and trail of blood at his feet.

The timing of St. José Sánchez del Río’s canonization added importance to his example, as three Mexican priests were murdered in September after they spoke out about gang and drug trafficking violence. Because of St. José’s young age and inspiring witness, local Hispanic Catholics and Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish organized an event through which the faith and to be able to practice Catholicism, even though it just happened in the last century.” He explained to youth group members how St. José was about their age, he is considered a martyr.

“The kid gave his life for his faith and to be able to practice Catholicism is important. Carlo’s Ortega, who teaches RCIA at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, brought his wife, granddaughter and whole RCIA group to the observance. He stated that St. José Sánchez del Río reminds us of the vital, basic importance of our belief in God and the faith that is at the heart of Catholic life. The details of the life of St. José, however, were new to him. The events at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish began with a brief history of the saint and of the canonization process. It included an explanation of a very special miracle, the second one attributed to the saint, of a 4-month baby girl who was about to die but was healed completely. The baby’s mother prayed especially to the then-Blessed José, asking for his intercession and saying, “You were a child. You would understand.” The medical evidence was so strong that the case was quickly approved.

Organizers also showed the movie “For Greater Glory,” which depicts the story of St. José and the Cristeros. After a question-and-answer period and a short break, the faithful gathered for an hour of Adoration before an exposed relic of St. José. Finally, the groups from South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen gathered with the Warsaw parish community for a 6 p.m. Mass that was offered for the youth of the diocese and for all families.

Enid Roman de Jesus, director of the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, began: “We pray especially for families today, that they teach by word and action, teaching their young in the loving way, the way of Jesus.” She said later that she hopes to schedule a larger gathering with youth groups from across the diocese on Feb. 10, the occasion of St. José Sánchez del Río’s first feast day.
Symposium, ‘Strengthening Marriage and Families’ slated for Nov. 12 in Fort Wayne

Strengthening Marriage and the Family
BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME

FORT WAYNE — Join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Fort Wayne Stake President Ferril Sorenson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and many other speakers from both religious organizations for a day-long joint symposium reflecting on many practical things to foster love, life and joy in a Christ-filled home. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bishop Luers High School, 333 East Paulding Road, Fort Wayne.

Marriage has been part of every human culture and society, and for followers of Jesus Christ, it is an earthly reflection of God’s eternal, covenantal love. In an age when marriage faces increasing pressures, whether legal, social, cultural or relational, it is important to continually develop habits, virtues and practices that foster strong, healthy marriages and family systems, and to provide support and practical feedback to help clients address current life challenges and long-standing issues. He has worked as director of the Depression Clinic at Madison Center, director of Behavioral Health Services at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill., and at St. Peter’s Hospital in Helena, Mont. He is an adjunct professor in the Department of Theology at Notre Dame and is an active member of the American Psychological Association and the Indiana Psychological Association.

Gayla Moss Sorenson

Gayla Moss Sorenson is dean of Admissions of BYU Law School. She spent four years with Lewis & Roca in Phoenix and then 20 years with Motorola — first as a litigator, and ending her time there as a vice president and senior legal advisor. She has been actively involved in the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, chairing an annual giving event. She is a member of the Arizona and Indiana bars.

Chris Godfrey

Chris Godfrey is a member of the Indiana Bar, St. Joseph County Bar Association and National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys. He is also a Certified Financial Transitionist. A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, he worked in the financial services industry and served in the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. He founded Life Athletes, an association of professional and Olympic athletes who teach and inspire young people. He is active in the South Bend community and is member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Order of Malta. He has served as president of the St. Joseph High School Board and parish council.

Gerry Bradley

Gerry Bradley is a professor of law at Notre Dame, where he teaches Legal Ethics and Constitutional Law. He directs, with John Finnis, the Natural Law Institute and co-edits The American Journal of Jurisprudence, an international forum for legal philosophy. Bradley has been a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University and a Senior Fellow of the Witherspoon Institute, in Princeton, N.J.

To register for the marriage symposium, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/Family

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne traveled a few miles north on Sunday, to distribute approximately 300 coats to the children of St. Patrick’s Parish in Ligonier.

Eighteen to 20 women from the society made the trip and were on hand in Ligonier from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to hand out the brand new coats, which are purchased at a considerable discount from a supplier in New York, according to Coat Committee Chairwoman Janet Didier.

In addition to the coats, the children were also offered new hats and gloves that have been donated to the society. Some were sewn by the Christ Child Society Sewing Committee, while others were made by a group called the ‘Knit Chicks’ in Roanoke.

During the event, St. Patrick’s parishioners were also offered free flu shots by the Stellow-Marplecrest Walgreens in Fort Wayne. Kim Sexton of Walgreens explained the store became involved because of a relationship it has with the Diders’ — Walgreens conducted a flu clinic for employees at their business — and said the store was “more than happy to come up” when he learned of the coat giveaway.

In Fort Wayne, the Christ Child Society hands out coats on each of the four or five Wednesdays in October, with over 40 volunteers assisting. “Last year we distributed over 2,300 brand new coats, hats and gloves,” Didier said. “We just show the face of Christ to them.” Didier added that the members who traveled to Ligonier were “so excited to be doing this.”
Knowing who we are and what we are supposed to do

This fall I am giving presentations to the high school teachers, staff and administrators in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These talks take place on an annual basis, and they are dedicated to a regular cycle of topics. This year, the theme is mortality. Lucky me! My guess is that dissertations on doctrine or church history or pastoral practice wouldn’t raise too many hackles, but ethics is practically guaranteed to rile people up, especially now when issues of same-sex marriage, transgender and assisted suicide are so present to the public consciousness.

I am not sure whether I’m delighting or disappointing my audiences, but I am not ordering my talks to address these hot-button questions. Indeed, it is my conviction that a good deal of mischief and confusion is caused precisely by characterizing Catholic morality primarily as a matrix for adjudicating such matters. A purely rational or deductive approach to controversial ethical choices is largely an exercise in missing the point: to know how to behave as a Christian is a function of knowing, first, who we are as Christians. Understanding how to act is, if I can pun a little, a function of understanding what play we are in.

The great Biblical scholar N.T. Wright has said that most of us are like actors who are dressed up for Hamlet, who have memorized all of the right lines from the play we are in.

Like the great Shakespeare play, the drama of salvation history consists of five acts: Creation, the Fall, the Formation of Israel, the Coming of the Messiah and the Church. Comprehending the dynamics of all five acts is indispensable to knowing how to behave. So let’s take things one step at a time.

According to the still-breathtaking poetic account in the first chapter of Genesis, all created things came forth in an orderly and hierarchical manner from the hand of the Creator. Sun, moon, planets, stars, the earth itself, animals, even those things that crawl upon the earth, come into existence as a sort of stately liturgical procession. What the author is showing, first, is that none of these things — all of which at one time or another in the ancient world were the object of worship — is divine. What he is demonstrating, secondly, is that all of them find their purpose in giving praise to the Creator. It is of crucial significance that the final element in the parade — like the last figure in a liturgical procession — is the human being. We are meant to see our identity and our task: To give praise to God on behalf of all creation. Before the fall, Adam was and this priest.

So what is the fall? What takes place in Act 2 is the loss of our priestly identity. Grasping at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we end up worshipping our own egos rather than God, and from this misdirected praise, chaos follows. Things fall apart, both inside and outside, that is to say, in our hearts and in the natural order not far from the Dead Sea a desert. Throughout the Bible, the basic problem, though it manifests itself politically, culturally, psychologically, etc., is always bad praise.

But God does not abandon his people. On the contrary, he acts. Beginning with the covenant with Abraham, God shapes a nation according to his own mind and heart; he is first priest. God is rough and crooked and behind the Catholic Church’s limitations on intercommunion are contrary to the nature of the Church’s teaching of love and acceptance. Why, then, are non-Catholics asked not to receive Eucharist at Mass? The reasons behind the Catholic Church’s limitations on intercommunion are generally misunderstood. Quite often it is assumed that only Catholics are morally worthy to receive the Eucharist, while those who are not Catholic are unworthy because they are of another Christian denomination. This is not really the case. The rationale behind the Catholic Church’s limitations on intercommunion is not based upon moral or religious superiority. There are many believers — Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists and others — who are perhaps morally or religiously better Christians than nominal Catholics. But that is not what is at stake in intercommunion. The Catholic discipline of not practicing intercommunion is based upon a theology of the Eucharist: what it is, what it signifies and what it effects.

It is clear from the New Testament and early Christian literature that the celebration of the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread, was part and parcel of the new-born Church’s self-understanding. In Luke’s description of the first Christian community (found in Acts 2:43-47), it is clear that the common life, prayer, and the Eucharist were the mainstay of the infant Church: that link between community life and the Eucharistic celebration is not insignificant. Justin Martyr, a convert to Christianity writing about 60-70 years after the evangelist Luke, lays down three prerequisites for admission to Eucharistic communion: baptism, acceptance of basic Christian doctrine, and a moral lifestyle. Justin further emphasizes the importance of what the later tradition would refer to as “real presence” — the Eucharist is not to be received as ordinary bread and wine, but as the flesh and blood of Jesus, who himself took flesh for our salvation.

Many Christian denominations do not, in fact, share the same understanding of the Eucharist which Catholicism holds, teaches and celebrates. Some view communion simply as the faithful in Thessalonica, receiving the gift of Jesus. We gain the supreme result of possession of the mystery called by theologians “the Incarnation.” Through the Incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Calvary and in the resurrection, and by accepting God’s gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of possessing the mystery of Jesus. We gain life eternal with God.

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The gift of Himself, through Jesus, is God’s greatest benevolence

The SUNDAY GOSPEL

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading: Luke 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend’s first reading. As the condition of the environment has absorbed more and more public concern, the Pope and other agencies of the Church have addressed the problems of exploiting nature. This reading, while addressing many, many centuries ago, states the underlying principle in the Church’s teaching on respecting the environment.

This principle is that God is the Creator of all and the author of all life. It should be recalled that Wisdom was written in a world highly influenced by Greek philosophy. Surrounding Greek philosophy was Greek mythology, which saw gods and goddesses as being within nature. They had control over nature, of course, and could exercise their dominion in ways not necessarily kind to humanity.

For the second reading, the Church gives us a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

While the nature within which humans live while on earth is marvelous, and is God’s loving provision or gift, everything God calls us to eternal life. He gives us Jesus. The Lord became human, as we are, bonding with the garden he created, thus being the intercessor, the “Incarnation.” Through the Incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Calvary and in the resurrection, and by accepting God’s gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of possessing the mystery of Jesus. We gain life eternal with God.

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Catholics and intercommunion

Intercommunion, the reception of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church by non-Catholic Christians (or reception by Catholics in other Christian churches) is a very touchy subject. Many Catholics who have a non-Catholic spouse or who have friends of other Christian traditions often perceive that an injustice is being perpetuated, and that Catholic limitations on intercommunion are contrary to the nature of the Church’s teaching of love and acceptance. Why, then, are non-Catholics asked not to receive Eucharist at Mass?

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Reflection

In just three weeks the Church will close its liturgical year. The weekend following, four weeks from the great feast of Jesus, will call us to close this year in a mood profoundly hopeful and thankful.

We have hope, and we give thanks, because we are one with God, in Jesus. The key is truly to be with Jesus, without compromise, without pause. Our union with the Lord must be perfect. Jesus is our king.

This weekend’s reading points us toward the Feast of Christ the King, the great celebration closing this year.

Our life and our security are in Jesus. We must realize that we are as desperately in need of the Lord as was Zaccheus.

READINGS


Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1; Is 52:2; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 21:1bc40, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-5 Mt 5:12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6

Rom 5:5-11 Js 6:37-40

Phil 3:3-8 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1 Ps 42:15—51:15 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-7a, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15
The trolley problem and the presidential election

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here is a thought experi-

ment in moral philosophy

made famous by Philippa

Foot, called the trolley problem.

Imagine you are the driver of

a runaway trolley that you can

steer but not stop. Up ahead, the

track forks in two.

On the left, there are five men

working. If you go this way, you

will surely kill them all. (And let

us suppose the trolley is heading

that way.) On the right, there is

one man working. If you turn the

trolley in that direction, you will

kill him. What do you do?

For the utilitarian who believes

in solving moral problems by

summing good and bad results, it

seems right — maybe even neces-

sary — to turn the steering wheel

toward the right. That will pro-

duce a net saving of four lives.

Not only are these two bad

choices, but the design of our cur-

rent two-party system makes them

the only choices we have. There

are only two tracks the election

can go down, and seri-

ous harm awaits us in both direc-

tions.

I have heard some thoughtful

people say that the right course

of action is to vote for neither
candidate. This would be like the

driver of the trolley taking

hands off the steering wheel. It

seems to avoid the problem of

intentionally killing the worker on

the right, but I don’t think it lets

us off the hook entirely. For

one thing, because the left track

is the default position, we know

that doing nothing will result in

the death of five workers. What’s

more, we would consider it a

serious dereliction of duty for a

trolley driver to especially not

steering in an emergency — to
take his hands off the wheel.

Why is the same not true for a
citizen on Election Day?

Life would be morally sim-

pler if we had a lot of political

parties, and one of them took

positions on matters of life

family, faith, care for the poor,

immigration, respect for women

and so on that matched up with

our beliefs. But I’m not sure

the country would be better off

with an arrangement like that.

Historically, our two-party sys-
tem has had the moderating

effect of driving parties to the

middle in search of uncommitted

voters.

Alas, killing the worker on the

left is a problem. When one re-

ceives the Eucharist, he is the

central drama of Act 5.

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The Gospel for October 30, 2016

C: the meeting with the tax collector, Zacchaeus.

LOOKED UP COME DOWN I MUST STAY

JERICHO CHIEF COLLECTOR

BEHOLD HALF THE POOR

CROWD CLIMBED SYCAMORE

UP A TREE

And you won’t know who you

are until you know your God’s

purpose, which implies that they be placed

under the aegis of love. Now we

can understand why the Church is

so demanding in regard to sex,

why it stands so staunchly

against divorce, contraception,

same-sex marriage, masturbation, etc. It is not because the Church

is against sex or against pleasure

or against self-determination. It

is because the Church is for turn-

ing the whole of life into an act of

radical love. And its deepest hope

is that the very quality of its right

praise will attract the whole world
to Christ. I realize that it sounds

strange to put it this way, but the

moral lives of the baptized are not

meant finally for them; they are

meant to be salt and light for the

whole of humanity: “There

all the tribes go up, the tribes

of the Lord” (Psalm 122:4). The

total drama of Israel is the con-

tent of Act 3. But we hear, over

and again, that Israel does not

live up to its high calling, that it

fails short of its vocation to

Announce the Lord’s name. And

so the best and the brightest among

the chosen people commence
to dream of a Messiah, a figure

who would represent the full

realization of Israel’s mission

and identity.

The coming of this anointed

one is the central drama of Act

4. The still-startling claim of

the first Christians is that Jesus, the
carpenter from Nazareth, is this

time and place Israel finally meets

faithful Yahweh. Notice, please,

how Jesus is consistently presented as

an anointed one, brought by

the Father and bringing the

good news, the salvation, to the

whole of humanity. What I’m

telling the Catholic high school

teachers of LA is what I want to tell all Catholics:

you don’t know how to behave

until you know who you are.

And you won’t know who you are

until you realize what play

you’re in!

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Angeles and the founder of Word

on Fire Catholic Ministries.
Blazers, Crusaders produce nail-biter football semifinal

By Joe Kozinski

“Best game ever” was the murmur heard as fans drifted off into a dark fall night on Sunday, Oct. 23, after witnessing a battle for the ages: two of the tri-champions of the Inter-City Catholic League squaring off in the semifinal of the playoffs.

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Bryce Martens broke through after a holding call in the red zone. The resourceful Martens, on a 2nd and goal from the 14, found his smallest receiver, Bernard Coutee, in the end zone for the touchdown as the clock was waning. The kick was no good, making the score 8-0.

The Crusaders got the ball to start the second half at their own 30, and found lightning in as bottle as Gonzales had two rushes back-to-back for 8 and 35 yards. Then, like a tight-robe walker in the circus, Martens tiptoed for 32 to pay dirt, making the score 18-0.

The Crusaders counter-punched as Stefanek ran for some tough yards. The combination of quarterback Eck and Jack Futa connected on a 25-yard first down reception and followed with an 18-yard strike for a touchdown. The points-after kick by Stefanek was gold and narrowed the margin to 18-6 in the quarter.

The story within the story was the offensive and defensive all-stars on each team getting nicked up. Each time that happened, the emotional momentum of the game changed. One of the reversals of fortune came as Blazer Martens was helped off the field and to the bench, where he applied ice to his leg. As he did, his team struggled to the point they found themselves at a devastating 4th and 25 tucked in their own territory.

The next play was one for the highlight reel. Martens gingerly set up behind the center and evaded the heavy rush of Crusaders, scrambling for what seemed like an eternity. He found Gonzalez crossing the field and watched him bolt for the remaining 80 yards for a touchdown. The Blizers again would

St. Vincent, St. Charles head to CYO tournament final

By Ron Busch

Catholic Youth Organization football tournament action began under great temperatures and sunny skies at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the University of Saint Francis. First-game action pitted No. 1-seed St. Charles Cardinals vs. No. 4 Central Catholic Irish.

Central Catholic had an identical record as the CYO Knights at 1-5, but a tiebreaker based on points scored this season dropped the Irish to the No. 4 slot. Irish coach Keith Douge had his team up for the task, as they started with as much enthusiasm as any team this season. Central Catholic kicked off and immediately played some tight defense, blanking the mighty St. Charles offense through the first half of quarter No. 1. St. Charles, however, was not to be denied and continued a steady march down the field. With 3:44 left to go in the first quarter, Amir Drew scored on a 16-yard run. The goal post and St. Charles went up 6-0. What appeared to be an outside kick was recovered by St. Charles on the 46-yard line. A long pass from St. Charles’ quarterback Brenden Lytle to Cullen Stauffer brought the Cardinals to a 1st and goal position. Lytle called his own number on the run, and St. Charles scored again with 2:24 left on the clock. The Cardinals went up 16-0 half-time advantage.

During the second-half break Central Catholic regrouped and received the kickoff. After an unsuccessful, surprise fourth down fake punt by the Irish, St. Charles started to mount a drive. Central Catholic made an impressive defensive stop deep in the Irish territory, at the 18-yard line. The ball was turned over to CC, which ran a running play and fumbled. A St. Charles recovery gave the Cardinals possession as the third quarter expired.

Central Catholic did score in the fourth quarter, with a 30-yard pass play to Louie Tippmann. It must be noted that this was only the second TD given up by St. Charles in the entire regular season and the playoffs combined. As the game clock ran out, St. Charles advanced with a 30-6 victory.

In 2 p.m., second-game action, the No. 2-seed St. Vincent Panthers (with 13 players and 2 key injuries) was pitted against the No. 3-seed CYO Knights.

After the CYO Knights’ first victory last week, coach Jim Carroll had these comments: “The Knights have shown steady growth and development this season as young men working towards becoming great football players. Nobody has quit, we have a bunch of new players —”

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CYO football team achieves perfect record

The fifth- and sixth-grade Central Catholic football team went undefeated during this year’s Catholic Youth Organization season. CC won 30-6 against St. Vincent, 18-0 against St. Charles, 22-0 against the Knights, 28-0 against St. Vincent and 24-6 against St. Charles. Team members celebrated on the field following their final win on Oct. 15, when they bested the Knights again 14-6.

POPE: DON’T CHEAT PEOPLE OUT OF JOY, BENEFITS OF GAME

Pope Francis challenged the sports world to fend off corrupt and manipulative practices and to uphold the values of honesty, fairness and transparency. “It would be sad for sport and for humanity if people were unable to trust in the truth of sporting results, or if cynicism and disenchantment were to drown out enthusiasm” or joyful and unselfish participation, he said during the opening ceremony of a world conference on faith and sport hosted by the Pontifical Council for Culture Oct. 6-7. — Carol Glatz CNS

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Failed on the points-after, leaving the door open at 24-16 with 6:32 left.

The big three of the Crusaders, Asante Anglin, Futa and Stefanek, again took a shot from the Blazers and counterpunched. Each touched the ball only once in the drive that saw the latter plunge into the end zone for a touchdown.

The strong leg of Stefanek was crucial as he kicked the extra points for the third time, making the score tied at 24 with 4:57 left on the game clock.

The fans seemed to understand that with the well-executed kicking game of the Crusaders, anything short of a touchdown and stop from the Blazers would potentially mean the white-and-blue-trimmed team would have the advantage should the game be one-on-one against the best formidable opponent of the Crusaders, making the score 30-24.

The 16-6 lead was too much to handle for the Knights in the final quarter. A 1st and goal running play by Panther’s quarterback Carson Podschine at 7:32 of the fourth quarter brought the lead to 24-6, and the extra-points kick was good. Podschine was not through for the day, however, with 1:51 to play he reeled off a 41-yard touchdown. Again, the extra-points kick split the uprights and the 32-6 victory belonged to the St. Vincent Panthers.

The match-up featured a full first quarter-long drive by the CYO Knights and their quarterback Brody Glenn. They took the kickoff and mounted a tremendous drive methodically down the field to the St. Vincent “1-inch” line. Henry Verslype took it in with only three seconds off the second-period clock. The points-after kick was unsuccessful, and at 7:57 the Knights held a 6-0 lead. St. Vincent managed its own impressive long drive, and with 2:52 left in the half Ben Simcox punched in a 1-yard run. An extra-points kick was tacked on, and the momentum had been reversed 8-6 in favor of the Panthers. St. Vincent threatened one more time before the end of the half, but an impressive defensive stop by the Knights left the score at 8-6.

The game was up for grabs as the teams lined up for the second-half kickoff. The Knights kicked to St. Vincent, and the Panthers brought it back to their own 40-yard line. St. Vincent mounted a successful drive attempting to stretch out that 2-point lead. On a 3rd and goal situation St. Vincent elected to handoff to dependable Eli Hilger, who steamrolled into the Knights’ end zone and simply walked in for the 2-48 of the third quarter. With Hilger’s run and a good extra-points kick the score was now 16-6 in favor of the 4-win, 2-Loss St. Vincent Panthers. This proved to end all scoring in the third period.

Part-Time Job Opening at Queen of Angels Parish

Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, is looking to fill a part-time Business Manager position in the Parish Office. Candidate must possess a love of the Catholic Faith, have Accounting experience with degree, Budget, Human Resources, great computer skills, know Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel), possess great writing skills and professionalism, confidentiality, and good communication skills. The position will include tasks such as the Parish Website, Lock Management, School Tuition, Building and Maintenance.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to Father Ajay Tiru at: pastor@queenofangelsfsw.org

The Diocese of Fort WayneSouth Bend is seeking a director for the Secretariat of Stewardship and Development. This executive level leadership position is responsible for ensuring that the diocese has the necessary financial resources to fulfill our mission of spreading the Gospel throughout our community and beyond. The position will oversee and implement the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, major gifts, planned giving, other special initiatives and cultivating new donors. The director will manage a small staff in addition to providing support and guidance to our parishes, clergy, schools and administrators.

Candidate must be an active parishioner at a Catholic church in good standing.

A Bachelor degree and more than 5 years of development/fundraising experience in a nonprofit organization are required.

Resume, cover letter with salary expectations and references may be sent to the attention of Msgr. Robert Schulte at mraatz@diocesefwsb.org by November 7, 2016.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. View more Catholic events and submit yours at www.diocesefwsb.org/bulletin. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at 260-456-2824 to purchase space.

Cupertino Classic scheduled
FORT WAYNE — The 3rd annual Cupertino Classic will be Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Bishop Luers High School, 333 E. Paulding Rd., at 6:30 p.m. The friendly basketball competition between priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne- South Bend is family friendly and admission is free. More information will be posted on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CupertinoClassic.

Women’s morning of reflection
COLUMBIA CITY — A women’s morning of reflection will be Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Catherine Church, State Road 9 and 1000S. The morning will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast in the church hall. A talk on Mother Angelica will follow. A free-will donation will be taken to benefit right-to-life efforts. Call Linda Bustamante at 260-344-5112 for information.

Purse Bingo fundraiser
FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will have purse Bingo on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Win a Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach or other designer purse. Tickets are $20 open seating or reserve a table of 8-10 for $25 per person. After Nov. 1, tickets are $30 open seating only. Food and refreshments will be sold. Must be 21 or older to attend. Purchase tickets at bishopdwenger.com or call 260-496-4775. License #142109.

Father Solanus Vocation Society plans to meet
FORT WAYNE — The Father Solanus Casey Vocation Society meeting will be held on Nov. 4, at St. Joseph Hospital. Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel will be followed by lunch and a talk by guest speaker, Father Thomas Shoemaker, newly appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne.

Harvest of blessings gala
HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center’s 2nd Annual Harvest of Blessings “All That Jazz” gala Saturday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Victory Noll Center. It will feature live jazz music, New Orleans style food and live auction items. All proceeds benefit the Victory Noll Center Endowment. Tickets are $45 each.

Day of Reflection
MISHAWAKA — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is a Day with John Michael Talbot.” Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is $20 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 5 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR PLANNED
MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace Parish will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church on Vistula and Bittersweet. Over 70 craft vendors, eighth grade bake sale, piggy raffle, a 50/50 raffle and lunch items available. Email qpbazaar2016@gmail.com for information.

Turkey Bingo at St. John’s
FORT WAYNE — Every bingo game winner will receive a turkey and a prize Sunday, Nov. 13, from 3-7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.

Getting your business listed is easy. Call M. Weber at 260-456-3320. For additional information, visit mweber@diocesefwsb.org or send your information to mweber@diocesefwsb.org.
The Apostolate of Divine Mercy instructs the ignorant through its ministries

A pro-life advocate for life speaks with Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, a doctor who formerly performed abortions in facilities across Northern Indiana, to inform him of the impact of abortions. Volunteers of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy would stand on the “Prayer Pennisula” to reach staff and patients of the abortion clinic.

All ministries of the apostolate begin with prayer in the chapel at the Life Center, and sometimes continue outside of a South Bend abortion clinic.

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